

THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF  
CASTROVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
September 15, 2020

President Adriana Melgoza called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Directors Present (Virtual GoToMeeting):** President Adriana Melgoza, Director Cosme Padilla, Director Ron Stefani and Director Glenn Oania

**Absent:** Vice President James Cochran

**General Manager:** Eric Tynan

**Secretary to the Board:** Lidia Santos

**Staff Present:**

**Guest:** Chair Grant Leonard of North County Recreation & Park District

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Cosme Padilla at the request of President Adriana Melgoza.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Grant Leonard informed the Board that he had attended the online Monterey County Board of Supervisors Meeting earlier today and noticed that one of the three seats is still vacant for the Castroville CSD Board of Directors. Incumbents Stefani and Oania will be appointed to the seats in lieu of an election this 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2020.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. A motion was made by Ron Stefani and seconded by Glenn Oania to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2020 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	4	Directors:	Melgoza, Stefani, Padilla and Oania
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT			
PARTICIPATING:	1	Directors:	Cochran

*Consent Calendar accepted as presented*

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. None

*Correspondence Calendar accepted as presented*

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

1. Request to [DFA-TArequest@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DFA-TArequest@waterboards.ca.gov) to have CRWA come out to the system and perform a smoke test to see if any illegal connections are tied to Castroville CSD collection system.
2. *AWWA-Opflow* – Walkerton , E. Coli Outbreak: 20 Years Later
3. Salinas Valley Basin GSA Engagement with Disadvantaged Communities (Stakeholder Interview Guide).
4. [www.ghd.com](http://www.ghd.com) – PFAS: Eight things to expect in 2020
5. Moss Landing Coastal Climate Change Vulnerability Report from pages 41 & 44
6. Public Service Ethics Education Certificate completed by Eric Tynan
7. Monterey Herald – Letter to the Editor: Thank you Castroville and Water 'Straight Talk'

*Informational Items accepted as presented*

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Proposed 68 unit farm worker housing to be constructed for Driscoll on Scattini property located at the western end of Union Street – General Manager Eric Tynan wanted to let the Board know that there is a proposed 68 unit farm worker housing to be constructed on property located at the western end of Union Street. The District did provide a “Can & Will” for this proposed project that is currently in the early stages. The “Can & Will” notice does have a sunset clause.
2. 18 unit Thistle Manor Apartments being constructed by Ausonio Construction for Aladin Properties located at 11299 Haight Street – General Manager Manger Eric Tynan also reported to the Board that the 18 unit Thistle Manor Apartments is already in construction. All sewer connections fees have been paid and they are moving quickly on this project. Director Padilla mentioned that the California Coastal Commission should be made aware of these projects.
3. Consider changing banks from Mechanics Bank to Chase Bank for the general fund and customer fund accounts due to better banking options – General Manager Eric Tynan reported to the Board that he had reached out to Wells Fargo, Bank of America and Chase Bank. Chase was the most receptive. Office Manager Lidia Santos presented the Board with information provided by Eric Mouradian, VP. Senior Representative Manager on a Chase Platinum Business Checking account that would best fit the District’s needs. Mr. Mouradian works in a specialized unit within the bank that manages Governmental Entities and Not for Profit Corporations. As long as the District abides by the terms of the Chase Platinum checking accounts, banking with Chase is a much better option than Mechanics Bank. The District would avoid the monthly analysis fees being assessed by Mechanics bank for the General Fund and Customer Fund accounts that took effect June 1, 2020 with Chase Bank as long as the required minimum balances are maintained in the accounts. Fees with Chase Bank would be minimal in comparison with Mechanics Bank. In addition, Chase Bank also offers domestic and international wire transfer as follows: all incoming wires at no charge and the 4 most expensive outgoing wires per month at no charge. At no cost to the District, a single feed scanner for Quick Deposit will be provided as well. To prevent fraud Chase Bank offers ACH Block and Positive Pay services. Information on Chase Bank can be viewed as an attachment to the September 15, 2020 board packet online at [www.Castroville.csd.org](http://www.Castroville.csd.org). Once questions and concerns were answered for the Board, a motion was made by Cosme Padilla and seconded by Ron Stefani to approve and move forward with changing banks from Mechanics Banks to Chase Bank for the District’s General Fund and Customer Fund accounts. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES: 4 Directors: Melgoza, Stefani, Padilla, and Oania  
NOES: 0 Directors:  
ABSENT/NOT  
PARTICIPATING: 1 Directors: Cochran

4. The California Coastal Commission staff report recommends denial of the permit needed by Cal Am for the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project – General Manager Eric Tynan informed the Board that at the upcoming California Coastal Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> of September, the Coastal Commission will determine the fate of the desal project. At this meeting they will decide whether to deny or approve the permits for the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project. The approval of this desal project would ensure Castroville’s long-term water supply. However, the Coastal Commission staff report is recommending denial of the permit needed by Cal Am for the desal project. After reviewing the staff report, he has found dozens of significant errors that he has pointed out to the Commission so they may review before this meeting takes place. For

