

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
GROVELAND, CALIFORNIA  
September 8, 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, John Gray, Vice President, Gus Allegri, Wesley Johnson, and Steve Perreira being present. Also present were General Manager Jim Goodrich, District Counsel Dave McMurchie, District Engineer Randy Klaahsen, Secretary to the Board Vicki West, and Administrative Staff Member Lena Spilman.

Absent: Groveland Fire Chief Shane Warner

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***

President Lennen repeated an announcement made at the previous meeting regarding guidelines for public comments at District Board meetings.

A member of the public addressed the Board with concerns regarding the installation of wireless Internet access in Mary Laveroni Community Park.

**Action Items**

***Consent Calendar***

Director Johnson moved, seconded by Director Allegri, and the motion passed to approve the consent calendar with the following changes to the minutes:

- 1) Director Perreira requested that Item 2, paragraph 2 be amended to read *Mr. Knudsen assured the Board that the FGDP would supply all of the funding for the capital assets for the Park, and would thereafter provide the required labor for development and monitoring in conjunction with GCSD.*
- 2) Director Perreira requested that Item 3 be amended to reflect his concern that the Fire Engine Specifications, while written using a manufacturer template, would not exclude other manufacturers from participation in the bidding process. Director Perreira also requested that the record show that these concerns were addressed, and that the Board was assured that all bids would be considered and that preference would not be in any way given to the manufacturer from which the template originated.
- 3) Item 4, paragraph 2, *Director Goodrich* was amended to read *General Manager Goodrich*

*Ayes: Directors Lennen, Perreira, and Johnson. Abstained: Directors Gray and Allegri.*

**Consider Proposal to Create Dog Park on GCSD Land near Leon Rose Ball Field**

General Manager Goodrich addressed the issue of dog waste disposal that was raised during the previous meeting. Mr. Goodrich revealed that he had spoken with Joe Moore, President of Moore Bros Scavenger Company, and had ascertained that all animal waste could be disposed of in specialized containers already in use at GCSD.

Mr. Goodrich also explained to the Board that the proper California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation would need to be completed for the property in question prior to any formal Board approval of this project. Mr. Goodrich proposed that in order to reduce costs, the District should complete the necessary CEQA documentation for all future projects in the Northern part of the District property, as shown in the June 2007 Groveland Community Services District Land Use Report. Not only would this provide CEQA documentation for all proposed District projects, but it would reduce the costs associated with enacting separate environmental documentation contracts for each project.

Members of the Friends of the Groveland Dog Park (FGDP) voiced concern over beginning fundraising efforts before the CEQA documentation had been completed and the Board had formally approved the project. District Counsel Dave McMurchie responded to these concerns, calling them valid and agreeing that it might be in the best interests of the FGDP to postpone fundraising efforts until the Board has a chance to review the environmental documentation and approve the project. General Manager Goodrich added that CEQA documentation will not approve or deny a project, but will offer conditions under which that project may move forward.

President Lennen asked how long it would take to receive the necessary report from CEQA and was informed by Mr. Goodrich that it will take approximately six months for the Board to receive the results of the environmental analysis.

Director Perreira voiced concerns that many of the dog parks that he had researched are in large cities where park costs constitute a much smaller percentage of overall revenue. He expressed his desire for the Groveland Dog Park to be self-managed. Director Perreira offered that he is willing to set aside land for this use, but that he doesn't want the maintenance of such a facility to fall on the taxpayers. He proposed a vendor like contract should be signed by both parties and that a trial period should be enacted. Director Perreira expressed that he will be disappointed if the management of the Park is put on the public with no way out. He further addressed the Board and members of the public proposing that this specialized group should be responsible for supporting their own hobby.

Director Gray responded that if that thinking was applied unilaterally than we as a community would not benefit from many of the services that we now enjoy. Director Gray stated that he believes it to be a good thing that there are people willing to come forward to develop our community and that a Dog Park would be beneficial to the town. He argued that each park asset is used by a minority of the population, and that part of GCSD's responsibility is Park development.

Director Allegri concurred with Director Gray, and offered that while the County provides many services that most of us don't use, these services still serve to enrich our community as a whole. Director Allegri stated that he believes the Dog Park to be a good idea, but that if at some point in the future it proves to be unsuccessful the District can still benefit from the two acres of additional spray fields.

