



## RANCHO MURIETA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

March 16, 2016 – Open Session at 5:00 p.m.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

President Gerald Pasek called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Rancho Murieta Community Services District to order at 5:00 p.m. in the District meeting room, 15160 Jackson Road, Rancho Murieta. Directors present were Gerald Pasek, Betty Ferraro, Morrison Graf, Michael Martel, and Mark Pecotich. Also present were Darlene J. Thiel Gillum, General Manager; Greg Remson, Security Chief; Paul Siebensohn, Director of Field Operations; Eric Thompson, Controller; Suzanne Lindenfeld, District Secretary; and Richard Shanahan, District General Counsel.

### **2. ADOPT AGENDA**

**Motion/Ferraro to adopt the agenda. Second/Pecotich. Ayes: Pasek, Ferraro, Graf, Martel, Pecotich. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.**

### **3. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

None.

### **4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Richard Brandt gave a history of the District being involved with collecting community parks fees and stated that he feels the District should continue to do so.

### **5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion/Martel to adopt the consent calendar. Second/Ferraro. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Pasek, Ferraro, Graf, Martel, and Pecotich. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.**

### **6. STAFF REPORTS**

No discussion

### **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

No discussion – deferred to Agenda Item 11.

### **8. REVIEW THE CEQA INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SOLAR POWER PROJECT**

Darlene Gillum gave a brief overview of the CEQA Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and stated that Les Clark had already submitted his comments.

John Sullivan requested Figure 2 and 3 include the boundary lines.

President Pasek stated that he felt the report was well done.

Director Pecotich commented on the need to re-route the access area for emergency vehicles.

Darlene will work with Aspen Environmental Group on getting those changes made in time for release for public review and comment on March 18, 2016. The goal is to have the report back to the Board for approval at the April 20, 2016 Board meeting.

**9. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R2016-03, A RESOLUTION CALLING THE GENERAL DISTRICT ELECTION AND CONSOLIDATION WITH THE STATE WIDE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

Darlene Thiel Gillum gave a brief summary of the recommendation to adopt Resolution R2016-03. This is the standard resolution the Board adopts in election years. The Resolution calls for holding the election with the General Election on November 8, 2016 for the purpose of electing three (3) candidates whose terms expire in 2016.

**Motion/Ferraro** to adopt Resolution R2016-03, a resolution calling the General District Election and consolidation with the State wide election to be held on November 8, 2016 for the purpose of electing three (3) candidates whose terms expire in 2016. **Second/Pecotich. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Pasek, Ferraro, Graf, Martel, and Pecotich. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.**

**10. REVIEW 2016/2017 DRAFT BUDGET**

Darlene Gillum gave a brief summary of the 2016/2017 draft budget. The proposed budget maintains a zero increase on the average bill for a residential lot. This is accomplished by a 1.2% increase in the proposed rates for Water and a 1.9% decrease in the proposed rate for Sewer. All other rates and special taxes are recommended to have no change.

**Motion/Martel** to authorize staff to mail the Proposition 218 Notice of Proposed Rate Increase and Notice of Hearing by April 1, 2016. **Second/Graf. Ayes: Pasek, Ferraro, Graf, Martel, and Pecotich. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.**

**11. INTRODUCE DISTRICT ORDINANCE O2016-01 AMENDING DISTRICT CODE, CHAPTER 8, THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES FEE CODE, REPEALING COLLECTION OF THE COMMUNITY PARKS FEE**

Darlene Gillum gave a brief summary of Ordinance O2016-01, amending District Code Chapter 8 the Community Facilities Fee Code, Repealing Collection of the Community Parks Fee.

Richard Brandt commented on his feeling the District needs to keep this on the books.

Richard Shanahan stated that if the Board wishes to keep it in the District Code, it needs to be reviewed and updated. Darlene stated that this only covers collection of community park fees, not neighborhood park fees.

Linda Kline stated that she feels the District should work with Rancho Murieta Association (RMA) and not give away the power.

President Pasek asked for a motion regarding this matter. No motion was made.

President Pasek directed staff to go forward with getting a parks fee study done. By consensus, the Board agreed. Director Martel suggested staff let the Parks Committee know what the District is planning to do.

**12. CONSIDER PRE-APPROVAL OF RESERVE FUNDS FOR NEW SECURITY VEHICLE PURCHASE DOWN PAYMENT**

Chief Remson gave a brief summary. The Request for Proposal (RFP) will be going out for the purchase/lease of a new patrol vehicle. Since the proposals are only good for short period of time, in order to accept the lowest cost proposal, staff is requesting pre-approval of up to \$10,000 from Security Capital Replacement Reserves to use as a down payment for the purchase/lease of a new Security patrol vehicle.

Director Martel suggested staff contact residents that are in the car business to see if they can get a better deal.

