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MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
(Community Outreach)
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUGUST 26, 2015
6:00 P.M.

A. Call to Order & Roll Call

An Special Meeting of the De Luz Community Services District was held at the De Luz CSD Office commencing at 6:05 p.m. on August 26, 2015. Present at the meeting were the following Directors:

Director Bianchi
Director Mina
Director Rubin

Directors Adams and Buescher were absent.

Also present were General Manager Holmes, Assistant Secretary Ruzek and General Counsel Jackson.

President Rubin led the flag salute.

B. Formation and History of the District

President Rubin gave an overview of the history and formation of the District. He informed the public that when the District was established by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors and Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), it was granted the power to perform three functions: road maintenance, supplemental police protection, and trash collection.

C. Road Maintenance and Services

Director Bianchi explained the various types of road maintenance (from crack and slurry seal to full rehabilitation), life span of a roadway, and associated costs of construction. He also explained the District's "in-house" road maintenance services

such as weed spraying, tree trimming and removal, culvert cleaning, pothole repair, sign installation, and emergency services.

D. Benefit Fees and Funding Distribution

Director Mina discussed the District's benefit fees and Sheriff's Special Tax. He explained that benefit fees are based on a per acre per zone basis and not property values; and that everyone contributes equally to the maintenance of the Primary Roads and by Zone for the Secondary Roads. He also informed the public that the District's funding levels have not increased since the passage of Proposition 218 in 1997 and currently operates under 1996-1997 budget levels.

E. Additional Revenue Sources

Director Bianchi discussed the District's efforts to cut costs and to secure additional revenue resources. He stated that the District negotiated a franchise trash fee with the refuse company without an increase in collection rates, and a lower medical benefits package with the employees. He also reported on the cost savings associated with consolidating construction projects; that Staff is looking into the status of exempt parcels that may be collectable, and a recent meeting with Riverside county Supervisor Kevin Jeffries regarding possible allocation of gas tax monies to the District.

F. Impact of Growth and Development

President Rubin discussed the impact of future growth and development on District roads. He explained that the District does not receive any additional benefits fees when parcels subdivide; however, the traffic impact increases as well as maintenance costs.

G. Public Forum

The Board answered questions from various property owners regarding increased traffic and speeding on Sandia Creek Drive including the possibility of speed bumps; non-maintained dirt roads; the Walker Basin Development, and the Deputy staffing levels of the District.

Property Owner Fred Strozewski addressed the Board and expressed his concerns regarding mud flow from a property on Pradera Way. President Rubin informed Mr. Strozewski that erosion control is the responsibility of the property owner; however, if mud enters and blocks a roadway, District crews will clear the road. He also stated that Field Staff will investigate and proper notification will be made to the

property owner.

President Rubin informed the audience that the District is aware of the speed issue on Sandia Creek Drive. He cited the recently completed traffic study and stated that the District is looking into traffic "calming" signs and has requested "stepped-up" law enforcement by the CHP as well as our contracted Deputy.

Resident Kurt Bantle of San Diego addressed the Board. He stated he is part of an association that maintains the private portion (approximately 2 miles) of Sandia Creek Drive after it crosses into San Diego County and they are working with the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to close (or privately gate) the non-maintained portion to non-area residents. He also discussed the legal hurdles they are facing in conjunction with the possible closure.

General Manager Holmes explained how parcel map splits granted by Riverside County several years ago created some non-maintained dirt roads. He further explained that the District passed an Ordinance that states new parcel splits, in which a road is created, must be built to District standards and requested to be accepted for maintenance.

F. Adjournment

There being no further business, President Rubin adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.



Cher Ruzek, Assistant Secretary
Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Steve Rubin, President
Board of Directors