

**RANCHO MURIETA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

March 15, 2017

Call to Order and Closed Session 4:00 p.m. / Open Session 5:00 p.m.



1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

President Mark Pecotich called the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of Rancho Murieta Community Services District to order at 4:00 p.m. in the District meeting room, 15160 Jackson Road, Rancho Murieta. Directors present were Mark Pecotich, Morrison Graf, Les Clark, John Merchant, and Gerald Pasek. Also, present were Darlene J. Thiel, General Manager; Paul Wagner, Security Chief; Paul Siebensohn, Director of Field Operations; Suzanne Lindenfeld, District Secretary; and Richard Shanahan, District General Counsel.

2. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion/Clark to adopt the agenda. Second/Graf. Ayes: Pecotich, Graf, Clark, Merchant, Pasek. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

3. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF DISTRICT RESOLUTION R2017-03, RECOGNITION OF DAVID HERRMANN, CHIEF PLANT OPERATOR

Motion/Merchant to adopt District Resolution R2017-03, recognition of David Herrmann, Chief Plant Operator. Second/Graf. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Pecotich, Graf, Clark, Merchant, Pasek. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

4. BOARD ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 4:05 P.M. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEM:

Under Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding existing litigation, M&R Investment One Company v. District.

5. BOARD RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION AT 5:00 P.M. AND REPORTED THE FOLLOWING:

Under Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding existing litigation, M&R Investment One Company v. District. Nothing to report.

6. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

None.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Larry Shelton commented on the amount budgeted for Midge Fly treatments and requested the amount be increased to \$5,000 not the \$3,500 as noted in the proposed budget.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Merchant asked about the PDF Tactical amount. Darlene J. Thiel stated that the amount covered a three (3) month period.

Motion/Pasek to adopt the consent calendar. Second/Merchant. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Pecotich, Graf, Clark, Merchant, Pasek. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

9. STAFF REPORTS

Under Agenda Item 9A, Director Clark asked about the status of the Riverview Development. Paul Siebensohn stated that he has met with the engineers but no final decision has been made. Director Clark suggested staff review the conditions of the approval of maps for any upcoming development.

Under Agenda Item 9B, Director Merchant asked about the resident total. Darlene J. Thiel stated that the Retreats has only pulled 14 permits.

Under Agenda Item 9C, Director Pasek asked if the Escuela Gate will be open this weekend due to little league festivities. Chief Wagner stated that he would check with Rancho Murieta Association (RMA) to see if they are planning to. Larry Shelton stated that it is up to RMA staff to open that gate and that he will check to see that it is.

President Pecotich reminded everyone that the close of the Security Survey is Friday, March 17, 2017.

Under Agenda Item 9D, Director Pasek asked about the status of the drainage issue at Park 4 Via Del Cerrito. Paul Siebensohn stated that work had begun prior to the first storm. There have been no reported problems.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

11. RECEIVE FIELD OPERATIONS ANNUAL REPORT – PRESENTATION BY PAUL SIEBENSOHN, DIRECTOR OF FIELD OPERATIONS

Paul Siebensohn gave the annual presentation of the Field Operations for 2016. The presentation discussed the following: facilities, projects completed, water production, water quality, wastewater, recycled water, and drainage. A question and answer period followed.

Karen Muldoon, RanchoMurieta.com, asked about the status of the well project. Paul Siebensohn stated that the project is on hold at this time. Darlene J. Thiel stated that Regional Water Authority may be requesting an extension on the expiration date for the grant.

12. REVIEW FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 DRAFT BUDGET

Darlene J. Thiel gave a brief summary of the 2017/2018 draft budget. The preliminary draft Budget was reviewed and discussed at the March 2, 2017 Budget Workshop at which time the Board and staff discussed re-evaluating the basis for projected water demand, evaluating and proposing a slower rate of development, and evaluating the possibility of increasing the contribution to Replacement Reserves.

Darlene presented two (2) scenarios for consideration. In both scenarios, a few budget assumptions have been reconsidered and are proposed at a more conservative level. These revised assumptions include: reducing projected growth from 53 new residential accounts to 20 new residential accounts; reducing projected commercial growth from 58 EDUs to 18 EDUs; revising the estimated water demand to a 5% growth over 2016 actual demand; reducing the estimated solar power savings from 20% to 15%; and revising the allocation of Field Operations wages and employer costs across the Water, Sewer, and Drainage funds slightly to reflect recent actual charges.

Motion/Graf to authorize staff to mail the Proposition 218 Notice of Proposed Rate Increase and Notice of Hearing by April 1, 2017 based on Scenario 2. **Second/Merchant. Ayes: Pecotich, Graf, Clark, Merchant, Pasek. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.**

13. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF DISTRICT POLICY P2017-01, SUBMITTAL AND REVIEW OF BOARD GOALS

Darlene J. Thiel gave a brief summary of the recommendation to adopt District Policy P2017-01, which updates the policy on submittal and review of Board goals.

Motion/Clark to adopt District Policy P2017-01, Submittal and Review of Board Goals. This Policy supersedes District Policy 2010-02. **Second/Pasek. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Pecotich, Graf, Clark, Merchant, Pasek. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.**

14. RECEIVE PARKS COMMITTEE UPDATE

a. Discuss Scheduling Trail Site Tour

President Pecotich stated that the RMA would like to schedule the trail site tour for April 20, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. By consensus, the Board agreed. This will be going to the RMA Board of Directors for formal approval next week.

15. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF DISTRICT RESOLUTION R2017-02, NOMINATION FOR CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION FOR SEAT C.

No nomination.

16. CONSIDER CONFERENCE/EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Director Graf stated that he is interested in attending the CSDA Special District Leadership Academy in July.

17. REVIEW APRIL BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETING DATES/TIMES

Chief Wagner will not be at the April 4, 2017 Security Committee meeting.

18. DIRECTOR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Director Graf commented on what a good job staff did regarding notification for fire hydrant violation. Director Clark asked what would happen if no correction was made by a homeowner after receiving two (2) notifications for violation. Paul Siebensohn stated that staff will make the necessary correction(s).


Director Pasek requested that a discussion regarding the District's water restrictions be on the April Board meeting agenda.

Darlene J. Thiel stated that Danise Hetland, RMA, suggested the barcodes be discussed at a joint Board of Directors meeting. Darlene will be on vacation March 16 – 20, 2017.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Pasek to adjourn at 6:31 p.m. **Second/Graf. Ayes: Ayes: Pecotich, Graf, Clark, Merchant, Pasek. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.**

Respectfully submitted,


Suzanne Lindenfeld
District Secretary