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example; Castroville's medium household income (MHI) is \$32,000 not \$52,500. The average water bill is \$45.97 not \$20 dollars a month. The report also repeatedly refers to the FEIR for the PWM expansion when it is actually a DEIR that was never approved by the Monterey 1 Water Board. This staff report has many additional errors and omissions and these are just a few of the discrepancies in the staff report. The Castroville CSD will be allotted 10 minutes to speak at the California Coastal Commission Meeting this Thursday and it will be one of the most important speeches that Castroville CSD will give. He is hoping to urge the Commissioner to deny their staffs recommendations and issue the permits necessary for the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project. Director Ron Stefani will speak for 4 minutes and he will speak for 6 minutes on behalf of the Castroville CSD. Cal Am is allocated 30 minutes, City of Marina 15 minutes, recognized groups 5 minutes and the public 1 minute to voice their concerns in favor or in denial of the desal project. President Adriana Melgoza thanked Director Ron Stefani and General Manager Eric Tynan for doing a great job representing the District.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Status of well levels – General Manager Eric Tynan informed the Board that the graph of well levels can be viewed on page 25 of this board packet. As mentioned before at a board meeting, Well #3 is turning salty and is located on Highway 183. The only benefit of this well location is if the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project is approved, the supply line would plug in right where Well #3 is located. Chloride levels have once again escalated and he anticipates that Well #3 will turn salty within a year.
2. Update on status of grants for Moss Landing-Sewer Zone 3, Castroville-Sewer Zone 1 and Castroville-Water Zone 1 for system upgrades and improvements – General Manager Eric Tynan reported to the Board as mentioned at last month's board meeting that the Moss Landing grant application is still currently moving through State Water Resources Control Board management and is then being sent to their contracts unit in October, and then sent to Castroville CSD for signatures which has now been changed to January or February of 2021. He has not heard from the grant writer consultant Lidia Gutierrez and has been working with Karen Nielson instead. In addition, he was informed by Ms. Nielsen that the Washington Sewer Trunk Line Bypass 30% Design is required to be put out to bid to be eligible for grant funds. The problem is that project was already assigned to MNS Engineers, Inc. with the approval of District Legal Counsel Christine Kemp and the Board at the June 16, 2020 regular board meeting per Resolution No. 2020-05. He has contacted District Legal Counsel Christine Kemp and waiting for her response on who to proceed. Current funding efforts: Moss Landing sewer system improvements, Castroville emergency well replacement, Castroville water supply improvements and Castroville wastewater improvements.
3. Update on Cal Trans Merritt/SR 183 Castroville Multimodal Community Enhancement Project – General Manager Eric Tynan reported to the Board that he had attended a Zoom meeting with Cal Trans to discuss this project. They had asked for his input and recommendations. He informed the Board to submit any concerns or recommendation they may also have so he can submit them to Cal Trans for consideration.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION:** When needed, this time is reserved for the Board of Directors to communicate activity, educational classes, and/or Committee reports.

1. Update on Monterey One Water board meeting – Director Ron Stefani reported to the Board that Monterey One Water (M1W) approved their rate increase it passed with a vote 9 in favor 1 against. Salinas was the only one to vote against it. The Pure One Water Monterey Project is having problems with its injections wells. They are out for design and currently trying to get this project up to speed.

2. Update on Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) – Director Ron Stefani reported to the Board as mentioned at last month’s board meeting that the GSA has organized all the sub basin committees and he is part of the Monterey sub basin committee. Furthermore, all the committees are up and running and developing plans that are due by January 2022 to the State. In addition, Castroville CSD still needs an alternate Director for the Small Water System/DAC GSA position and should list this item on next month’s agenda. Grant Leonard has shown interest in the position.
3. Update on meetings or educational classes attended by the Directors – No update at this time.

**GENERAL OPERATIONS**

1. General Manager’s Report – Compliance update, current projects update, meetings/seminars update, staff update, suggestive projects discussions
2. Operation’s Report
  - a) Water – Pumpage & Usage Update, Water Testing Update, Current Installation
  - b) Water -Status Update, Current Contractor Work Update, Maintenance/Repair Update, Customer Service Update, Safety Issue
  - c) Sewer & Storm Drain – Jetting, Current Installation Status Update, Current Contractor Work Update, Maintenance/Repair Update, Customer Service Update, Safety Issues
3. Customer /Billing Reports – Water Sales, Water Usage, A/R Update, Customer Service Update
4. Financial Reports – Treasures L.A.I.F. Report, Internal Report, Administration Update

*General Operations Reports were accepted as presented*

**CHECK LIST – August 2020.** A motion was made by Glenn Oania and seconded by Ron Stefani to pay all bills presented. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	4	Directors:	Melgoza, Stefani, Padilla and Oania
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT PARTICIPATING:	1	Directors:	Cochran

There being no further business, a motion was made by Glenn Oania and seconded by Cosme Padilla to adjourn to the next scheduled Board meeting; the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	4	Directors:	Melgoza, Stefani, Padilla and Oania
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT PARTICIPATING:	1	Directors:	Cochran

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting

Respectfully submitted by,



Lidia Santos  
Secretary to the Board

Approved by,



Adriana Melgoza  
President