



CAYUCOS SANITARY DISTRICT

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J. Smith, Director
J. Clark, Director

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025 AT 5:00 P.M.
200 ASH AVENUE, CAYUCOS, CALIFORNIA 93430**

1. ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

President Enns called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Directors Present: President Robert Enns, Vice-President Shirley Lyon, Director John Curti, Director Justin Smith, and Director Joe Clark

Staff Present: Interim District Manager Will Clemens, Administrative Services Manager/Board Secretary Amy Lessi, and Administrative Accounting Manager Gayle Good

Guests Present: Cecily Majerus, Micah Buster, Aliah Meza, and Heather Harris of The Marine Mammal Center; David Athey

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Public Comment: None

Motion: By Director **Curti** to approve items on the Consent Calendar as prepared

Second: By Director **Clark**

Vote: 5-0 Motion passed

4. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Manager Clemens reviewed his Manager's Report, adding that the District will be exempt from the Surplus Land Act's requirements. In response to Director Curti's inquiry regarding Waste Connections' rate proposal application, Manager Clemens reminded the Board that the new rate-setting methodology includes annual rate adjustments. Director Smith asked about the cause of the Permeate Pump 2 Fail Alarms and Manager Clemens responded they were likely due to an electrical issue rather than the pump itself. A backup pump was ordered just in case, but subsequent issues have not occurred.

Public Comment: None

Item 4 was received and accepted (no Board action necessary).

5. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN RELATED TO A POTENTIAL GROUND LEASE FOR A PORTION OF THE WATER RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY (WRRF) PARCEL WITH THE MARINE MAMMAL CENTER

Representatives from the Marine Mammal Center (“MMC”) presented their preliminary site plan for the Board’s review and discussion. The Board requested revisions to the Conceptual Site Plan and invited the MMC to return for a secondary review at the January 2026 Regular Meeting.

Public Comment: Louise, a resident of Toro Creek Road, inquired about the status of the Cayucos-Morro Bay Cemetery District’s annexation and expressed concern regarding the increased traffic on Toro Creek Road if a new cemetery, beach access, campgrounds, and Marine Mammal Center are developed. She relayed that residents of Toro Creek Rd. want a stoplight on Highway 1. She also expressed concern regarding potential interspecies disease transfer between sick marine mammals and the native species of the Toro Creek Road area. President Enns responded that he’s unaware of the cemetery’s status, and that Cayucos Sanitary District has no authority regarding traffic control, but CalTrans or the County of San Luis Obispo might be able to help. Cecily Majerus noted that the MMC employs an epidemiologist who specializes in the prevention of disease transmission.

Item 5 was received (no Board action taken).

6. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES WITH WATER SYSTEMS CONSULTING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,317 AND A CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) EXEMPTION FOR THE CHANEY-TO-TORO PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Public Comment: None

Motion: By Director **Lyon** to approve an amendment to the Agreement for Consultant Services with Water Systems Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$38,317 for the Chaney-to-Toro Pipeline Replacement Project (“Project”)

Second: By Director **Clark**

Vote: 5-0 Motion passed

Motion: By Director **Smith** to find that the Project is exempt from Section 21000 et seq. of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA) and direct the District Manager to sign the Notice of Exemption and file with the County Clerk/Recorder and the State Clearinghouse

Second: By Director **Clark**

Vote: 5-0 Motion passed

7. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE 2025 CAYUCOS SANITARY DISTRICT INVESTMENT POLICY

Manager Clemens recommended revising Investment Policy #18, *Investment Policy Adoption*, to amend the language from “adopted by resolution of the Board of Directors” to “adopted by resolution or action of the Board of Directors.”

Public Comment: None

Motion: By Director **Curti** to approve the 2025 Cayucos Sanitary District Investment Policy and include the recommended revision

Second: By Director **Smith**

Vote: 5-0 Motion passed

8. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH DAVID ATHEY FOR THE POSITION OF DISTRICT MANAGER

Public Comment: None

Motion: By Director **Lyon** to appoint David Athey as District Manager and approve the Employment Agreement

Second: By Director **Curti**

Vote: 5-0 Motion passed

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

10. FUTURE SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- December 18, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting **CANCELLED**
- January 15, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting
- February 19, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:

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Amy Lessi
Administrative Services Manager/Board Secretary