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MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING (Community Outreach) OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SEPTEMBER 23, 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 6:00 p.m. on September 23, 2015. Present at the meeting were the following Directors:

Director Adams
Director Buescher
Director Mina
Director Rubin

Director Bianchi was absent.

Also present were General Manager Holmes and Accounting Administrator Snyder.

President Rubin led the flag salute.

B. Formation and History 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 methodologies 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 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; creating a fire department; future ballot measure; the Walker Basin Development, and Deputy staffing levels of the District.

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. He also stated that the District has been informed by a group that maintains the San Diego County portion of Sandia Creek Drive of the possibility of closing the road at the District boundary to non-area residents.

F. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, President Rubin adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.



Cher Ruzek, Assistant Secretary
Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Steve Rubin, President
Board of Directors