

The minutes presented herewith are not a verbatim transcription of the regular board meeting held on designated date. The intent is to provide a synopsis of key points of discussion and to chronicle decisions and actions taken by a quorum of the Board of Directors (ref: Roberts Rules of Order, Section 48). For more information of background, please refer to the applicable Board Packet.

MEETING MINUTES
SOUTHERN COACHELLA VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, August 20, 2020

President Broughton called the regularly scheduled meeting of the SCVCSD Board of Directors to order via zoom meeting and at the Mecca Library Building in Mecca, CA at 7:34 p.m.

PRESENT

Becky Broughton, President
Ann Wells, Vice President
Frank Figueroa, Director
Ben Crowson, Crowson Management Services
Lt. Martinez, RCSO
Colin D. Kirkpatrick, Attorney

ROLL CALL

Becky Broughton, Ann Wells, and
Frank Figueroa.

ABSENT

Eugene Kitagawa, Maria Machuca

MOTION TO EXCUSE

M/S/C. (Wells/Figueroa). Unanimous vote to excuse Board members Kitagawa and Machuca.

OATH OF OFFICE

N/A

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C. (Wells/Figueroa). Unanimous vote to approve the August 20, 2020 agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING

SCVCSD Placing Charges on Tax Rolls N/A

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Burrtec Placing Charges on Tax Rolls N/A

INTRODUCTION OF VISTIORS

GUEST

Sergeant Gonzalez from the Sheriff Department and Brad Anderson introduced themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT***

Brad Anderson commented he wants to emphasize some points on agenda, and a local number to call this meetings will be helpful. Issues such as declaration of agenda posting, grand jury report which hasn't been discussed openly, and is waiting on budget numbers, he added. Broughton stepped out of the podium to read statement on behalf of Board member Machuca. "Good evening member of the SCVCSD and community members. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend tonight's meeting due to a schedule conflict with CVUSD board meeting. Although I am new to this board and understand that tonight's meeting will just be about the annual budget, I am very concern about the recent report from the Riverside County Grand Jury. I believe that this board has been entrusted in overseeing and ensuring that the public funds are used as they were intended and not deviated to an interpretation. I ask that as this board moves forward in approving/adapting a new budget please do so with the understand of using the funds as they were approved by the constituents of our communities of Mecca, Thermal, Oasis, Vista Santa Rosa. I trust that you will do what is right and look forward to our meeting in September. Respectfully, Maria G. Machuca, Mecca Resident"

CONSENT CALENDAR

M/S/C (Figueroa/Wells). Unanimous vote to approve the Consent Agenda including items: Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2020; Payment of Invoices for the months of July/August 2020.

REPORTS

SHERIFF'S REPORT N/A

BURRTEC MONTHLY REPORT N/A

ACCOUNTANT REPORT N/A

GENERAL MGR. REPORT N/A

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT N/A

STRATEGIC PLANING N/A

SUBCOMMITEE REPORTS N/A

LAFCO REPORT N/A

COUNTY PLANNING REPORT

N/A

FINANCIAL PLANNING

N/A

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

A. Budget 2020-21 M/S/C (Wells/Figueroa). Unanimous vote a approve option B budget with an additional \$10,000 community project item.

Crowson said that the budget as presented contains two options for the Board of Directors to select/modify. Due to recent inquiries by the Riverside County Grand Jury into the operations of the District, it is staff recommendations that the District seriously considers the idea of a reduction in service via the General Fund. Option one of the proposed budget allows for the continuation of law enforcement services at the current rate. Option two of the proposed budget allows for the continuation of supplemental service but at a reduced cost and at a reduced number of law enforcement personnel. This being the time and place for public hearing those wishing please come forward, state name, address, parcel number and nature of protest, Crowson said.

Bran Anderson noticed no public forums to get public participation. Wells said "we have tried public forums in the past with zero participation." Crowson said we advertise this and this public meeting. Luna, for some time he has researched and is concern about this District's organizational procedures. On August 25th., The Board of Supervisors will call to approve a five year law agreement for law enforcement services in the amount of 4.1 million dollars. He submits the following: first, initiate a motion to for this board of directors to resign and forgo any action as a representative body; second, submit to the board of supervisors a petition of voluntary resignation; third, submit a request to board of supervisors to assume future authority for governance of this District; Fourth, retain office at 91260 Avenue 66; fifth, hire a full time county employee, and recommends current office representative Brenda Ortiz. Luna thanks everyone for listening. Broughton closed public hearing. Crowson stated that option one is the temporarily voted on option; two full time deputies and a full time sergeant. Services at the this rate will result in over budget scenario. Option two allows for continuation of services and it is up to Lt. Martinez to decide what the most cost and service effective way to go about this. This will be a constantly monitor level of service, Crowson said. Considering the current situation, his recommendation is to pass option B, he added. Wells stated "we know this was coming, and this breaks my heart to consider a reduction in services." Frank said he does not

see any budgeted item for environmental services. Crowson said that a great option to consider at this time. Line item for Community project for \$10,000 will be added.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. N/A

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Resolution on supporting law enforcement;
- B. Grand jury report;
- C. Annexation/North Shore Subcommittee;
- D. Burrtec update on green cans;

REMINDERS

Next TOM Site Day: TBD.
Trashbusters Day: TBD.
Next SCVCSD Board Meeting: September 17, 2020.

**DIRECTORS
REPORT/COMMENTS**

Wells: Will like to see how to use waste management fund can be used on illegal dumping.

Kitagawa: N/A.

Figueroa: Hard to vote on a budget when you have to reduce services. Remind everyone that COVID-19 is still going on, to protect ourselves and others, to complete Census 2020, and be vigilant on vector control signs.

Machuca: N/A.

Broughton: Thanks everyone for attending this meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

(M/S)(Wells/Machuca). Meeting closed at 8:25 p.m. Next scheduled Board meeting is September 17, 2020 at the SCVCSD Office in Mecca.

Recorded By:

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