



**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

REGULAR MEETING

RUSH PARK
3021 Blume Drive
Rossmoor, California

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

A. ORGANIZATION

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 P.M.**
- 2. ROLL CALL: Directors Coletta, Casey, Kahlert, DeMarco
President Maynard**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. PRESENTATIONS:**

a. Presentations: LAUSD Proclamations-President Michael Maynard

President Maynard and the Board presented Los Alamitos Unified School District Music Teacher, Justin Padilla with a Proclamation for his designation as 2014 Teacher of the Year. Mr. Padilla thanked the board for the honor and the Los Alamitos Unified School District for being so supportive of the arts. Photos were taken. Applause ensued.

PRESIDENT MAYNARD MOVED ITEM K-1 CLOSED SESSION UP IN THE AGENDA AT THIS TIME.

AT 7:08 P.M. THE BOARD ADJOURNED TO A CLOSED SESSION

AT 7:40 P.M. THE BOARD RECONVENED FROM CLOSED SESSION

General Counsel stated that at approximately 7:08 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section section 54956.9(d)(4) the Board adjourned to closed session. The Board discussed one item on the agenda. There was no reportable action.

- B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA—None**
- C. PUBLIC FORUM:**
- D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD—None**

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

1a. MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING—May 13, 2014

2. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT—April 2014

Motion by Director Coletta, seconded by Director Casey to approve the consent calendar as submitted. The consent calendar was unanimously approved as submitted, 5-0.

F. PUBLIC HEARING-None

G. RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION NO. 14-06-10-01: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT SETTING FORTH THE DISTRICT'S DESIRE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 1-405 CORRIDOR CITIES COALITION

Recommendation to approve Resolution No. 14-06-10-01 by reading the title only and waiving further reading as follows:

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Motion by Director Coletta, seconded by Director Casey to approve Resolution No. 14-06-10-01. Motion passed 5-0.

H. REGULAR CALENDAR:

1. PROPOSED FY 2014-2015 PRELIMINARY BUDGET.

Recommendation to receive the report of the General Manager, set date of public hearing and provide direction regarding the formulation of FY 2014-2015 Final Budget. It is further recommended that the Board direct the General Manager to bring forth a Proposed Final Budget at your July meeting, with any revisions, for further review and input from the community.

Brief discussion ensued relative to the recommendation.

Motion by Director Coletta, seconded by Director Casey to receive the report of the General Manager, set date of public hearing and direct the general manager to bring forth a Proposed Final Budget at the July 8, 2014 meeting, with any revisions, for further review and input from the community. Motion passed 5-0.

2. BALLOT DECLARATION OF QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE RE: LAFCO ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER.

Recommendation: Discussion and possible action to select candidate for election as Alternate Special District Member to LAFCO and to authorize the General Manager to submit Declaration of Qualification to Vote and Ballot to LAFCO.

The General Manager reported that since the May meeting of the board, the district has received a notification from LAFCO that Mr. Rich Freschi has withdrawn his candidacy for Alternate Special District Member. Nonetheless, an election is required and must be completed by the June 13 deadline. Attached is that communication from LAFCO. Also, since no ballot has been issued for the Special District Member seat held by Mr. John Withers, it appears that he has been elected to another term.

Current Board representative to the Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) is Director Ron Casey. The Board may designate him or any member of the District's Board as the District's voting member and may also designate an alternate voting representative.

Discussion ensued relative to candidate qualifications and the withdrawal of Mr. Freschi. Because ballots have been issued the election process for the LAFCO Alternate Special District Member seat must be completed. Therefore, all Declarations of Qualification to Vote and ballots are still due back to LAFCO by **3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 13, 2014.**

Motion by Director Casey, seconded by Director DeMarco to select incumbent James Fisler for election as Alternate Special District Member to LAFCO and to authorize the General Manager to submit Declaration of Qualification to Vote and Ballot to LAFCO. Motion passed 5-0.

3. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT REGARDING LOCATION AND PLACEMENT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS SMART METERS AND TRANSMISSION ANTENNAS WITHIN THE DISTRICT

Recommendation to receive the oral report of the General Manager regarding the installation of Smart Meters and transmission antennas (*data collection units*) in Rossmoor.