**Motion/Martel** to pre-approve up to \$10,000 for down payment on a new Security patrol vehicle. Funding to come from Security Capital Replacement Reserves. **Second/Pecotich. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Pasek, Ferraro, Graf, Martel, and Pecotich. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.**

**13. RECEIVE WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE**

Paul Siebensohn gave a brief update of the status of the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project. The Acceptance Test timeframe was reset due to integrity issues with Train 1. Repairs were made and the Acceptance Testing timeframe began again March 3, 2016. After the Acceptance Test is completed and the Plant verified to run well, staff will proceed with connecting Plant 2 to the SCADA system. Installation of the bird netting, further painting, and siding work will continue as the weather allows.

*The Board took a break from 6:57 p.m. to 7:01 p.m.*

**14. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF BOARD DIRECTION REGARDING THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT AND GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FORMATION IN THE GROUNDWATER SUB-BASINS AFFECTING RANCHO MURIETA**

Darlene Gillum gave a brief overview of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) that requires the formation of groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) by June 30, 2017 to manage groundwater in a sustainable manner in high-priority and medium-priority groundwater basins. The Cosumnes River serves as the boundary between the South American River Sub-basin and the Cosumnes Sub-basin. As the Cosumnes River flows through Rancho Murieta, a portion of the District falls into each of these sub-basins. Staff will continue to monitor the activities in both sub-basins as it relates to the SGMA and impacts to the District, if any.

**15. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RANCHO MURIETA ASSOCIATION'S REQUEST FOR IRRIGATION RESTRICTION VARIANCE FOR THE STONEHOUSE PARK SOCCER FIELD RE-SODDING PROJECT**

Darlene Gillum gave a brief summary of the request by Rancho Murieta Association (RMA) for an irrigation restriction variance for the Stonehouse Park soccer field re-sodding project. Once completed, RMA estimates a 30% reduction in future water use for this area.

Director Martel suggested RMA see if they can cut back water usage in other areas to accommodate the increase for this project.

Director Ferraro suggested notifying the community.

**Motion/Martel** to approve Rancho Murieta Association's request for irrigation restriction variance for the Stonehouse Park soccer field re-sodding project. **Second/Pecotich. Ayes: Pasek, Ferraro, Graf, Martel, and Pecotich. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.**

## **16. RECEIVE UPDATES**

### **Parks Committee**

Nothing to report.

### **Development**

Nothing to report.

### **Solar Power Installation**

Paul stated that staff has been working with Solar City design engineers on the layout of the solar fields for the Water Plant and Wastewater Plant sites. Both site layouts have been finalized and are now with SMUD to ensure they meet their guidelines for power connections.

### **Midge Fly Ad Hoc Committee**

The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for 10:00 on March 28, 2016 at the RMA building.

### **Escuela Gate**

Darlene stated she is waiting to hear back from RMA regarding joint community meetings regarding the proposed Escuela Gate. Larry Shelton, RMA Director, stated that the Board feels it is too soon to hold community meetings since they have not decided what type of gate will be going in. That decision will be done after the improvements to Stonehouse Road have been completed.

### **North Gate Use Agreement**

Darlene stated she is waiting to hear back from RMA regarding the North Gate Use Agreement.

### **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony/Event**

The ceremony is tentatively scheduled for June 2, 2016. Due to confining space at the Water Treatment Plant, this ceremony is not open to the public, attendance is by invitation only. The District will invite representatives from the various homeowner associations, Rancho Murieta Country Club, and Sacramento County officials. A video of the opening will be put on the District's website.

## **17. REVIEW AND SELECT CONFERENCE/EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

**Motion/Pecotich** to approve Paul Siebensohn attending the California Rural Water Association Expo in Nevada. **Second/Ferraro. Ayes: Pasek, Ferraro, Graf, Martel, and Pecotich. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.**

## **18. CONSIDER CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOMINATION FOR SEAT B**

No nomination made.

**19. CONSIDER REPLACING DISTRICT'S PARKS COMMITTEE ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE**

President Pasek appointed Director Graf to replace Director Martel as the Parks Committee alternate representative.

**20. CONSIDER REPLACING DISTRICT'S JOINT SECURITY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE**

President Pasek appointed Director Ferraro to replace Director Pecotich on the Joint Security Committee.

**21. REVIEW MEETING DATES/TIMES**

Director Graf will not be available for the April committee meetings.

**22. COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS – BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF**

Director Martel suggested that staff look into getting a temporary trailer for gas to cut down on the cost. He will forward the information to Darlene.

Director Graf gave kudos for the new website. President Pasek agreed.

Director Pecotich asked if the Board had any additional comments on the draft Parks Guidelines and suggested that the word "guideline" not be used. Darlene suggested the Parks Fee study be done before moving forward with the guideline update.

Darlene stated that Fair Oaks Water District is holding a free water wise landscape workshop on April 9, 2016 and Sacramento Valley Chapter of the California Native Plant Society is holding a Gardens Gone Native garden tour on April 9, 2016. The public is welcome to attend.

**23. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion/Ferraro to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Second/Graf. Ayes: Pasek, Ferraro, Graf, Martel, Pecotich. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Suzanne Lindenfeld  
District Secretary