

# **Mission Hills Community Services District**

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## **Directors:**

Walt Fasold  
Danny Hayes  
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Tim Naughton  
Bruce Nix

## **M-I-N-U-T-E-S Special Meeting – Public Forum June 27, 2016**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mission Hills Community Services District was called to order by President Hayes at 6:32 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2016 at the Los Berros Elementary School, 3745 Via Lato, Lompoc, California.

### **DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

By roll call: Walt Fasold, Danny Hayes, James Mac Kenzie, Tim Naughton, and Bruce Nix

### **DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

None

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Michael Riley, Melissa Stevens, Carry Via, Casey Fowler, Steven Sarot, Logan Pirkle, Rick Young, and Jose Acosta

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Clayton Tuckfield from Tuckfield and Associates as well as 62 members of the community (see attachment "A")

### **3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

The Board of Directors, District Staff, as well as Mr. Tuckfield, from Tuckfield and Associates provided a description and gave a presentation on the proposed rate restructure and increase for both Water and Wastewater rates. (see attachment "B").

4. **PUBLIC HEARING:** The Public Comment Period was opened at 7:17 pm

**Hold Public Hearing, Consider and Tabulate Written Protests from the District's Customers and Property Owners within the District's Service Area Regarding Proposed Water, Sewer and Street Sweeping Rates and Introduce an Ordinance Setting Forth Water, Sewer and Street Sweeping Rates and Fees to Connect to District Facilities if there is No Majority Protest.**

Recommended Action: District Board of Directors opens the public hearing, takes public input, considers and tabulates protests and if there is no majority protest, introduces an ordinance establishing water, sewer and street sweeping rates and fees to connect to District facilities and directs staff to publish the ordinance summary.

The Board of Directors heard from Andy Pedilla, Cathy Schlottmann, Caprise Fowler, Michael Donohue, Ken Bredy, Leonard Shepard, George McKenney, Jeff Hall, Mrs. Johnson, Jane Fasold, Mrs. Cane, and Alphonse Kamtoteuguén who were either protesting the rate increase or asking about operating costs and possible alternatives for extra income. Many of them worried about the significant increase to the many families who live on fixed incomes and that the rates are unfair and too high. Below is a list of topics that were mentioned to the Board of Directors;

- Notice Requirements
- Suggest changing the water rates
- Street sweeping
- Selling water to other areas
- Notice of violation
- Saving for deteriorating equipment.

**President Hayes closed the public hearing section of the meeting at 8:25 pm.**

A break was called at 8:26 to finish calculating the final protests  
The meeting was reconvened at 8:45

Board Secretary Fowler stated that the District has received written protests in opposition to the proposed fee increases. We have reviewed each of the protests. In reviewing the protests, we have applied the Guidelines for the Submission and Tabulation of Protests adopted by the Board at the September 14, 2011 meeting.

The Guidelines require each protest to be in writing, to identify the property served, to bear the original signature of a record owner of the parcel identified on the protest or a record customer, and to state its opposition to the proposed fees.

The District provides water services to 1,274 customers. A majority of 1,274 customers is 637. The District provides sewer service to 1,259 customers. A majority of 1,259 is 629. The District provides street sweeping services to 1,138 customers. A majority of 1,138 is 569.

She stated that she has calculated the number of valid written protests received by the District and the results are as follows:

Water: 313  
Sewer: 313  
Street sweeping: 17

A majority protest has not been submitted for the proposed water rates.  
A majority protest has not been submitted for the proposed sewer rates.  
A majority protest has not been submitted for the proposed street sweeping rates.

With no further comments **Motion by Director Mac Kenzie, second by Director Naughton to introduce Ordinance No. 16-81; An Ordinance of the Board of Directors of the Mission Hills Community Services District Setting Forth Water, Sewer, and Street Sweeping Rates and Fees to Connect to District Facilities and to publish the ordinance or summary in the Lompoc Record as required . Roll Call Vote was Unanimous.**

**5. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. to the next Special Meeting to be held June 29, 2016 at the District's meeting room beginning at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Casey Fowler  
Secretary, Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Danny Hayes  
President, Board of Directors