

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
GROVELAND, CALIFORNIA
February 25, 2008
9:00 a.m.

The Board of Directors of Groveland Community Services District met in regular session on the above mentioned date with Directors Richard Lennen, President, Gus Allegri, Wesley Johnson and Steve Perreira being present. Also present were General Manager Jim Goodrich, District Engineer Randy Klaahsen, District Council David McMurchie, and Vicki West, Secretary to the Board. Absent: Director Gray

President Lennen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda Approval

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

Public Comment

Members of the public spoke to the following items:

- Questioned whether District Counsel's fees with regard to Long Gulch Ranch will be included on the property tax lien.

Public Hearings

Proposed Ordinance 1-08, an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1-05 and all its Amendments, Adopting New Sewer Rates, Charges and Fees, and Related Administrative Amendments

President Lennen opened the public hearing at 9:05 a.m., the Board received public comments and the hearing was closed at 10:45

Proposed Ordinance 2-08, an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2-05 and all its Amendments, Adopting New Water Rates, Charges and Fees, and Related Administrative Amendments

President Lennen opened the public hearing at 10:45 a.m., the Board received public comments and the hearing was closed at 10:50

Members of the public commented on proposed Ordinances 1-08 and 2-08. A recap of the comments follows.

- Sewer and water connection fees should be increased.
- Public should be given opportunity to vote on ballot instead of filing protest letter.
- The meeting notice was confusing and misleading.
- Allow letters to be submitted until a date after the public hearing.
- The process required by Proposition 218 should be changed.
- Why do we use the Bay Area CPI?
- District operating expenses should be decreased.
- The District does not encourage water conservation.
- District should put large projects out to bid.
- Fixed fees should somehow be mitigated.
- GCSD should close down – it is cheaper for consumers to use wells and septic systems.
- Need more public disclosure concerning operating expenses.
- What is the number of potential new lots to be developed?
- Rate study was not compared to similar districts - a survey should be done.

- o How is the affordability index calculated?
- o Board should vote no on the adoption of the ordinances or extend the public hearing.
- o New letter should be sent that makes it easier for people to understand the process.
- o Public should be able to vote a second time.

Action Items

Consent Calendar

Director Allegri moved, seconded by Director Johnson, and the motion passed unanimously to approve the consent calendar.

Second Reading of Proposed Sewer Ordinance 1-08, an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1-05 and all its Amendments, Adopting New Sewer Rates, Charges and Fees, and Related Administrative Amendments

Director Johnson moved, seconded by Director Allegri, to accept the Sewer Rate Analysis Report by SCI Consultants for new sewer fees, charges and rates and, having read title, waive reading and adopt Ordinance 1-08.

Ayes: Directors Allegri, Johnson and Lennen. Noes: Director Perreira. Absent: Director Gray.

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2-08, an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2-05 and all its Amendments, Adopting New Water Rates, Charges and Fees, and Related Administrative Amendments

Director Lennen moved, seconded by Director Allegri, to accept the Water Rate Analysis Report by SCI Consultants for new water fees, charges and rates and, having read title, waive reading and adopt Ordinance 2-08.

Ayes: Directors Allegri, Johnson and Lennen. Noes: Director Perreira. Absent: Director Gray.

Adjournment

President Lennen adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

APPROVED:

Richard Lennen, President

ATTEST:

Vicki L. West, Board Secretary