



## RANCHO MURIETA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2020

Call to Order Open Session 5:00 p.m.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

President Maybee called the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of Rancho Murieta Community Services District to order at 5:00 p.m. via ZOOM conference per Governor Newsom Executive Order N-29-20. Directors present were Tim Maybee, Randy Jenco, Linda Butler, and John Merchant. Also, present were Tom Hennig, General Manager, Mark Martin, Retiring General Manager; Paul Siebensohn, Director of Field Operations; Jeff Werblun, Security Chief; Richard Shanahan, District General Counsel; Amelia Wilder, District Secretary and Kevin Kauffman, Kauffman Consulting, LLC.

### 2. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**Motion/Merchant to adopt the agenda. Second/Butler. Ayes: Maybee, Jenco, Merchant, Butler. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.**

### 3. APPOINT NEW DIRECTOR

President Maybee briefly discussed the options available for the appointing the new Director. **Motion/Butler to take the decision to the County Board of Supervisors Second/Merchant. Ayes: Maybee, Merchant, Butler. Noes: Jenco. Absent: None. Abstain: None.**

### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Butler corrected the Minutes from the June 4<sup>th</sup> Communications/Technology Meeting Minutes stating that the Committee has not been named. Diana Weber stated that she had said in the May 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Minutes that we are not following what Measure J said to do. Director Jenco asked if the check to MRK Development had been cashed. Bob Keil of MRK noted that he had put the check in the bank. **Motion/Merchant to adopt the consent calendar. Second/Maybee. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Jenco, Merchant, Butler, Maybee. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.**

### 5. STAFF REPORTS

Under Agenda Item 5a, Tom Hennig, General Manager, gave a brief summary of activities during the previous month, including an update on the current COVID-19 situation and Staff preparing to reopen the District Office. He continued with an update on the Regional Water Authority (RWA) Water Efficiency Plan (WEP) sponsorship of rebates on Rachio Irrigation Controllers. More information is available at [www.rmcsd.com](http://www.rmcsd.com). Mr. Hennig also reported to the Board the events of the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Board meeting and an update on the 670 FSA. He also discussed Staff Training, and announced that Maimie Chyinski has been promoted to Accounting Assistant I.

Under Agenda Item 5b, Cindy Chao, Controller, updated the Board on the status of the District's finances, noting that we have zero lock offs and we have had zero Pay Agreements requested by residents who may be affected by the Corona Virus.

Under Agenda Item 5c, Chief Werblun gave a brief overview of the operations updates and incidents of note, stating that there had been several calls last month about juvenile activities and COVID-19 restrictions. He noted that RMA had cancelled its Fourth of July activities.

Under Agenda Item 5d, Paul Siebensohn, Director of Field Operations, gave a brief summary of the utilities update including an update about a burst pipe within the East Dissolved Air Flootation tank. He informed the Board that Laguna Joaquin has been treated for midge flies twice and will be treated a third time prior to the Fourth of July.

#### **6. REVIEW AUGUST 2020 BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETING DATES/TIMES**

The Security Committee Meeting scheduled July 2, 2020 has been cancelled.

#### **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was a discussion concerning the letter from Greg Wheeler.

#### **8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

#### **9. DISCUSS POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO RANCHO MURIETA COUNTRY CLUB AND RANCHO MURIETA PROPERTIES, LLC, SPECIAL TAX APPEAL**

Tom Hennig gave a brief overview of the letter received from the Rancho Murieta Country Club and Rancho Murieta Properties, LLC, stating the tax issue is a complicated one, and CSD will begin a process to research if a refund is due to these entities. This item acknowledges receipt of the request and sets the four-year statute of limitations for refunds.

#### **10. REPORT AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING RESIDENCES EAST PROPERTY REIMBURSEMENTS OBLIGATIONS AND RELATED MATTERS AND PLAN TO ADDRESS MURIETA GARDENS/MARKETPLACE CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION BILLINGS AND PROCESS CONCERNS**

Mark Martin, Retiring General Manager, updated the Board on his progress related to his final tasks with his District before his retirement; the 670 FSA and billing issues with the Murieta Gardens project. He discussed the documents he has prepared and presented.

#### **11. 670 FINANCING AND SERVICES AGREEMENT (FSA) REIMBURSEMENT ANALYSIS (INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY)**

Richard Shanahan, District Legal Council reviewed his memo on the 670 FSA with the Board. A discussion followed. John Sullivan made a note that there was no reference to the 2007 cease and desist order and the Water Treatment Plant went over budget by approximately \$634,000 and would like to go over the amounts that were over on overage and how much was District's requested upgrades and betterments.

#### **12. CONFIRM DISTRICT'S PREFERRED GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA) PREFERENCE FOR SOUTH AMERICAN SUB-BASIN**

Tom Hennig reviewed the options available to the District for available GSA. He expressed the need for RMCSO to make a decision and recommended Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (SRCD). Kevin Kauffman, a consultant hired by the District to give insights on the options, answered questions from the Board. There was a robust discussion, including comments from Les Clark concerning the groundwater recharge. **Motion/Jenco to select the SRCD as the preferred Groundwater Sustainability Agency to regulate the groundwater within the**

*RMCS D portion of the South American Sub-Basin, also to authorize the General Manager to send a letter to the SRCD to inform it about the District decision and also authorize the General Manager to send a letter to Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority to inform its Director of the District's decision. Second/Merchant. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Maybee, Jenco, Merchant, Butler. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.*

### **13. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R2020-03 APPROVING THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21, INCLUDING CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Tom Hennig began with a recap of this year's Budget, stating that there have not been any changes since it was presented at the May 20, 2020 Board Meeting. A total of 27 protest letters were received. There was a discussion about the funds transferred from the General Fund to Drainage and Security. President Maybee assured the audience that research will be done in an effort to understand and resolve the allocation of General Funds, and this may take multiple fiscal cycles. Resident? Diana Weber recommended this become a Community discussion. **Motion/Merchant to approve the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21. Director Jenco reiterated previous public comments, including that everyone in the Community thinks CSD is doing great financially, and that is not the case. Director Butler mentioned that the Community needs to be responsive to the communications being sent by CSD. She encouraged the Community to give feedback on modes of communication. Second/Butler. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Maybee, Butler, Merchant. Noes: Jenco. Absent: None. Abstain: None.**

### **14. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE O2020-02, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE DISTRICT CODE, RELATING TO WATER SERVICE CHARGES; AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE DISTRICT CODE RELATING TO SEWER SERVICE CHARGES; AMENDING CHAPTER 16A OF THE DISTRICT CODE RELATING TO DRAINAGE SPECIAL TAX; AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE DISTRICT CODE RELATING TO SECURITY SPECIAL TAX; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 31 OF THE DISTRICT CODE RELATING TO SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE CHARGES**

President Maybee gave a brief recap of the Ordinance. **Motion/Maybee to adopt Ordinance O2020-02 amending District Code. Second/Butler. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Maybee, Butler, Merchant. Noes: Jenco. Absent: None. Abstain: None.**

### **15. DIRECTOR COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS**

Director Jenco followed up with his previous comments, mentioning that the Community must be informed, and back whatever changes need to be made to Budget in the future.

President Maybee revisited his previous comments that first we have to find out where we are financially, then we can improve the Budget.

Director Merchant discussed the District's reserves.

### **16. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion/Butler to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Second/Jenco. Ayes: Maybee, Jenco, Butler, Merchant. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.**

Respectfully submitted,

Amelia Wilder  
Recording Secretary