General Manager James Ruth reported that at the March, 2014 meeting of the Board, the General Manager briefed the board on meetings with County officials regarding the placement of data collection units (antennas) in Rossmoor. The County had agreed to study the matter from a permit and franchise perspective and would not issue additional permits until it concluded its review. On May 5, 2014, the Board received an update on meetings with County officials. The General Manager concluded that at this point in time, The So Cal Gas Company felt that they had exhausted all possible options, intended to proceed with the installation of the DCU in Rossmoor and would no longer negotiate. Furthermore, although, the County has still not issued an installation permit to The Gas Company and was actively pursuing a satisfactory solution on behalf of the district, the installation of a DCU in the community seemed imminent. He concluded by stating that he would keep the Board apprised of any future developments in this regard.

He thanked the board for doing such a tremendous job on on behalf of the Rossmoor community. The board expressed their appreciation for the considerable efforts extended by County Public Works Department representatives, Shane Silsby, Rick Sandzimier and staff. The report was received and filed.

I. GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS:

The general manager updated the board on the progress of several projects. He reported that the signature wall repair bid documents should be ready by June 20th, and the Montecito Center kitchen upgrade was in the planning stages. He provided status relative to the computer upgrade scheduled for completion in the next four weeks and the fee study report scheduled to appear on the July 8th board meeting agenda. He stated that the district would be publishing a final budget notice in the local newspaper notifying the public of the final budget item on the July 8th agenda for board approval.

He informed the board about the increase in coyote sightings and updated them on the various steps district staff had taken so far in an effort to resolve the situation: a new coyote grate was going to be installed and existing grates repaired and/or reinforced by Orange County public works to block coyote access to the community via the flood channels, CalTrans had been contacted to trim the shrubbery in order to discourage coyote breeding dens and the district was keeping an independent log of all coyote incidents reported. He instructed the public to visit the brand new coyote reporting page on the district website.

J. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Director Coletta requested that the general manager coordinate with Cheryl Williamsen in order to expedite the installation of the final monument signage project at the Rossmoor Car Wash location on the corner of Katella Ave. and Los Alamitos Blvd. He added that the license agreement was already in place. President Maynard agreed to contact the general manager and wrap up the project.

Director Casey reported on the status of the I-405 project. He stated that the projected completion date of the project was originally May 2014. The many delays and postponement of decisions until Election Day was costing taxpayers three million dollars per month. Director Casey encouraged residents to visit the RCSD website for links to valuable OCTA I-405 project information.

Director Kahlert congratulated Diana Hill and Larry Strawther on the success of the second annual Sugarbeet Festival Challenge. He congratulated all the Los Alamitos Unified School District graduates who would be graduating this coming Thursday and reminded motorists to exercise special caution when sharing the roads with college graduates traveling to celebrations this time of year.

Director DeMarco stated that he views the increased coyote sightings as a very big issue in the community. He opined that the coyotes are imprinted and have no fear of humans. He made mention of the fact that currently, there are too many steps that have to be taken and various agencies that must be relied upon in order to respond to coyote issues and a better solution was needed. He highlighted the fact that currently the RCSD has no jurisdiction over animal control, nor does it have the ability to direct action regarding coyotes. He concluded by stating that gaining

latent powers for animal control services would allow the RCSD board to respond directly and hire a trapper if needed. He encouraged the public to attend the July board meeting for the informational coyote presentation by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

President Maynard also congratulated Diana Hill and Larry Strawther for another successful Sugarbeet Festival this past weekend. He stated that he attended the opening ceremonies and kicked off the starting time. He challenged all of his fellow RCSD board members to enter the 5K-ish Challenge next year at 8:00 a.m. President Maynard added that he was pleased with the coyote page Liz Deering added to the website and stated that it was very well done. He reminded everyone to drive safely; now that school is out for the summer there would be more kids and cyclists on the road. Finally, he encouraged everyone to attend the movies, concerts and Shakespeare events scheduled in the park this summer.

K. CLOSED SESSION:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—PENDING LITIGATION—

Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Gov Code Sect. 54956.9(d)(4)

THIS ITEM WAS MOVED UP EARLIER IN THE AGENDA

L. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Director Casey, seconded by Director Kahlert to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:19 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

SUBMITTED BY:

**James D. Ruth
General Manager**