

**Occidental Community Services District
Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2021**

Call to order at 7:03pm. Director Brown and Gonnella absent. Director Gonnella joined us just after the warrants.

Public Comment: Diane Masura asked on behalf of some people at the Fire Safe Occidental meeting what was happening with the resetting of the siren to high/low. Chief Lunardi is working on it. He stated the siren was to alert volunteers of a call, as the siren wouldn't reach the entire town, and should not be relied on completely for public notice of a fire due to its limited range.

Motion to pass minutes as presented by **Schmitt/Martin, VOTE: 3-0-2**

Motion to pass warrants with the addition of payments with possible amendment to RRU for XIO quarterly billing was made by **Schmitt/Martin, VOTE: 3-0-2**

FIRE

Chief Lunardi reported 41 calls for July. Discussion took place about camera placement, which is still being considered for a few different locations. Chief Lunardi reported that we have one engine at the St. Helena station, and a wet hire (one engine and three crew) on a fire in Santa Rosa that should be getting cleaned up at that moment. Director Schmitt asked about staffing and offering to do anything to assist. Chief Lunardi stated things were going fine, that we reach for a two crew a day coverage, 7am to 5pm. We are currently backfilling openings as some of our guys are out on fires. We recently had a Graton firefighter fulfill our open shift. All departments are experiencing a thin crew due to many on the Dixie fire.

Greg from RRU inquired about the grant to assist with structural hardening. Chief Lunardi explained the county comes out and gives direction, then it's the land owner's responsibility to have the work done, pay for the work, then the county comes back and inspects and ultimately rebates the land owner up to a certain designated dollar amount. This grant is run through Fire Safe Occidental.

WATER

Correspondence included copy of article from Press Democrat, courtesy of Bill Wadsworth. No water issues. Camp Meeker R&P decided to install the pump and motor after 8 months, but something was wrong with it, so it is back on the schedule to be fixed and up and running. It appears we have had a noticeable reduction in water use of just over 20% from June to July. It was also noted that Alliance Redwoods has started their project.

COMMUNITY

No correspondence.

Discussion took place about parking. Kitty Brown expressed she is not in favor of the one way street. There was a neighborhood meeting earlier in the evening regarding the situation of the Inn working towards changing the street to one way, to help meet their parking needs. There was participation from the County at the meeting as well. They will continue to work on resolutions as a group to address everyone's needs.

Director Martin inquired where the porta potty should go. After discussion, Director Martin will designate a location and we will see how it goes and move it if necessary.

Meeting adjourned 7:58pm.