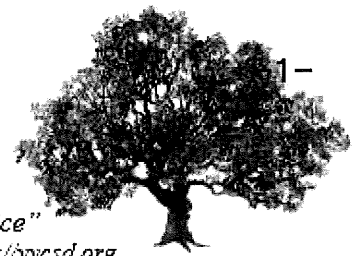


# VANDENBERG VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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## MINUTES Regular Meeting

March 7, 2023

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Brooks who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL: Directors Brooks, Bumpass, Gonzales, Heuring, and Stassi were present.

### OTHERS PRESENT

General Manager Joe Barget, Administrative Services (AS) Manager Cynthia Allen, Board Secretary Stephanie Garner, and Utility Service Person Jeff Cole were present.

3. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

### 4. PUBLIC FORUM

President Brooks invited public comments and there were none.

### 5. OPERATIONS REPORT

Utility Service Person Jeff Cole reported the District pumped 16.9 million gallons of water in February with an average daily demand of 602,000 gallons. This is 33 percent less than last February.

The District received 4.38 inches of rain in February bringing the calendar year total to 13.03 inches.

The District's well levels for February were 1B-142', 3A-137', and 3B-135'.

The Floradale Sewer Project is moving along. Manholes and pipes have been installed and a bypass will be completed in a couple of weeks.

All the damage suffered from the recent storms has been repaired. Allied Fence is finishing the repairs to the site gates. Fencing, gates at Site 3, and split rail fencing were installed off Burton Mesa and the road to Lift Station 1.

The field crew had four service line repairs and no sanitary sewer overflows in February.

## 6. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

AS Manager Allen piggybacked onto the operations report and gave accounting figures to go with the water production numbers. The reduction in water produced in February equates to a reduction of 8.2 million gallons delivered compared to last February and \$23,000 less revenue was billed. Unfortunately, the District's largest expense in water production, purchased power, only decreased by \$3,400 for the same period.

Last week, representatives from FEMA and CalOES met with management for the Recovery Scoping Meeting (RSM). The representatives were pleased to hear all of the District's projects were 100% complete and did not have to visit the sites. The staff's estimated claim is \$55,000 for three of the four sites. Management was informed the total cost of the debris cleanup at Site #1 was not enough to submit for reimbursement. Anything less than \$3,800 in a single category cannot be claimed and the cost for that category was less than \$2,500.

To conclude her report, AS Manager Allen said she is interviewing Customer Service Representative applicants this week. Forty-two applications were received and eight were selected to be interviewed. She hopes to make an offer by the end of the week so the person can provide their current employer with a two-week notice and start on April 3.

## 7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 7, 2023

B. Treasurer Report

- 1) Financial Statements
- 2) Disbursements through February 28, 2023

**Motion by Director Bumpass, seconded by Director Heuring to accept the consent calendar as presented.**

**Ayes: Directors Brooks, Bumpass, Heuring, Gonzales, Stassi**  
**Noes: None**  
**Abstain: None**  
**Absent: None**

8. ACTION ITEM

**California Special Districts Association (CSDA)**

**Motion by Director Gonzales, seconded by Director Brooks to nominate Director Stassi for election to the CSDA Board of Directors**

**Ayes: Directors Brooks, Bumpass, Heuring, Gonzales, Stassi**  
**Noes: None**  
**Abstain: None**  
**Absent: None**

9. REPORTS

A. Committees

Director Brooks attended a Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency meeting on February 22.

B. District Representatives to External Agencies

Director Heuring, General Manager Joe Barget, and AS Manager Cynthia Allen attended the Santa Barbara County CSDA dinner meeting on February 27.

### C. President

President Brooks asked staff about the two water tier amounts. AS Manager Allen said the first tier 1-10 units is \$1.83 and the second tier 11 units and more is \$2.75. Because rates have not been adjusted in a long time, he requested looking into a rate comparison. General Manager Barget said the rates will be discussed at the Finance/Budget Committee meeting on March 21.

### D. General Manager

General Manager Barget said the emergency repairs from the recent storm have been completed and there is no need to continue the emergency.

The triennial sanitary survey has been postponed until next week.

To conclude his report, General Manager Barget talked about Lot 54 and the conditions surrounding the property. He was contacted by Raeanne Ladwig of The Management Trust on behalf of the Club House Estates Home Owners Association (HOA). A storm drain installed by the county separated a piece of property from the larger section of Lot 54. Ms. Ladwig was inquiring about this orphaned property becoming a park area for Club House Estates residents. General Manager Barget said the park would have to be open to the general public and gave three possible options: the property could be subdivided from the parcel, the District could lease the parcel, or the District could provide a license agreement similar to the one with the Farmers Market.

## 10. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

US Drought Monitor: California, February 28, 2023

## 11. DIRECTORS FORUM

Director Gonzales expressed appreciation to the field crew for repairing the damage caused by the recent storm.

12. ADJOURN

**President Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.**

**Attest:**

**Signed:**

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**Stephanie Garner**  
**Secretary, Board of Directors**

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**Christopher Brooks**  
**President, Board of Directors**