

# VANDENBERG VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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## **MINUTES Regular Meeting**

**February 1, 2022**

### **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, Gonzales, and Redmon participated via Zoom video conference. Director Bumpass logged in at 7:03 p.m.

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

General Manager Joe Barget, Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Manager Mike Garner, Administrative Services (AS) Manager Cynthia Allen, Finance Administrator Patricia LeCavalier, and Board Secretary Stephanie Garner participated via Zoom video conference.

### **3. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

There were none.

### **4. PUBLIC FORUM**

President Brooks invited public comments and there were none.

### **5. OPERATIONS REPORT**

O&M Manager Garner reported the District pumped 25.2 million gallons of water for January with an average daily demand of 811,710 gallons. This is 13 percent less than last year. Vandenberg Village received no rain in January.

Well levels (below ground surface) for January were 1B-143', 3A-138', and 3B-136'.

The District's new valve truck will be delivered on February 9. Mission Hills Community Services District purchased the old dump truck and valve truck.

Fisher Pump & Well Service pulled Well 3A on January 18, and it appears to need some minor shaft repairs and refurbishing the bowls. More information in the next few days.

A lighter impeller was installed on Pump #2 at Lift Station #1. The pump is running quieter so a new, lighter impeller will be ordered for Pump #1, too.

Lift Station #2 will be installed by the field crew in March.

Matt Delanty from PLCs Plus in Bakersfield will be programming and installing the new SCADA hardware at the end of February.

The field crew had no leaks and no sanitary sewer overflows to report in January.

To conclude his report, he said AJ Rea resigned from the District to take a position with PG&E. O&M Manager Garner had heart surgery on January 14 so he is currently working shorter hours and on light duty.

## 6. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

AS Manager Allen reported as of today 40 customers are 60 or more days delinquent for a total of \$15,000. Eleven have past due balances over \$500. Last month the District had 63 customers on payment plans and may not be subject to discontinuance of service. The field crew delivered hangers on January 12 but no customers have been locked off. Staff is continuing to work with those, not on a payment plan.

Last week the District received 450 at-home COVID test kits from Santa Barbara County Public Health. Staff distributed two kits to each employee and Director. The public started arriving at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday and the

kits were gone by noon. The District will be receiving another 585 kits tomorrow.

To conclude her report, AS Manager Allen said AJ Rea submitted his resignation and staff started recruitment for a Utility Service Person I, entry-level field position. Applications closed yesterday. There were 67 inquiries and 30 viable applications. The estimated start date for the new employee is March 7.

## 7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 4, 2022

B. Treasurer Report

1) Financial Statements

2) Disbursements through January 31, 2022

3) Schedule of Investments

C. Remote Teleconference Meetings

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

### **Roll Call:**

**Ayes: Directors Brooks, Bumpass, Gonzales, and Redmon**

**Noes: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Absent: None**

## 8. ACTION ITEMS

A. Director Appointment

President Brooks introduced Steve Heuring and Ron Stassi to the board. Each took the opportunity to address the Directors. Before a vote was taken, Mr. Heuring withdrew his application.

**Motion by Director Brooks, seconded by Director Redmon to appoint Ron Stassi as a new Director filling a vacancy on the Board of Directors.**

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes: Directors Brooks, Bumpass, Gonzales, and Redmon**

**Noes: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion by Director Redmon, seconded by Director Gonzales to Appoint new Director Stassi to the Water/Wastewater Committee and as the alternate on the GSA Committee.**

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes: Directors Brooks, Bumpass, Gonzales, and Redmon**

**Noes: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Absent: None**

Board Secretary Garner administered the Oath of Office to Ron Stassi.

#### **B. AJ Rea**

O&M Manager Garner read the Resolution aloud.

**Motion by Director Brooks, seconded by Director Redmon to adopt Resolution 221-22 to commend and thank Mr. Rea for his service to the District.**

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes: Directors Brooks, Bumpass, Gonzales, Redmon, and Stassi**

**Noes: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Absent: None**

#### **C. Director Stewart**

President Brooks read the Resolution aloud.

**Motion by Director Brooks, seconded by Director Redmon to adopt Resolution 222-22 to express appreciation to Ms. Stewart for her service on the Board.**

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes: Directors Brooks, Bumpass, Gonzales, Redmon, and Stassi**

**Noes: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Absent: None**

**D. Mid-Year Budget Review**

**Motion by Director Brooks, seconded by Director Bumpass to consider approving the mid-year budget review.**

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes: Directors Brooks, Bumpass, Gonzales, Redmon, and Stassi**

**Noes: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Absent: None**

**9. REPORTS**

**A. Committees**

There were no committee meetings.

**B. District Representatives to External Agencies**

President Brooks reported he attended the Sustainable Groundwater Agency meeting.

**C. President**

President Brooks had nothing further.

## D. General Manager

General Manager Barget reported the Wallace Group completed 75-percent of the design for the Floradale Sewer Relocation Project. Construction is planned for late summer. Total project costs, including design, survey, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance, advertising, and construction are estimated at \$2 million. District staff has communicated to the CSDA Public Affairs Field Coordinator Charlotte Holifield, as well as staff from State Senator Limon's and former County Supervisor Hartmann's office, to "put this project on the radar screen" for any available grant funding opportunities.

The Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Western Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin was submitted to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) on January 18. There is a 75-day public comment period and a 2-year review period by DWR. Staff from the eight public water agencies in the basin have had preliminary discussions about forming an umbrella, joint powers agency (JPA) to implement the three GSPs and provide a governance structure for the overall basin. There is a JPA kick-off meeting for staff and attorneys tomorrow, February 2.

The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) and a requirement to submit a technical report for the large sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) the District had on October 25, 2021. General Manager Barget prepared and submitted the technical report to the RWQCB on December 17 and is working with the State Water Resources Control Board and RWQCB staff to get the NOV dismissed.

To conclude his report, General Manager Barget said the CPI-W, West B/C, increased 5.5 percent for 2021. This Board has based annual cost of living increases to employee salaries on this index for the last nine years. Inflation has arrived: the price of everything is going up.

## 10. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

US Drought Monitor: California, January 25, 2022

## 11. DIRECTORS FORUM

President Brooks said he is looking forward to working with Director Stassi.

Director Bumpass thanked AJ Rea for his service at the District and Katherine Stewart for her service on the board.

Director Stassi is looking forward to working with the Directors.

## 12. ADJOURN

**President Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.**

**Attest:**

**Signed:**

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

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