



# De Luz Community Services District

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**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
(Community Outreach)  
**OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**JULY 22, 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 July 22, 2015. Present at the meeting were the following Directors:

Director Buescher  
Director Mina  
Director Rubin

Directors Adams and Bianchi were absent.

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

President Rubin led the flag salute.

Director Adams entered the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

**B. Overview of the District**

Director Buescher 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**

President Rubin 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 Adams 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 that Staff is looking into the status of exempt parcels that may be collectable and the cost savings associated with consolidating construction projects.

**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 various questions from property owners George Wilkinson, Paul Menth, Gina Rawson, Julie Gorton, and Roberta Petersen regarding increased traffic and speeding on Sandia Creek Drive; tree trimming; paving at the mailboxes, the Walker Basin Development, and the Deputy staffing levels of the District.

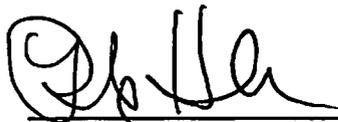
President Rubin cited the recent Sandia Creek Drive Traffic Study and informed the public that the District is looking into traffic "calming" signs and has requested "stepped-up" law enforcement by the CHP as well as our contracted Deputy.

Resident Gina Rawson addressed the Board regarding the possible closure of a private section of Sandia Creek Drive that is just outside the District's boundaries in San Diego County. President Rubin stated that the District has been informed about a group of private citizens that are working with the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to close the non-maintained portion to non-area residents.

Resident Roberta Petersen informed the Board that motorists are starting to use the El Prado Road "loop" to bypass traffic on Sandia Creek Drive.

**F. Adjournment**

There being no further business, President Rubin adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.



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Rob Holmes, Secretary  
Board of Directors

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Steve Rubin, President  
Board of Directors