MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING

RUSH PARK
Auditorium
3021 Blume Drive
Rossmoor, California 90720

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

A. ORGANIZATION

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL: Directors Remnet, Shade, DeMarco, Maynard
President Searles

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Yara Saadeh, Youth Center

4. PRESENTATIONS:

a) Yara Saadeh followed up the pledge of allegiance with a quick overview of the Level Up Club sponsored by the Youth Center.

b) Orange County Sheriff's Department Captain Miguel Sotelo presents Community Safety update.

Captain Sotelo provided a quarterly update. Numbers are relatively level. Decrease in motor vehicle incidents and larcenies, increase in forgeries. A child predator sting was recently coordinated resulting in the arrest of three suspects. Part of a larger Orange County effort. April 26th, Rossmoor participated in the prescription take back program. Very successful operation. May 2nd, incident with individuals burglarized 6 vehicles that were unlocked. Suspects were identified through cell phones.

Director DeMarco asked about the sting operation and where the suspects were from, whether the license plate readers were instrumental in locating suspects in car burglaries and included that he would like to see how many parking citations have been issued.

Director Remnet inquired as to the location of the car burglaries, driveways, curbs, etc.

Director Shade thanked Captain Sotelo for his presentation.
Director Maynard inquired about the nature of the vandalism taking place.

Director Searles asked for additional information on the forgeries.

c) Chris Palmer - California Special District Administration gave an overview of the CSDA and its role. Provided a legislative update. HR2766 Special District Fairness Act. Spoke about the car regulations coming up. Trying to push these regulations down the road because of time and funding restraints. Spoke about the Sunset Act. Concern over Development Impact Fees. Special District Legislative Days coming up. GM Summit – Annual Conference. 60-70 on demand webinars. Free Business Prime membership.

Mr. Palmer was thanked by the Board for his presentation.

Director Remnet commented on her recent attendance at the Leadership Academy as a very positive experience.

Director DeMarco inquired as to who authored the HR2766 act.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – None

C. PUBLIC FORUM

Resident Doug Smith spoke briefly about his concerns with the I605/Katella Interchange project.

D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

1. PARKS/FACILITIES MAINTENANCE REPORT – OMERO PEREZ

Park Superintendent Perez presented details of the Parks/Facilities Maintenance Report.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. MINUTES:

a. Regular RCSD Board Meeting of April 8, 2025

These minutes were pulled from the agenda for further review.

b. Special RCSD Board Meeting of April 17, 2025

These minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote – 5-0.

2. MARCH 2025 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS AND APRIL 2025 WARRANTS

   March 2025 Revenue and Expenditure Reports and April 2025 Warrants were unanimously approved by voice vote – 5-0.

3. ADOPTION OF AMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET CALENDAR

   Director Maynard asked for this item to be pulled for additional clarification.

   Director DeMarco asked what has changed procedurally.

   After discussion, the Amended Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Calendar was unanimously approved by voice vote – 5-0.

F. PUBLIC HEARING:

   None.

G. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE: PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, ONE POSITION, TITLE: INTERIM DISTRICT GENERAL MANAGER.

   Several residents spoke in opposition of the hiring of Interim General Manager Sharon Landers and the related Interim General Manager contract to be ratified.

   Austin Edsell read a letter from Supervisor Janet Nugyen urging the Board to consider its selection for Interim General Manager carefully and to ensure proper diligence.

   Director Maynard expressed his opposition to the contract, cites that policies are being violated and asks the Board why it would want to enter this contract.

   Director Remnet expresses a hope to have a more inclusive situation with the community for these types of things going forward.

Director DeMarco is embarrassed that the Supervisor is sending a letter in opposition to what the Board is about to do. There should be a consensus. Not a split vote. Looking for a leader who loves Rossmoor and wants to give back. All candidates were made aware of the salary restrictions. Asks where is the money going to come from. Offers two solutions: 1) The Board doesn't ratify and goes back to the drawing board; or 2) possibly utilize the Landers consulting company. States that the contract sets a precedent for future General Managers.

Director Shade tells the Board if you don't know what's going on then you're not paying attention. Claims the Board is trying to create more transparency. Difficult at best to find somebody to work at the Joe Mendoza rate. This person was brought to us. We need somebody of this caliber.

