



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

REGULAR MEETING

RUSH PARK
Auditorium
3021 Blume Drive
Rossmoor, California 90720

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

A. ORGANIZATION

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

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Directors Barke, Shade, DeMarco and Searles
President Maynard

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Girl Scout Troop 9188

4. PRESENTATIONS:

a. Street Sweeping Corp of America – Jose Brito, Branch Manager

Jose Brito, Street Sweeping Corp of America, Branch Manager, addressed a scheduling error that led to no sweeping on Monday, October 7, 2024.

General Manger Mendoza reported speaking with Orange County Sherriff Captain AJ Patella and that any tickets issued would be forgiven.

Mr. Brito offered to answer from the Board; talked about the number of complaints, about enforcement, and noted that enforcement increases compliance; discussed the number of sweepers operating on Mondays and Tuesdays, audits and dumping sites; announced that cameras will be installed within the next two weeks and that they will work closely with the Sheriff's Department.

Director DeMarco commented on the complaints he has received and in reply to his question, Mr. Brito addressed sweeper speeds, routes, operations during leaf season and increasing audits in Rossmoor.

Discussion followed regarding GPS technology, concerns regarding serving the perimeters

on Montecito and St. Cloud.

President Maynard moved to Item No. G.3.b.

- b. Orange County Public Works – Vector Control, Trinh Tran, representing Miquel Jacobs, Director of Communications

Trinh Tran, Education Coordinator, Orange County Vector Control, narrated a PowerPoint presentation on Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control and its services.

Discussion followed regarding the adulticide that is used and when it was last used in Rossmoor.

Ms. Tran offered to report back with the information.

Discussion continued regarding the last time Vector Control serviced Rossmoor flood control channels, resident complaints, the Vector Control Hotline, the complaint process, responsiveness, contact information and working with Public Works to handle impacted areas.

Director DeMarco displayed images of flood control areas of concern; asked to include them into the record; noted they had been previously reported to Vector Control, without noticeable improvement and requested that Vector Control report their activities in Rossmoor to the Board to address resident concerns/complaints and educate the community.

Ms. Tran reported the number of mosquito traps is dictated by population density and offered to return with information including the number of traps in Rossmoor. In response to questions from President Maynard, she reported the grid system is based on need, data from these traps have been recorded for at least a decade and that Rossmoor is not a high-risk community.

President Maynard requested a presentation by Vector Control in the future, specific to Rossmoor and including trends and statistics.

In reply to Director Searles's questions, Ms. Tran reported on their sterile insect technique pilot program; stated it is still in the trial phase and explained what the trial has shown so far.

General Manager Mendoza thanked Ms. Tran for filling in last minute and read a summary of recent Flood Control activities in Rossmoor.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - None

C. PUBLIC FORUM

President Maynard invited public comments.

Diana Abruscato, International Pickleball Association Certified Pickleball Instructor and Owner, Performance Pickleball LLC, thanked the Board for approving a contract; congratulated the Board for their work on the pickleball courts; thanked staff members Chris Argueta and Joe Mendoza for invitations to Family Festivals so she could expand outreach; asked that RCSD promote her advertising efforts to increase participation and noted that all of her staff members are qualified and certified. Additionally, she announced a Family Fun Day with clinics and friendly games; reported it will be held on November 10, 2024; requested that RCSD help with promotions and invited the Board to attend.

Members of the Board commented favorably about the program.

There were no other public comments and President Maynard closed this portion of the meeting.

D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

1. RECREATION REPORT – RECREATION SUPERINTENDENT CHRIS ARGUETA

Recreation Superintendent Chris Argueta provided a report on past and upcoming events

Discussion followed regarding logistics of event planning, Trunk or Treat event, and how usage numbers were determined, monitoring FNL and Softball groups to ensure they are meeting their contractual obligations, the North Orange County Continuing Education Program, attendance for the various programs and senior events.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. MINUTES

- a. Regular RCSD Board Meeting of September 10, 2024

2. AUGUST 2024 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT AND SEPTEMBER 2024 WARRANTS

This item was pulled from Consent for separate discussion by Director Searles.

Motion by Director DeMarco, seconded by Director Searles, to approve the Consent Calendar, as amended, pulling Item E.2 from Consent for separate discussion. The motion carried 5-0.

EXCLUDED FROM CONSENT

2. AUGUST 2024 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT AND SEPTEMBER 2024 WARRANTS

Director Searles referenced Page 32 of the report in relation to Check No. 943; expressed

concerns that it does not break out each of the items in the budget to show where they have been allocated, like what had been done in a previous report and asserted he did not want to approve it without knowing what the money was used for.

President Maynard directed General Manager Mendoza to bring back this item to the next meeting listing transactional details and ensuring that for future reports all transactions are listed instead of just the total amount.

F. PUBLIC HEARING – None

G. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. REPORT FROM THE PERSONNEL AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REGARDING LAGSL MOU NEGOTIATIONS

General Manager Mendoza summarized a recent meeting of the RCSD Personnel and Contract Administration Committee, staff and the LAGSL Board; addressed issues discussed including updating the agreement; read a summary of negotiations and hoped to return with an updated MOU draft in November or December.

Discussion followed regarding recommendations to reduce some of the usage of the park, and lack of communication between the league and staff, observations that residents are unable to use the park for their needs, poor maintenance practices by the league, parking and scheduling issues and determining the residency of the participants.

Director DeMarco suggested a slight reduction of usage by the league.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

General Manager Mendoza presented details of the report.

Discussion followed regarding RCSD's requirement for accounting services, needing to move forward with someone that understands it, taking the time to find the right bookkeeper with CPA oversight to lower costs, the schedule for the financial audit and the next meeting of the Audit Committee.

