

# VANDENBERG VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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## **MINUTES Special Meeting**

**June 21, 2019**

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Brooks who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL: Directors Brooks, Bumpass, Redmon, Stewart and Wyckoff were present.

### OTHERS PRESENT

General Manager Joe Barget, Administrative Services (AS) Manager Cynthia Allen, Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Manager Mike Garner, Santa Ynez Community Services District General Manager and California Special Districts Association Director Jeff Hodge, Isla Vista Community Services District Director Jay Freeman, and Eileen Wyckoff, 4346 Aquarius Road.

### 3. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA

### 4. PUBLIC FORUM

President Brooks invited public comments and there were none.

### 5. OPERATIONS REPORT

O&M Manager Garner reported the District pumped 34.21 million gallons of water for the month of May with an average daily demand of 1.1 million gallons. This is 13 percent less than last year. Vandenberg Village received 1.09 inches of rain in May, bringing the calendar year total to 13.55 inches.

Well levels (below ground surface) for May were 1B-142', 3A-141', and 3B-135'.

O&M Manager showed pictures from the Lift Station 1 project. R.L. Johnson set the new manhole and wet well and field crew set the pump station. Electrical conduits will be run after the electrician, Joe Debolt returns in July, and then the concrete slab will be constructed.

R.L. Johnson replaced 18 valves (6"-12" in diameter) in the water distribution system, and replaced 18 old dry-barrel hydrants with new wet-barrel hydrants. This project will be completed on Saturday.

Since the first Route One Farmers Market on May 5, Shelby Wild has done a great job keeping the District's parking lot and surrounding area clean. There have been no damages to the property.

The field crew repaired and replaced five service lines in May. No sewer overflows to report.

To conclude his report, O&M Manager Garner said Tina McManigal celebrated 19 years with the District on May 30. A.J. Rea received his Grade 3 Water Distribution Operator certification from the State Water Resources Control Board.

## 6. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

AS Manager Allen reported escrow on the old office building closed on May 21. Proceeds of \$377,091 were deposited the same day into the District's bank account. Staff paid out \$24,240 in commission and \$2,669 in fees.

At the end of May, the District received \$315,000 from Williams Homes for connection fees for the remaining 18 lots in Falcon Heights (Clubhouse Estates). Lots 10, 42, and 53 were sold to individuals, and will be developed separately by the owners.

The Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District hosted a farewell barbecue for retiring General Manager Bruce Wales at Art Hibbits' ranch on June 7. Bruce initially refused a party but the District felt his 24 years of service could not go unnoticed and Bruce was very pleased to see some old friends.

To conclude her report, AS Manager Allen was contacted by CSDA to publish another one of her Open Forum responses in an upcoming issue of the *California Special Districts* magazine.

## 7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 17, 2019

B. Treasurer Report

1) Monthly Financials

2) Disbursements through May 31, 2019

**Motion by Director Redmon, seconded by Director Stewart to accept the consent calendar as presented.**

**Ayes: Directors Brooks, Bumpass, Redmon, Stewart and Wyckoff**

**Noes: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Absent: None**

## 8. ACTION ITEMS

A. **Budget Allocation**

**Motion by Director Stewart, seconded by Director Wyckoff to amend the FY 2019-20 Water and Wastewater Operating Budgets to account for a revised water/wastewater fund allocation.**

**Ayes: Directors Brooks, Bumpass, Redmon, Stewart and Wyckoff**

**Noes: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Absent: None**

**B. Lompoc Regional Wastewater Reclamation Plant (LRWRP) Upgrade Charges**

**Motion by Director Bumpass, seconded by Director Stewart to adopt Resolution 215-19 to continue collecting charges on the annual county tax roll for FY 2019-20**

**Roll call vote:**

**Ayes: Directors Brooks, Bumpass, Redmon, Stewart and Wyckoff**

**Noes: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Absent: None**

**C. Access Road Lease**

**Motion by Director Bumpass, seconded by Director Stewart to find the access road lease project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act**

**Ayes: Directors Brooks, Bumpass, Redmon, Stewart and Wyckoff**

**Noes: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Absent: None**

**D. Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)**

President Brooks said Katherine Stewart's resume and application for the ACWA Region 5 Director position speaks volumes and thanked her for applying.

Jeff Hodge complimented Director Stewart for aspiring to serve on the ACWA Region 5 Board.

**Motion by Director Brooks, seconded by Director Wyckoff to adopt Resolution 214-19 nominating Director Stewart to the Region 5 Board of Directors**

**Roll call vote:**

**Ayes:** Directors Brooks, Bumpass, Redmon, Stewart and Wyckoff

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**E. General Manager**

**Motion by Director Stewart, seconded by Director Wyckoff to extend the employment agreement for six months and approve a 3.0 percent cost of living allowance effective July 1.**

**Ayes:** Directors Brooks, Bumpass, Redmon, Stewart and Wyckoff

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**9. REPORTS**

**A. Committees**

There were no committee meetings.

**B. District Representatives to External Agencies**

Director Stewart attended the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District meeting on June 5 regarding the Stetson Report. She also attended the ACWA Region 5 Spring Event, *The Montecito Debris Flow Response and Adapting to Changing Water Supplies*, with Directors Brooks, General Manager Barget, and Administrative Services Manager Allen.

**C. President**

President Brooks attended the Montecito Region 5 ACWA and has been to the Route One Farmers Market.

## D. General Manager Report

General Manager Barget provided a handout with information on water and wastewater chemistry and standards. The District's wastewater is sent to the city of Lompoc for treatment before being discharged. Lompoc is working under an expired National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and is waiting for the Regional Water Quality Control Board to issue a new five-year NPDES permit. Total dissolved solids (TDS) includes sodium, chloride, and other minerals. There is talk that the new NPDES permit may lower the effluent limitation for chloride from 250 to 150 parts per million (ppm). The chloride concentration in wastewater from Vandenberg Village regularly exceeds 250 ppm.

The city of Lompoc recently hired Katrina Dorsey from Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District as its new Water Resources Protection Technician. Ms. Dorsey suspects Cabrillo High School's Aquarium to be contributing to high concentrations of sodium and chloride in wastewater from the village. O&M Manager Garner wants to gather more data before singling out the school's aquarium. He plans to divide the District into eight zones for wastewater sampling and testing. District ordinances are in the process of being updated and could include a ban on self-regenerating water softeners which could help meet requirements.

General Manager Barget said the District has been using significantly less water due a combination of water conservation and the drought. As a result, the strength and concentration of wastewater has gone up, particularly since around 2009. Two ways to lower concentrations in wastewater are to get people to use more water or use reverse osmosis to treat drinking water on the front end.

Director Bumpass expressed frustration about using more water to dilute the sewer. General Manager Barget shared his frustration and suggested that reverse osmosis on the front end of the water treatment process would provide residents with softer water and the numbers required at the Lompoc plant could be met.

To conclude his report, General Manager Barget said he wanted to make the Directors aware of this information before tough decisions need to be made in the future.

## 10. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Director Stewart – Trip Report
- B. Letter dated June 12, 2019, from Jeff Hodge candidate for re-election to the CSDA Board of Directors, Seat B Coast Network
- C. Letter dated May 28, 2019, from Jack Burgett candidate for re-election to the ACWA Region 5 Board of Directors

## 11. DIRECTORS FORUM

Nothing further.

## 12. ADJOURN

**President Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.**

**Attest:**

**Signed:**

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**Stephanie Garner**  
**Secretary, Board of Directors**

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**Christopher C. Brooks**  
**President, Board of Directors**