

THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
CASTROVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
May 21, 2024

President Cosme Padilla called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Directors Present: President Cosme Padilla, Vice President Ron Stefani, Director James Cochran, and Director Greg MacMillan

Absent: Director Glenn Oania

General Manager: Eric Tynan

Secretary to the Board: Lidia Santos

Staff Present:

Guest: Mike McCullough, Director of External Affairs for Monterey One Water and Heidi Quinn, District Legal Counsel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Director James Cochran at the request of President Cosme Padilla.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA (motion item was attend to New Business item 7).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. A motion was made by Greg MacMillan and seconded by James Cochran to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024, Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	4	Directors:	Stefani, MacMillan, Cochran, and Padilla
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT PARTICIPATING:	1	Directors:	Oania

Consent Calendar accepted as presented

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Rincon to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding Lake or Streambed Alteration Notification for the Washington Street Trunk Line Bypass Project

Correspondence Calendar accepted as presented

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. The Northern Salinas Valley Watershed Restoration Plan (1007)
2. Monterey Bay Water Works Association, April 18, 2024, Training (Quality Control for Field Measurements) Hartnell College, Castroville Campus
3. North Monterey County Middle School is hosting its annual Career Day, April 18, 2024
4. North County Recreation & Park District hosting Castroville Community cleanup on Earth Day, Saturday, April 20, 2024, and Castroville in the Plaza, Saturday, May 18, 2024
5. Caltrans District 4 invites you to attend: The Moss Landing CAPM Project, Open House, Wednesday, April 17, 2024, Moss Landing Marine Labs 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Informational items accepted as presented

Director Glenn Oania arrives at 4:45 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Monterey One Water (M1W) is moving its billing for wastewater service to the County of Monterey Property Tax Bill and is will acquaint the Board and public with the procedure necessary for the Castroville Community Services District (District) to accomplish the transfer of Wastewater (Sewer) charges for the community of Moss Landing to the County Property Tax Bill and assist the District with the process. M1W to provide a community presentation and feedback – Mike McCullough, Director of External Affairs thanked the Board for the opportunity to explain the process of moving wastewater billing to the tax roll and the steps CCSD will need to follow. CCSD can collect wastewater fees on the property tax roll pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) Section 5473 *et seq.* Mr. McCullough discussed the implementation scheduled that will need to be followed for moving the wastewater billing to the tax roll and meet the deadline of August 1, 2024, for submittal to the County. He provided the Board with a handout that outlined the steps necessary to comply with moving wastewater billing for the community of Moss Landing to the tax roll. This handout can be viewed as an attachment to the May 21, 2024, board packet at www.castrovillecsd.org. The Board thanked him for attending the board meeting and the implementation schedule MIW is following for moving the wastewater billing to the tax roll.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Authorize General Manager J. Eric Tynan to send a letter to Monterey One Water affirming the Castroville Community Services District's intent to move the Districts billing for Wastewater (Sewer) charges to the County of Monterey property tax bill, prepare Annual Rate Report and set a public hearing for June 18, 2024 for the community of Moss Landing – General Manger Eric Tynan provided the Board with a memo which can be viewed on pages 28-29 of this board packet listing the reasons it would be beneficial for CCSD to also put the wastewater fee on the tax roll for the community of Moss Landing. His recommendation are for the Board to Direct the General Manager to send a letter to Monterey One Water confirming the District's intent to move the District's charges for wastewater collection for the community of Moss Landing to the County of Monterey's property tax bill and authorize him to carry out the tasks to accomplish the transfer by July 1, 2024. In addition, M1W will assist CCSD with moving the wastewater billing to the tax roll for 2024/2025. Pending Board approval, a copy of the draft letter that would be sent to M1W confirming the District's intent to move the District's charges for wastewater collection for the community of Moss Landing to the County of Monterey's property tax bill can be viewed on page 30 of this board packet. The other option would be that the District Board could decide to retain responsibility for billing and collections. Should the Board determine to retain responsibility for the billing and collection responsibility, additional costs would be incurred, but have not been estimated. After some discussion, a motion is made Ron Stefani and seconded by Glenn Oania to Authorize General Manager J. Eric Tynan to send a letter to Monterey One Water affirming the Castroville Community Services District's intent to move the Districts billing for Wastewater (Sewer) charges to the County of Monterey property tax bill, prepare Annual Rate Report and set a public hearing for June 18, 2024 for the community of Moss Landing. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	5	Directors:	Stefani, MacMillan, Cochran, Oania and Padilla
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT			
PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	

2. Consider and Approve Resolution No. 24-02 Ordering an Election, Requesting the County Elections Department to Conduct the Election, and Requesting Consolidation of the Election – Office Manager Lidia Santos informed the Board that four seats for the Castroville CSD Board of Directors are up for elections this November 5, 2024. Three Directors-4-year term (Stefani, Oania and Cochran) and One Director-2 year term (MacMillan). Resolution No. 24-02 Ordering an Election, Requesting the County Elections Department to Conduct the Elections, and Requesting Consolidation of the Election needs to