Director Johnson also spoke in support of the Dog Park proposal. He commented that his only concern originally had been the possibility of aggressive interplay between dogs, but that the FGDP had adequately addressed that concern. Director Johnson explained that he would hesitate to turn responsibility for maintenance of GCSD owned property over to a non-elected private group. Director Johnson argued that costs would not be great, and that the administration of District property should only be managed by the District.

President Lennen communicated his belief that the Groveland Dog Park is great idea. President Lennen suggested that a park is a sum total of its parts, and that no one part is universally used by everyone. Since tax dollars pay for the park, President Lennen argued that it is our job to put things in the park that will appeal to many different kinds of people, and that different people will enjoy different aspects of the park.

President Lennen moved, seconded by Director Johnson, and the motion passed to authorize expenditure of District funds to the extent that they are necessary to obtain CEQA documentation for the North Side Community Services Area, and to direct Staff to return the CEQA documentation to the Board for review.

*Ayes: Lennen, Gray, Allegri, Johnson. Noes: Perreira.*

***Award Kennedy/Jenks Consultants a Task Order to Complete California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Documentation for Wastewater Treatment Plant Regulatory Compliance Projects and Authorize the General Manager to Execute the Task Order with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants.***

District Engineer Randy Klaahsen presented this item to the Board explaining that in June 2008 the Board had approved the recommendation to hire annual consultants. The staff then requested a task order proposal from Kennedy/Jenks (KJ) to provide CEQA documentation for multiple wastewater treatment plant regulatory compliance projects, including lining Reservoir 1, building a biosolids containment structure, and upgrading the spray field irrigation system. KJ provided a scope and cost for the CEQA documentation that the staff feels reasonable, in the amount of \$10,000.00. Because the project borderlines the General Manager's approval authority, staff has decided to obtain approval from the Board of Directors before proceeding.

*Director Gray moved, seconded by Director Johnson, and the motion passes unanimously to award Kennedy/Jenks Consultants a task order to complete California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation for wastewater treatment plant regulatory compliance projects and authorize the General Manager to execute the task order with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants.*

***Consider Adoption of Section 600—Facilities Development, as the District’s Comprehensive Set of Policies and Procedures Regarding the Processing and Evaluation by the District of Developers/Owners Requests to use GCSD Services***

The Board completed its review of Section 600-Facilities Development and decided to adopt it in its entirety as Resolution 8-08, to be adopted by Ordinance at a later date with the District Operational Policies and Procedures Manual.

*Director Perreira moved, seconded by Director Gray, and the motion passed unanimously to adopt Resolution 8-08.*

**Information Items**

***Staff Reports***

***A. General Manager’s Comments***

General Manager Jim Goodrich gave the Board an update on on-going District projects. The basketball court is almost complete. All that remains to be done is the striping, which should be completed this week. He also informed the Board that the County’s plans for the Groveland Youth Center (including a scaled down version of the original building) seem to be on track for this fall.

General Manager Goodrich was also pleased to announce the arrival of wireless Internet access in Mary Laveroni Community Park. Following a donation of all necessary equipment and installation costs, wireless Internet access has been made available in the Park by way the of the Fire Department server. Some members of the public voiced concern that this new service could possibly reduce the speed of the Fire Department’s existing Internet service, but were assured that in the event of an emergency, the service to the Park could be slowed or disconnected to provide more bandwidth to the Fire Department. Mr. Goodrich explained that this service would be made available to vendors wishing to take credit card payments via the Internet at the Annual ‘49er Festival and Chili Cook-Off.

***B. Engineering and O&M Reports***

District Engineer Randy Klaahsen informed the Board that Chevron Energy Solutions had recently toured the District’s facilities and provided some valuable ideas regarding possible areas of analysis for the energy study. He also informed the Board that Ford Construction is currently working on a preliminary punch list of items concerning the Alternative Water Supply Treatment Plant (AWSTP), and is nearing completion. Mr. Klaahsen announced that he will be meeting with Joe Powell, General Manager of Pine Mountain Lake Association, within the week to discuss a permanent site for the AWSTP in the PMLA maintenance yard.

***C. District Counsel Comments***

District Counsel Dave McMurchie congratulated the District on being chosen as the recipient of the McMurchie Excellence in Safety Award for the Workers’ Compensation program by the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA). He noted that there are 375 special districts in this pool and that to be chosen as the large district recipient is commendable.

***Adjournment***

Director Allegri moved, and the motion was seconded by Director Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

APPROVED:

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Richard Lennen, President

ATTEST:

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Vicki L. West, Board Secretary