

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SANTA LUCIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
April 27, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the SANTA LUCIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT was held at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 27, 2021. Pursuant to Executive Order N-25-20, by the State of California, this meeting was held via video conferencing.

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Board President Mark BOITANO.

Roll Call. The following Directors were present: Mark BOITANO, Carl EKLUND, Melissa THORME, Barbara SANTRY, and Scot SMYTHE. Also present were Forrest ARTHUR, District General Manager; Aimee DAHLE, District Executive Assistant; Mike SAEIDI, District Finance Officer; Aaron DULA, Water Manager; Jamison WATTS, Director for the Santa Lucia Conservancy; and Rob WELLINGTON, District Legal Counsel.

Public Comment. None.

General Manager's Report.

Approval of Minutes. After review of the February 9, 2021, meeting minutes, discussion was had regarding minor edits and corrections to the draft meeting minutes. With no corrections to the February 3 and April 8 meeting minutes, a motion to approve was made by Director SANTRY and seconded by Director EKLUND; the meeting minutes were approved unanimously as amended.

General Manager's Report.

Financial Report. Mr. SAEIDI opened the discussion of the financial report, which included a Balance Sheet, a Statement of Cash Flow, and a Statement of Revenues & Expenses, all through the end of February 2021. Mr. SAEDI made note that overall revenues are lower than budget, mostly due to lower water consumption and operations requests.

Business Matters. Mr. ARTHUR opened with a water presentation illustrating the hydrological cycle on the Preserve. Supply and demand characteristics were provided which informed the Board of drought conditions for the remainder of the season. The Board was informed that all water users will be advised to voluntarily reduce water usage by 10% from the reports from the prior year. Mr. ARTHUR also noted that throughout the State, rainfall level were low, and that several counties had declared a water emergency. Mr. Arthur recommended that the Santa Lucia Community Services District move forward

immediately with a water emergency declaration in order to be proactive and conserve supply. Mr. ARTHUR presented the Board with Resolution 21-03, a resolution declaring a drought emergency within the District. A motion was made by Director THORME and seconded by Director SANTRY, to adopt the resolution as presented. After a roll call vote, Resolution 21-03 passed unanimously. Mr. ARTHUR next introduced Mr. DULA, who discussed the two new wells in the Potrero area. Mr. DULA stated that the initial tests came back favorable in regard to water quality. Mr. DULA also noted that the location for the future water treatment plant in the Potrero area was set and plans are being established to complete the project and have the new treatment facility connected to the distribution system by Spring of 2022.

Mr. ARTHUR then updated the board on the paving work being done on Holding Field Run, stating that investigation upon construction discovered the lack of sufficient base material. Based on these findings, additional repairs would be required increasing the costs from the bid amount of \$90,000 to approximately \$219,000. Mr. ARTHUR next presented Resolution 21-02, to enter into contract to move forward with the slurry construction. Mr. ARTHUR explained that a public bid went out with one responsive bid. Mr. ARTHUR informed the board that Graham Construction came in with the lowest bid of \$67,032 to slurry Holding Field Run, Potrero Trail, and Mesa Trail. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Director SANTRY, and seconded by Director EKLUND, to approve Resolution 21-02, awarding the contract to Graham Construction. After a roll call and vote, the Resolution passed unanimously.

Mr. ARTHUR next updated the board in regard to the aging aeration system at Moore's Lake, stating that it was currently offline and required full replacement. Mr. ARTHUR stated that the cost for replacement would be \$67,032. A recommendation included a request to amend the approved capital budget for 2020-2021. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Director THORME and seconded by Director SANTRY to amend the budget to include the purchase of the aeration system for Moore's Lake. After roll call and vote, the motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. ARTHUR went on to update the Board on the 5-year plan. Notices were mailed out on April 15, with no protests to date. The public protest hearing is scheduled for June 1. Mr. ARTHUR also stated that in conjunction with the Brush Management initiative, staff will be working with the fire district to become a Fire Wise Community. More information will be made available once available.

Preserve Board Liaison Update. Director EKLUND informed the board that he will be resigning from his role as Preserve Board Liaison in preparation of the sale of his house. Director EKLUND noted that a new representative will be needed for the upcoming May meetings. Director BOITANO agreed to step in on a momentary basis.

Conservancy Update. Director SMYTHE updated the Board by stating that Lindsay COPE, Conservation Program Manager, will be resigning her position on May 14 and the Conservancy will be posting the job along with the addition of a Stewardship Assistant position to their staff. It was also noted that the Conservancy is aware of the delay in creating and updating Lot Specific Fuel Management Plans. The Conservancy is working on adding additional staff to be trained by Carol RICE in order to expedite the process. Mr. WATTS relayed his efforts continue to further improve relations between the membership and the Conservancy as well as moving forward in the development of a Conservation Living Guide.

Citizen's Advisory.

None.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion and second (SANTRY/SMYTHE), and a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

Mark BOITANO, Chair

Forrest ARTHUR, Secretary