

**Occidental Community Services District  
Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2021**

Call to order at 7:01pm.

**Public Comment:** Diane Masura reported that a webcam at zero cost is available and they just need a location to put it up.

Approval of minutes for January 12, 2021 was made by **Gonnella/Martin, VOTE: 5-0**

Warrants were approved by **Gonnella/Brown, VOTE: 5-0** with the addition of an invoice for Communications Services.

#### **FIRE**

Chief Lunardi reported 24 calls for January, and trying to staff the station more. He went on to say the station has never looked better. Our response times have seen a significant improvement and all the equipment is being checked on a regular basis. He went on to share that he is looking into a Type 6 engine and seeking a proposal to replace our Type 3.

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-01, designating applicant's agent for a non state agency was made by Gonnella/Brown, 4-0-1 (abstain – Lunardi). This resolution was a redo from 2019 to clarify the name of the organization as Occidental CSD omitting Occidental Volunteer Fire from the resolution.

#### **WATER**

Water loss was down to 4.6% for January. Loss of 27,189 gallons was due to a leak. RRU is billing the customer. Also, with the new SCADA in place they were able to detect a leak in town on February 7, appearing to be between 10-4pm. Conversation turned to Alliance Redwoods and questions, for example of who is responsible for change orders surfaced during construction. It was suggested that these types of issues be discussed prior to any agreement. Further discussion took place about hydrants and the use of, especially after dark.

Clerk was asked to place Camp Meeker Agreement on agenda for next month as well as Alliance Redwoods. It seems if Alliance was to upgrade now, they will save some money.

Discussion took place regarding the SCADA system, and also that a meeting needed to be set up with Alliance.

#### **COMMUNITY**

Discussion about the fire website took place and Director Schmitt is finding it simply isn't up to date. Discussion turned to the community council website and Fawn suggested since resources are scarce, we combine resources. Clerk was asked to place the website on the agenda for next month as an action item.

In regard to fire mitigation, Chief Lunardi sent Director Schmitt a copy of the Cal Fire Strategic Plan. He expressed concern about various entities competing for the same grant monies. Director Schmitt asked what the priorities area and who is doing what. The county is asking about road paving and brush removal for evacuation routes. Chief Lunardi stated he would work on a fire mitigation plan if that is what the board wants rather than follow Cal Fire. The Chief will also reach out to our neighboring districts and as if they have their own plan or are falling back on Cal Fire.

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Fawn asked if the agenda could add an agenda item of “community organizations” or something similar where our board packets can include reports from the various organizations as kind of an auto update every month.

Clerk announced openings with LAFCO and CSDA if anyone is interested.

Discussion turned to bathrooms and the need for public ones in our town. Fawn feels OCSD should be the requestor of funds for bathrooms in our community. Diana stated the Community Council has been picking up the cost of a porta-potty at about \$160 a month. Fawn feels this is a public safety issue and feels the community services district should be taking the lead on this. President Lunardi stated OCSD doesn’t have funds for a bathroom or upkeep, but the county has a history of providing public bathrooms and OCSD would support that.

Director Martin mentioned talking to the county and they continue to refuse to not maintain the parking lot.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

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Ray Lunardi, President  
March 9, 2021

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Melissa Freeman, Clerk