

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
GROVELAND, CALIFORNIA
November 9, 2009
9:00 a.m.**

The Board of Directors of Groveland Community Services District met in regular session on the above mentioned date with Directors John Graham, Vice President, Dick Lennen and Steve Perreira being present. Also present were General Manager Jim Goodrich, District Engineer Randy Klaahsen, District Treasurer Vicki West and Board Secretary Lena Spilman. Absent: Directors Wes Johnson and Gus Allegri, and Fire Chief Shane Warner.

District Counsel Dave McMurchie joined the meeting by teleconference

Director Graham called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda Approval

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

Public Comment

A member of the public inquired as to why staff has time to dedicate to the redesign of the District's website, when they do not have time to send out a draft agenda prior to the distribution of the final agenda the week before the Board meetings.

A member of the public expressed concern over the fact that instead of reducing costs, the District has been hiring and/or promoting new employees. General Manager Jim Goodrich responded that the District had in fact eliminated one position during the fiscal year, and that in addition, the employees had received neither merit nor cost of living increases in 2009.

A member of the public inquired as to the District's policy regarding the reporting of employee use of on-call vehicles. Mr. Goodrich explained the District's policy, but assured the public and the Board that he would have the District's auditors investigate the issue further.

Action Items

Consent Calendar

Director Perreira asked that the minutes be removed from the consent calendar.

Director Lennen moved, seconded by Director Graham, and the motion passed unanimously to approve the amended consent calendar.

Absent: Directors Johnson and Allegri

A. Waive Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions except by Title

Consider Approving the Minutes of the August 10, 2009 Regular Board Meeting

Director Perreira requested that on page 5, paragraph 4, the following text be added:

“Director Perreira asked Mr. Klaahsen when the District should begin the process of water line replacements. Mr. Klaahsen responded that he would recommend that they begin the process immediately, giving highest priority to those areas in greatest need. This way, Mr. Klaahsen explained, the replacements could be completed slowly over many years.”

*Director Lennen moved, seconded by Director Perreira, and the motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2009 regular Board meeting, as amended.
Absent: Directors Johnson and Allegri*

Approve Categorical Exemption for Dog Park Project and Direct Staff to File the Notice of Exemption with the Tuolumne County Clerk

General Manager Jim Goodrich presented this item to the Board. He explained that on August 10, 2009, the Board of Directors approved the Initial Study for the Dog Park Project and approved the project. When the Notice of Determination was filed with the County Clerk, the Clerk required a Fish and Game filing fee of \$1,993. As this amount was not budgeted, staff returned to the Board for approval before paying the fee. The Board requested that a letter be sent to Fish and Game requesting that the fee be waived. On October 12th, the District was contacted by a representative of Fish and Game and informed that they would support a Categorical Exemption for this project.

Mr. Goodrich explained that the project has already been approved, and that the item now before the Board is the approval of the Categorical Exemption. He stated that once the Categorical Exemption is approved, it will be filed with the County Clerk for a 30-day challenge period. After 35 days, the District can proceed with the project.

*Director Lennen moved, seconded by Director Graham, and the motion passed unanimously to approve the Categorical Exemption for the Dog Park Project and direct staff to file the Notice of Exemption with the Tuolumne County Clerk.
Absent: Directors Johnson and Allegri*

Information Items

Status of Water and Sewer Projects

General Manager Jim Goodrich explained that a request was submitted by Director Perreira to present the Board with an update on the status of the District’s water and sewer projects for which the LaSalle bonds were sold. Mr. Goodrich presented information to the Board regarding the cost and status of various projects, and received questions from both the Board and members of the public.

Staff Reports

A. General Manager’s Comments

None

B. Engineer’s Report

Mr. Klaahsen explained that there was not a construction management report this month, but offered to answer any questions.

Director Perreira asked several questions regarding the on-call procedures, and whether many of the call-outs are persistent problems. Mr. Klaahsen responded that many of the alarms that

trigger a call-out to the on-call employee are simply communications failures, but that staff has been working to solve this problem. He explained that certain locations do experience a higher volume of communications issues, but that it is improving.

C. Fire Department Report

Firefighter Drew Collier presented to the Board. Firefighter Collier explained that Chief Warner had asked him to brief the Board and members of the public on the status of the new fire engine. He explained that the engine is currently undergoing minor repairs and several installations, including the installation of the custom swing out door built by Assistant Chief Burdick. Firefighter Collier stated that the new engine would be in service in 3-5 weeks, depending on the length of time it takes to receive various parts.

Director Perreira asked for clarification on an item in Chief Warner's report regarding gate access in Pine Mountain Lake. Firefighter Collier responded that there have been some access issues for mutual aid responders, but that generally there is not a problem.

A member of the public asked a question regarding the use of District resources for strike teams. Firefighter Collier responded that the Fire Department is compensated for all expenses. General Manager Goodrich stated that the Groveland Fire Department has earned approximately \$35,000 for its strike team deployments.

Firefighter Collier continued with his report to the Board, noting that Firefighter Chris Goodnight has taken a lead role in redeveloping the Tioga High School ROP program. He explained that the ROP firefighters are held to the same standard as professional firefighters, and have now received sufficient training to participate in ride-alongs for calls within the District. While the program aims to teach basic firefighting skills, it also seeks to promote life skills with an emphasis on preparation for life after high school. Firefighter Collier stated that the Groveland Fire Department is currently the only Department within Tuolumne County to offer an ROP program, and that they hope to eventually develop it into a county-wide program.

Gloria Marler, a member of the Big Oak Flat Groveland Unified School District Board of Trustees, commended the Fire Department for their work with the ROP students. She noted that when the students presented to the School Board, she was very impressed with their maturity and preparation.

D. District Counsel's Comments

None

Directors Comments

Director Perreira commended staff for following through with the Department of Fish and Game, and achieving a great outcome for the District.

Adjournment

Director Lennen moved, seconded by Director Perreira, and the motion passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 am.

APPROVED:

John Graham, Vice-President

ATTEST:

Lena Spilman, Board Secretary