Motion by Director DeMarco, seconded by Director Searles, to approve the contract extension for Government Financial Services, as presented in the report. The motion carried 5-0.

President Maynard moved to Item No. G.4 as Item G.3 was heard previously.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE EXTENSION AND RATE INCREASE REQUEST FROM STREET SWEEPING CORP OF AMERICA

General Manager Mendoza presented a review of the current contract and recommended to approve the extension and rate increase.

Director Searles suggested that a new contract be written specifically naming Street Sweeping Corp of America.

President Maynard opined he does not want to vote on this issue at this time as the contract has not been presented to the Board and that he agrees with Director Searles that a new contract should be made that correctly identifies Street Sweeping Corp of America.

In reply to Director DeMarco's question, General Counsel Preziosi stated that usually name changes are only corrected when revising a substantial part of the contract, however, it can still be amended if the Board chooses to do so.

Discussion followed regarding the contract renewal date, the County covering the 3.5% increase, termination terms, review of the contract by General Counsel and concerns with cost creep.

President Maynard suggested that the Board follow the advice of Counsel Preziosi and wait to correct the name on the contract to reduce costs, and that this matter be revisited during next month's meeting where all relevant documentation will be provided to the Board.

President Maynard returned to Item No. 4.b.

4. FIRST READING FOR PROPOSED POLICY NO. 2215 RE: WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM

General Manager Mendoza presented details of the report.

General Counsel Preziosi reminded the Board this program is mandatory for all entities and that his office has created it to fit Rossmoor's needs.

Director DeMarco announced he will attend an upcoming webinar on how to implement the program.

Motion by Director DeMarco, seconded by Director Shade to accept the first reading for proposed Policy No. 2215 Re: Workplace Violence Prevention Program. The motion carried 5-0, with the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Barke, Shade, DeMarco, Searles, President Maynard
NOES:	None
ASTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

5. RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-08-01 REJECTION OF GOVERNMENT CLAIM

General Manager Mendoza presented details of the report and noted that by rejecting the claim this issue goes back to the insurance company to handle.

President Maynard recalled that rejecting claims has been the Board's standard protocol.

Motion by Director Barke, seconded by Director Searles, to adopt Resolution No. 24-10-08-01: Rejection of Government Claim. The motion carried 5-0, with the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Barke, Shade, DeMarco, Searles, President Maynard
NOES:	None
ASTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

H. GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS

General Manger Mendoza announced he and Arborist Kingman will attend a California Joint Powers Insurance Authority Summit in Indians Wells in the following week and Ms. Kingman has been nominated for a Capstone Award for Outstanding Preventive Maintenance Program regarding Rossmoor trees; stated the Audit Committee has been compliant with the Auditor and projected a good final outcome; reported a meeting of the Traffic Committee will be scheduled before the end of the year regarding Montecito Road configuration and speed limits; indicated the architectural design phase of the Rossmoor Park Canopy Project is complete and is now in the engineering phase and addressed next steps.

In addition, General Manager Mendoza staff has been trained to repair rubberized surfacing at Rossmoor Park and repairs have already been completed; noted this is a big cost savings factor and addressed topics of recent staff training including playground safety, how to deal with difficult people, preventing substance abuse and work place violence. He added that upcoming training topics will include ergonomics and fire extinguisher operation and thanked CJPIA for offering the programs online and in person at a low cost to the District.

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I. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Director Searles thanked Recreation Superintendent Argueta for his incredible work, the Girl Scouts for their participation in the meeting; discussed the upcoming Taste of Los Al and invited everyone to attend.

Director DeMarco asked to include a discussion on the next Board meeting agenda of Vector Control's presentation and responses to concerns listed above including issues inside the flood control; requested information regarding the audit of Street Sweeping Corp of America; talked about exploring any schedule conflicts between trash collection and street sweeping; discussed complaints about playground inspections and ADA compliance and thanked staff for their work and service.

Director Shade thanked the Girl Scouts; requested a follow up on the implementation of cameras on the street sweepers; noted her disappointment about the lack of data on Rossmoor's mosquito problem from Vector Control; addressed the disconnect between Public Works and Vector Control; vocalized her desire for a coordinated joint effort and requested the inspectors' names and contact information.

Director Barke felt that Public Works and Vector Control will never be connected as they are two different agencies; noted that Ms. Tran is not an analyst, but an educator, hence, why her presentation did not address all of the Board's concerns; proposed the Board and staff will have to do the work themselves and not rely on outside agencies. He felt that having issues with the high park use is a good problem to have as parks in not so good areas are usually empty.

President Maynard suggested inviting Public Works and Vector Control to attend a Board or special meeting and tour the flood control channels to observe for themselves and asked to have the images provided by Director DeMarco as part of the minutes for this meeting.

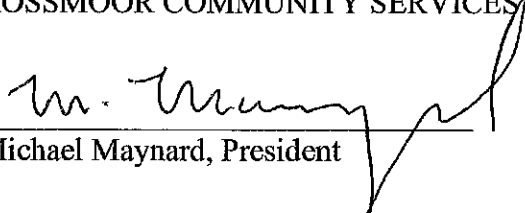
J. GENERAL COUNSEL ITEMS - None

K. ADJOURNMENT

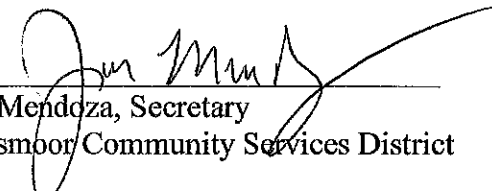
President Maynard adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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Michael Maynard, President



Joe Mendoza, Secretary
Rossmoor Community Services District

APPROVED:

