

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the  
PAUMA VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT (PVCSD)

Held on February 24, 2020

Directors Present: William Schultz, Bill Jacobs, Heidi Person and Laurie Kariya;  
Directors Absent: Sam Logan  
Also Present: Residents Charles Mathews, and Thomas Cerruti, General Manager Bobby  
Graziano, Jeff Pape of Dudek, Office Manager Amber Watkins, and  
Administrative Assistant Marissa Fehling

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- 2.1 Call to Order: Regular meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Vice President Schultz.
- 2.2 Open for Public Comments: Cerruti requested that his name be removed from a statement made in section 1.2 of the January 27, 2020 minutes; Jacobs provided a corrected statement regarding the land that needed to be cleared. Mathews questioned if PVCSD had reached out to the property owners regarding getting the land cleaned up. Graziano informed that he reached out to both property owners of said land and was informed that weed abatements are completed annually by one owner. Graziano has yet to hear back from the other property owner. Mathews requested an update on SGMA. Graziano informed that it is still in a holding pattern since January. He then informed that as it stands today the GSA will not go forward and that a JPA will likely be setup in the near future. Graziano reported that there was a recent meeting between Amy Reeh of Yuima and the local pumpers which consisted of questions and answer session regarding the grants. Graziano informed that Yuima has a Request for Proposal (RFP) out for new legal counsel and a decision will be made in March. Mathews questioned who is to be a part of the JPA. Graziano informed it would likely be; Yuima, PVCSD, PMWD, and the Upper San Luis Rey Resource Conservation District. Mathews inquired what PVCSD's position would be if the agency forms a JPA and if Rancho Pauma Mutual Water Company should replace it. Graziano informed that the topic has not been formerly discussed at this point but assured that it would be as the JPA forms. Mathews questioned where this now leaves the timeline and what the arrangement is between the State and water agencies since it seems likely to be late. Graziano informed that even with the delays they are still in the 12-month window and believes there is enough time available to get a JPA formed, and a GSP completed by January 31, 2022. Graziano noted even if some entities refuse to provide data on pumping the engineering firm can study historic aerial photos to determine water use. Graziano asked the Board if with respect to the Wiskon Way West brow ditch system if they would like to remove the straw waddles once the hillside regrows. Pape informed that the straw waddles would eventually rot away and then PVCSD can go in and clean up and remove the remaining parts of them. He added that leaving the straw waddles would not hurt although it may be a good idea to try to remove them before they rot on their own. Graziano informed the Board that the week prior he and Cerruti walked Subdivision 3 and showed the Board an aerial image of a road behind the brow ditches on some of the properties. He informed that once they clear the brush on the road he doesn't believe additional grading will be necessary in that area. Graziano believes the existing easements to reach the catch basins could be a conduit for access to the brow ditches. This would need to be reviewed with Pape. Graziano informed that PVCSD would soon reach out to homeowners in a formal way to request easements as needed. Pape mentioned that if homeowners do not allow access PVCSD cannot legally access the brow ditch behind the property. Of additional note Graziano informed that Cerruti is working with the county regarding Pauma Heights in efforts to eliminate the culvert that drops water behind his home. Cerruti informed that he hired an engineer to investigate whether the culvert can be permanently removed since the water ultimately ends up in CSD's drainage further down.
- 2.3 Approval of Previous Minutes:  
a. Special Meeting of February 14, 2020- Jacobs made a correction to the language in section 2.4 Kariya motioned to adopt the Special meeting minutes of February 14, 2020 with the corrections requested herein; seconded by Schultz and unanimously adopted.

2.4 Security Report:

a. Daily Activity Report- Jacobs inquired on the new gate attendants start date. Graziano informed that staff would email this information for accuracy. Kariya questioned who he replaced. Graziano informed that one of the gate attendants had been previously terminated and gave a brief explanation of the new employees work history and added that he was so far doing a good job. Person questioned if anyone in Patrol has talked to the Community Church regarding false alarms. Kariya informed that it is now North Coast Church and the new Pastor might still be getting settled in and getting familiar with the alarm system. Jacobs requested staff to be more detailed when reporting gate issues. Person mentioned that gate attendants should be following up on manual openings. Graziano informed that there is often technical issues and questioned at what point should the District start over with a new system. Graziano informed he will follow up with security and request feedback on the Community Church false alarm issue.

b. Gate Penalty Assessment Report- Presented for review.

2.5 Financial Report:

a. Review of BS, P&L as of 1/31/2020 – Cash Assets as of 1/31/2020 reflect \$978,126, Accounts Receivable of \$73,756 and Accounts Payable of \$15,890. Person inquired on whether a customer made a payment on their account; Watkins informed that payment was received. Watkins reported that a check in the amount of \$16,000 was received from the property taxes. Watkins informed that the group health expense was higher due to HRA cash outs since balances reset as of 1/1/20; office expenses show an increase due to new computers being purchased for the office. The operating systems were outdated and was no longer supported by our accounting software.

b. Accounts Receivable – Watkins reported that the first half of 2019 delinquent tax roll payments were received, all but one property made payment. Person inquired on the bottom number on the aging report; Watkins explained it was the current outstanding balance as of today. Kariya questioned whether finance charges were applied; Watkins informed they were. Jacobs motioned to adopt the financial report as presented, seconded by Kariya and unanimously adopted.

2.6 Operations and Discussion Items

a. Patrol Officer Equipment: Graziano reported that the patrol officers' job does not require lethal force and that the primary job function is to observe and report. Graziano gave ideas of switching to tasers to protect themselves; noting that having lethal force as an option is a huge responsibility for a young individual with zero law enforcement experience and making between \$18 and \$20.54 per hour. He continued to express that he does not see the need for the level of force that comes with a handgun and the permanent consequences of using such a weapon. He advised it was not in the best interest of the District or the public to have patrol officers carry handguns. He remarked that if a bullet needs to be fired at a perpetrator it would better if CHP, or the Sheriff were the ones doing so. Graziano stated he is in favor of the patrol officers having the ability to protect themselves and the public, but with non-lethal force. Schultz informed that he spoke to about 15 different people in the community regarding this topic and all, but one person was shocked at the fact that our patrol officers carry guns and feel they should be removed. Person inquired on the hiring process and that the District should only hire individuals qualified to carry handguns. Person also stating this topic has never been an issue in the past. Person added that she feels they should be wearing them on their belt and not down near their thigh or knee. Pape stated that the type of individual the District would need to hire to don handguns and not be unnecessary liability for the District and public would be \$40-50 / hr. Pape suggested retired law enforcement would need to fill this role. Graziano continued to state he sees it as a huge responsibility having our officers armed. Shooting someone would be a huge consequence for them and the district, adding that just a heated interchange between a member of the public and an armed patrol officer can

result in someone being dead or seriously injured. Graziano informed that he is aware that hiring people with the right experience can change this issue. Person stated that employees with the correct training feel no pressure to carry a handgun. Jacobs added that if PVCSD chooses to continue with carrying handguns employees with the right training and experience should be hired. Jacobs added that the discussion should not be what certain individuals prefer, but more about what the stats show what the community warrants. He added that in his opinion the community's risk level does not warrant the need of lethal force. Graziano informed that this issue came to mind after thinking about the hiring and promotion process for patrol officers in our district. Mathews commented that maybe the community is so safe today due to the fact that it is known that our patrol officers carry handguns. He also mentioned that there are high crime rates just outside of the district. Kariya added that there are lots of drugs outside of the community and it is very well known that this community is armed. Graziano stated the district takes a gamble hiring younger individuals with zero law enforcement background. He added that our patrol officers are trained to call the police if they come across any situation where there is danger to the public. He further remarked that our patrol officers are trained to not engage any criminal, or try and be a hero. Their sole focus is to gather information and call 911. Person stated that the hiring process needs to be reviewed. Cerruti questioned whether a previous captain carried a handgun when he was employed with PVCSD. Person informed that he did. Jacobs stated that if we want to keep the handguns for our patrol officers we need to hire and pay for the right staff. He added that in his opinion they are not needed if supplemented with tasers and/or K-9's. Person inquired on how Supervisor of Security Albert would feel if we switched from handguns to tasers and whether PVCSD would be purchasing the tasers for them. Graziano informed that Albert was agreeable to the idea and that PVCSD would purchase the tasers for the patrol officers. Jacobs requested obtaining some type of statistics of crime and type of crime reporting for this area and suggested making a decision once we have these facts. Jacobs asked Kariya if she could gather some information from the Sheriff unit she works with. Graziano commented that he thought this was a good start. Mathews reported that PVCSD conducted a customer survey a few years ago and the majority voted in favor of handguns over K-9's for the community. Jacobs informed that he objects to getting a community vote on this topic. Mathews responded stating the community has the right to give their opinion. Graziano informed that the board would come to a decision at the next meeting.

b. County Response to Culvert Pipes: Graziano gave an update on correspondence with the county and shared an email from Jason Forga, DPW Unit Manager, Department of Public Works. Jason stated the County's position remained the same as it did in 2016 when the District inquired about the culvert pipes. The damaged section of culvert pipe is outside the road limits and the responsibility falls on the private land owner.

c. Insurance Claim from June 10, 2019 event- Graziano informed that he did a site walk with the Sr. Adjuster for the insurance carrier. All damage to the Tukwut drainage system was documented. Graziano followed up with a claim to the carrier.

## 2.7 Adjournment

a. The next meeting date is scheduled for March 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Upon a motion from Person, second by Schultz and unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

*Marissa Fehling*

Marissa Fehling, Recording Secretary