

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
GROVELAND, CALIFORNIA
November 18, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

The Board of Directors of Groveland Community Services District met in special session on the above mentioned date with Directors Robert Swan, President, Scott Wemmer, Vice President, and John Armstrong being present. Also present was General Manager Jon Sterling and Office Manager/Board Secretary Jennifer Flores.

Director Swan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Groveland Community Hall.

Agenda Approval

Motion

Director Swan moved, seconded by Director Wemmer, and the motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda as written.

Action Items to be Considered by the Board of Directors

Conduct Board Candidate Forum (30 min)

A. Interview Candidates

Director Swan presented the item and stated that the District has two vacant Board seats and one eligible candidate. The eligible candidate was Spencer Edwards. The Board conducted the interview process of Mr. Edwards.

B. Consider for Approval Appointing Candidates to Vacant Board Seats

The Board of Directors appointed Spencer Edwards to fill the vacant Board seat expiring in 2018.

Motion

Director Swan moved, seconded by Director Wemmer, and the motion passed unanimously to appoint Spencer Edwards to the vacancy expiring in 2018.

C. Administer Oath of Office to Appointed Candidates

Office Manager/Board Secretary Jennifer Flores administered the Oath of Office to Director Edwards.

D. Newly Appointed Candidates Take Seat on Board

Director Edwards took his seat on the Board.

Sewer Rate Workshop (60 min)

A. Staff Presentation

General Manager Jon Sterling presented a PowerPoint presentation which covered the District's current infrastructure issues, the different ways the District has saved money over the past four years, as well as other challenges facing the District.

Members of the public asked clarifying questions of Mr. Sterling at the conclusion of his presentation. Members of the public also made various comments which included concerns over employee health benefits, retiree costs, and the District's absence of reserve funds.

B. Presentation of Proposed Sewer Rates by Bartle Wells

Doug Dove from Bartle Wells presented the different funding scenarios to address replacement of the District's aging infrastructure. The scenarios included a "pay-as-you-go" with zero grant funding, 50% grant funding, and 75% grant funding. Another scenario included zero grant funding, 50% grant funding, and 75% grant funding, but with debt issuance. Under each scenario was what the monthly cost to the sewer customer would be over five years.

Members of the public asked multiple questions of Mr. Dove regarding his presentation and the numbers he presented. Some of the questions and concerns included the probability of grant funds, flat rate vs. fixed rate, if he checked to make sure project numbers were accurate, etc.

C. Board Discussion

A discussion ensued between the Board, staff, and public.

Director Comments

None.

Adjournment

Motion


Director Armstrong moved, seconded by Director Wemmer, and the motion passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:



Jennifer Flores, Board Secretary

APPROVED:



Robert Swan, President