Director DeMarco points out that several elements of the contract are brand new compared to the existing General Manager contract. Too much money and too many perks. Feels that if this is the minimum, then we don't need a City Manager. Asks Counsel Preziosi if there are substantial differences.

President Searles reports that the discussions were not easy. Assures that there is no direct connection between any of the directors and Ms. Landers.

Motion by President Searles, seconded by Director Shade to ratify the Interim General Manager Contract between Sharon L. Landers and Rossmoor Community Services District

Subsequent motion by Director DeMarco, seconded by Director Maynard not to ratify the Interim General Manager Contract between Sharon L. Landers and Rossmoor Community Services District

The subsequent motion failed 2-3, with the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors DeMarco and Maynard
NOES:	Remnet, Shade and President Searles
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

Motion by President Searles, seconded by Director Shade to ratify the Interim General Manager Contract between Sharon L. Landers and Rossmoor Community Services District The motion carried 3-2, with the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors Remnet, Shade and President Searles
NOES:	Directors DeMarco and Maynard
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

President Searles welcomes Ms. Landers and thanks Joe Mendoza for his service to the District.

Director DeMarco asks about the transition. Asks President Searles about his intention. Feels it should be discussed as a board.

2. REPORT OF THE CIP COMMITTEE REGARDING FY 2025-2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET, AND SET DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING.

General Manager Mendoza reviews the discussion of the CIP Committee on April 30, 2025. Discusses the Rossmoor roof and auditorium electrical panels, and Rush Park rubberized surfacing. Talks about how staff can make repairs periodically. But it needs to be even and safe with a new rubberized topper. Highlights 2025-2026 CIP expenditures as exterior electrical, painting, conduit to field, pet waste stations, and water stations.

Director DeMarco asks what the Committee is recommending. Action item is to approve the FY 2025/2026 items to present to the Budget Committee.

Director Remnet asks if the funding source is General Fund or General Fund Reserves.

Director Shade asks what the exterior conduit is. General Manager Mendoza summarizes that there would be an upgrade to the electrical panel and that a trench would be dug to add the conduit.

Motion by Director Maynard, seconded by President Searles, to approve the FY 2024/2025 estimates to close which includes CIP items totaling approximately $80,000, by voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Director Maynard, seconded by President Searles, to approve the FY 2025/2026 CIP projects as presented by the CIP Committee, by voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 25-05-13-01 – A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDING OF THE ROSSMOOR PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

President Searles tabled this agenda item until additional documentation can be provided.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 25-05-13-02: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

Resolution No. 25-05-13-02 was approved by roll call vote 5-0

H. GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS

General Manager Mendoza reviewed the Rossmoor Park Canopy Project, Arbor Day Celebration, Bulky Item Clean Up, June Festival, June Movie Night, Shakespeare in the Park. Spoke about the Street Sweeping and the credit received. Update on the FEMA payout of $19,000ish; and finally, the National Prescription Take Back Day.

I. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Director Maynard: How can we improve real time communications with Street Sweeping. There should be a standard operating procedure. Should ask for corrective action plan.

Director DeMarco: Can SCA inform us that they're here.

Director Maynard welcomes Ms. Landers

Director Shade thanks the Sheriff, comments on the Ebike situation. Thanks to Chris Palmer. Thanks to Doug Smith. Thanks to Sharon Landers. Thanks to Joe, impossible to replace. Suggests not holding Health and Wellness far on Mother's Day Weekend next year. May 31st is Los Alamitos high school graduation parade.

Director Remnet echoes Director Shade's comments. Looking forward to summer.

Director DeMarco – OCTA plan updates on Social Media. Welcomes Sharon. Suggests a farewell party. Thanks Joe for years and years of work, weekends and Sundays. It was a pleasure. If the two state bills identified by CSDA affect Rossmoor we should send a letter of support.

Director Remnet notes that the CSDA forum online is key for legislative matters.

President Searles – thanks Joe for his service. Appreciates the drive bys in the park. Welcomes Sharon Landers. Appreciates the Board's patience and staff's patience. Thanks to Counsel Preziosi. Congratulations to graduates and those taking steps forward.

J. CLOSED SESSION

None.

K. GENERAL COUNSEL ITEMS – None.

L. ADJOURNMENT

President Searles adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Nathan Searles, President

Sharon Landers, Secretary
Rossmoor Community Services District

APPROVED: