



**SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
Minutes of August 17, 2022**

NOTE: This meeting was held in person and via teleconference, pursuant to AB 361

1. CALL TO ORDER-5:30 PM OPEN SESSION

President Jones called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

2. ROLL CALL:

Secretary Berry called the roll. Directors Present: Beard, Redfern, Padelford, Jones, and Van Pelt. Staff Present: Loch Dreizler General Manager, Wendy Berry Secretary/Treasurer, Rick Battles Legal Counsel

3. DIRECTORS COMMENTS:

None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mrs. Ivy voiced her opinions about labor negotiations, legal costs, the positive contributions of the Chumash, lack of communication during her recent successful sewer connection, and her reduced ability to hear while attending public meetings.

Sam Cohen stated that the Chumash are applying for a broadband grant and are working with The Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) for additional bike and pedestrian trails; they are open to working with the District and would like to review the contract with the District in the future.

5. REPORTS:

A. General Manager – Met with Director Redfern and Director Van Pelt to review the MSR/Latent powers. Staff and the committee would like to meet with LAFCO.

B. Legal Counsel –None

C. Secretary/Treasurer – None

D. Committees – Ad Hoc for negotiations will be discussed and Staff and the committee would like to meet with LAFCO.

6. CONSENT ITEMS:

A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2022.

B. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2022

C. Approval of Disbursements from July 16, 2022, through August 12, 2022

Director Beard motioned to approve items A and C of the consent agenda and pulled Item B, Director Van Pelt seconded, and the motion passed by a roll call vote:

AYES: Beard, Jones, Van Pelt, Redfern, Padelford

7. ACTION ITEMS:

A. (1) PUBLIC HEARING: Public hearing on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2022-2023. The public hearing was opened at 6:08 PM and closed at 6:09 PM with no comments from the public or the Board.

(2) Resolution 22-16: Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez Community Services District is approving the budget for the fiscal year 2022-2023.

The District remains financially stable and can fund small projects without financing and plan for future projects. In addition, by keeping sewer rates in sync with the increasing cost of services, the District can better plan and avoid significant rate increases.

The total FY 22-23 overall revenue projected in the budget is \$1,900,049.00. The operating budget expenses are \$1,623,150.00. The total Capital Improvement cost budgeted for FY 22/23 is \$650,000.00. A transfer of \$270,099.00 from revenue/expense to reserves is projected.

Director Beard motioned to approve Resolution 22-16, approving the budget, Director Van Pelt seconded, and the motion passed by a roll call vote:

AYES: Beard, Jones, Van Pelt, Padelford, Redfern

B. Discussion and update on sewer line subsidence investigative techniques.

The Board approved the Notice of Completion for the Horizon Drive sewer main project on November 17, 2021. However, during December 2021 rain events, some surface soil subsidence occurred within the District's easements. In mid-February 2022, the contractor, Specialty Construction Inc., completed warranty work to repair the subsidence. Also, the District's Construction Management consultant observed and agreed that the warranty work was complete.

Staff began the soaker project on the Horizon Drive sewer line. The project is not complete but has identified one potential area of concern to date. Staff distributed a graph on soil absorption from the soaking.

General Manager noted that the soaker project, while helpful in recognizing potential areas of concern, should not be construed as the definitive approach or solution to determining future subsidence. Also, the soaker project did not recreate rising groundwater, as realized with the monitoring wells during the December 2021 rain events.

When the soaker project is complete, staff will consider alternatives that might include communicating with Specialty Construction, the District's engineer, our construction manager, and our soils engineer, as well as sharing with and getting support from homeowners if further work is necessary.

C. Consideration, selection, and approval of professional services for redistricting: The At-Large Ad Hoc committee, comprised of Director Jones and Redfern, met with the General Manager on July 28, 2022, to discuss two proposals, one from Plan West Partners, Inc., and the second from the National Demographics Corporation. The committee evaluated the proposals as outlined in the RFP.

Director Redfern motioned to approve Plan West's proposal for \$18,000 with a 15% contingency of \$2700.00 for a total cost estimate of \$20,700.00, Director Beard seconded and the motion passed by a roll call vote:

AYES: Beard, Jones, Van Pelt, Redfern, Padelford

D. Adoption of Resolution No. 22-18, Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the District's Legislative Bodies Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e).

Adoption of Resolution 22-18, attending meetings by teleconference under AB 361 and Government Code 54953(e) will continue and expire on September 15 unless, on or before that date and every thirty (30) days thereafter, the Board adopts a subsequent resolution setting forth the findings required by Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the timefrAMe that the District may continue conducting its public meetings via teleconference in compliance with government Code Section 54953(b)(3).

Director Van Pelt motioned to adopt Resolution 22-18 authorizing remote teleconference meetings, Director Padelford seconded and the motion passed by a roll call vote:

AYES: Jones, Redfern, Van Pelt, Padelford Noes: Beard

E. Discussion and approval of Resolution 22-19 approving the transfer of monies into FDIC insured Certificate of Deposits (CD). This item was tabled until the September 21, 2022, regular meeting so staff can bring back interest calculations to watch what happens with the banks and the economy.

F. Selection to fill the vacancy on the Finance Committee. To fill the vacancy left on the finance committee, Director Van Pelt motioned to appoint Director Padelford to the finance committee, Director Redfern seconded, and the motion passed by a roll call vote:

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

None

9. CLOSED SESSION:

- **Public comments on closed session item:** District Employees spoke regarding the proposed offer. The Board entered adjourned for a closed session at 7:47 PM, but with technology complications, the closed session did not begin until 8:22 PM.
- **Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Conference with legal counsel - existing litigation**

**NAME of case: TeAMsters Local Union No. 986 v. Santa Ynez Community Services
District Unfair Practice Charge No. LA-CE-1590-M**

- **Public report on closed session item**
The Board came out of the closed session at 9:00 PM with no reportable action.

10. ADJOURNMENT: 9:01 PM

