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**LOS OLIVOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
GRANTS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

Posted: 12-14-2023

December 22, 2023 – 8:30 AM

**St Mark's in the Valley Episcopal Church
2901 Nojoqui Ave, Los Olivos CA 93441**

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Subcommittee Members: Vice President Kennedy (Chair), Director Parks, and General Manager Guy Savage

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MEETING AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Kennedy calls the meeting to order at: 8:34 AM

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice President Kennedy, Director Parks, General Manager Savage

Absent: None

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address the Board of Directors on any items of interest within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Board but not on the agenda today (Gov. Code - 54954.3). The public may also request future agenda topics at this time. Speakers are limited to a maximum of 3 minutes. Due to the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Board of Directors cannot take action today on any matter not on the agenda, but a matter raised during Public Comments can be referred to District staff for discussion and possible action at a future meeting.

Vice President Kennedy opens the floor to public comment.

No requests to speak.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

All matters listed hereunder constitute an administrative / consent agenda and will be acted upon by a single vote of the Board. Matters listed on the Consent Agenda will be read only on the request of a member of the Subcommittee, in which event the matter may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item. Public may comment on any of the items prior to the vote being taken by the Subcommittee.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the minutes from November 20, 2023.

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Vice President Kennedy opens the floor to public comment.

No comments.

Motion to approve minutes from November 20, 2023.

Motion by: Director Parks, Second: Director Kennedy

Voice vote: 3-0

BUSINESS ITEMS:

All matters listed hereunder will be acted upon separately and public comment will be held for each item. As a Subcommittee of the full Board of Directors, Business Items may include one or more recommendations for further discussion or action at a full Board of Directors meeting.

5. CONSIDERATION OF GRANT OPTIONS AND SUBMITTALS FOR FUNDS FROM THE 2024 WATER RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT ACT (WRDA), CONSISTENT WITH LOCS D RESOLUTION 23-07

On Monday, December 11, 2023, the District was notified by Congressman Carbajal's office that a funding opportunity is available through the 2024 Water Resources and Development Act (WRDA). Consistent with LOCS D Resolution 23-07, the Grants Subcommittee will consider options and submittals of grant requests on behalf of the LOCS D. The discussion is anticipated to result in one or more actual submittals being made to Representative Carbajal by the January 5, 2024 deadline. All submissions will be brought back to the full Board of Directors for ratification at its next Regular meeting (likely January 10, 2024).

GM Savage introduces the item. He provides a few examples of potential grant opportunities. He essentially offers four activities and amounts for potential grant requests:

1. Groundwater sampling and testing - \$12,500
2. Assessment Engineer report - \$50,000
3. Environmental Impact Report (EIR) - \$150,000
4. 60% Design – collection, treatment, disposal - \$300,000

He reminds the subcommittee that there is no restriction about putting in more than one request.

Vice President Kennedy opens the floor to public comment.

Anna Marie Gott speaks.

Director Parks and GM Savage discuss when the funding will be received, timelines for expenditure, and so on. GM Savage noting that the District is nowhere near construction, so asking for construction funds at this time would probably not be appropriate. The subcommittee discusses what would fall under the Corps of Engineers direct jurisdiction. Chair Kennedy comments about submitting two grant requests – one for \$162,500 (groundwater sampling coupled with EIR) and another for \$300,000 (60% design). The subcommittee discusses various timing District activities, strategy for submitting grant requests, and how the back/forth with the Congressman's office might go.

Vice President Kennedy reopens the floor to public comment.

Anna Marie Gott speaks.

The subcommittee further discusses approaches to making grant requests, combining amounts, grant request amounts, and prioritization of requests. GM Savage notes that the monitoring of the requests will be an on-going activity.

Direction is given to the GM to put together two grant proposals, and prioritize them as follows:

1. \$300,000 for 60% Design
2. \$162,500 for EIR (\$150,000) and groundwater sampling (\$12,500)

The subcommittee agrees to reconvene on either December 28 or January 2 (10 AM) to review the draft grant proposals. GM Savage agrees to reach out to St. Mark's to determine room availability.

Due to timing of subsequent meetings, the subcommittee tables the remaining items until a future meeting.

6. STATUS UPDATE FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WATER RECYCLING FUNDING (WRF) AND COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (EHS) GRANTS

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The Subcommittee will discuss the District's two outstanding grants:

1. State of California Water Recycling Funding (WRF) planning grant in an amount of \$150,000 (to be disbursed in two tranches each of \$75,000) and
2. County of Santa Barbara Environmental Health Services (EHS) grant to install three new groundwater monitoring wells and testing of the three new wells, plus the testing of the District's two existing wells; in an amount up to \$121,445.

7. DISCUSSION OF WATER FX (WFX) PROPOSAL

The Subcommittee will discuss and consider making a recommendation on the attached engagement proposal and resolutions. As part of its submittal to the District, WFX also included a link to a water related video: <https://youtu.be/I5cH6sm77-l> that may be discussed. The WFX proposal was previously discussed at the Subcommittee's July 2023 and November 2023 meetings. At the full Board of Directors meeting on August 24, 2023, the Board of Directors provided direction to staff to, "work with the Grants Committee and WFX on the engagement letter and resolution and bring them back in September."

8. DISCUSSION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GRANT PLAN

The Subcommittee will discuss the development of a plan for funding known, future District activities. Discussion may include, but will not be limited to, potential grant opportunities that can be targeted for each activity, assignments related to pursuing grant opportunities, grant email lists, and existing meetings of other agencies where grants are discussed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

All matters listed hereunder are informational only, no action will be taken, and public comment not received.

9. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Subcommittee members will give reports on any meetings that they attended on behalf of the Subcommittee and/or choose to comment on various Subcommittee activities. Subcommittee member requests for future agenda items may also be made at this time.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The subcommittee tabled items 6-9 until a future meeting.

Motion to adjourn at: 9:17 AM.

Motion by: Director Parks, second: GM Savage

Voice vote 3-0

Respectfully submitted:



Guy W. Savage
General Manager – Los Olivos Community Services District

Approved:

Chair – Vice-President Julie Kennedy