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be approved by the Board and submitted to Monterey County Elections Department. The Board determined that the Statement of Qualifications would be limited to two hundred words, the candidate will be responsible for paying the cost of publishing the Statement of Qualifications and in the event of a tie; the District would not conduct a special runoff election. A motion was made by Glenn Oania and seconded by Greg MacMillan to approve Resolution No. 24-02 Ordering an Election, Requesting County Elections to Conduct the Election, and Requesting Consolidation of the Election. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES: 5 Directors: Stefani, MacMillan, Cochran, Oania and Padilla
NOES: 0 Directors:
ABSENT/NOT
PARTICIPATING: 0 Directors:

3. Consider and Approve Service Agreement for the Provision of Election Services Between Castroville Community Services District and County of Monterey Department of Elections, November 5, 2024 – After some discussion, a motion is made by Ron Stefani and seconded by James Cochran to approve the Service Agreement for the Provision of Election Services Between Castroville Community Services District and County of Monterey Department of Elections, November 5, 2024. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES: 5 Directors: Stefani, MacMillan, Cochran, Oania and Padilla
NOES: 0 Directors:
ABSENT/NOT
PARTICIPATING: 0 Directors:

4. Receive North County Recreation and Park District request for funding, "Extended Recreation Services" for fiscal year 2024/2025 – General Manager Eric Tynan informed the Board of North County Recreation and Park District's request for funding, "Extended Recreation Services" for fiscal year 2024/2025 can be viewed on page 40 of this board packet. NCRPD is requesting \$114,000 a 3.6% increase from last year's \$110,000 (in line with CPI of 3.9%), and \$10,000 for funding the maintenance of Caltrans Clean California Project Pedestrian Overcrossing landscape features for a total of \$124,000. In addition, NCRPD still has \$95,000 funding that has been carried forward from previous years that is still in the Castroville Zone1-Governmental Fund. The Budget Committee also received and reviewed this request at the May 16, 2024, meeting.
5. Receive Preliminary 2024-25 Operating Budgets for Water (Castroville Zone 1), Sewer and Governmental (Castroville Zone 1), Sewer and Governmental (Moro Cojo, NMCHS, & Monte Del Lago Mobile Home Park Zone 2) and Sewer (Moss Landing Zone 3) and 5-year CIP – General Manager Eric Tynan and the Board reviewed and discussed all budget items and the CIP for the different funds, which can be viewed on pages 41-62 on this board packet. General Manager Eric Tynan reported to the Board that Castroville CSD has several big projects coming up, such as the deep well (Well #6). CIP for this project is being projected at \$1.8 million but may easily come in at \$2 million. Per the Budget Committee recommendations source of funding, \$2,000,000 for this project will come from LAIF Water accounts as this account earns the lowest interest rate. The District is looking for grants to fund these projects: Moss Landing Rehabilitation Project \$7.5 million, Washington Street Sewer Bypass Project \$3.5 million, and Well Site 4 with a new tank \$8 million. However, grants funds are not secured, and Castroville CSD will need to have funds available for these projects. General Manager Eric Tyan reviewed all the budgets along with capital improvements projects (CIP) slated for 2024/2025 and projected up until 2028. They also reviewed and discussed personnel wages and medical benefits which can be viewed on pages 63-67 of this board packet. The Budget & Personnel Committee: Directors Stefani and MacMillan reported to the Board that they had met on May 16, 2024, with the General Manager and discussed and reviewed the budgets and made their recommendations. The Budget & Personnel Committee are recommending a 3% wage increase for all staff for the cost of living with the exception of the Customer Service Representative, 6% wage increase. President Cosme

Padilla announced that the Customer Service Representative staff member is his niece and would feel more comfortable leaving the room for this discussion. District Legal Counsel stated that it was not required, however may do so if he feels more comfortable doing so. President Padilla steps out of the board meeting during this discussion at 5:21 p.m. General Manager Eric Tynan felt a 4% wage increase for the rest of the staff was more equitable as the cost of living is at 3.9%. General Manager Eric Tynan's memo, option 2 with his proposed 4% wage increase for all staff with the exception of the Customer Service Representative receiving a 6% wage increase can be viewed on page 64 of this board packet. Vice President Stefani stated the Board will consider the 4% wage increase for all staff except for the Customer Service Representative receiving a 6% wage increase President Cosme Padilla returned to the meeting at 5:25 p.m. The District will remain with PERS Platinum in 2025 for the employee's monthly health care coverage. The Budget & Personnel Committee also discussed with the Board to consider approving the funding to the NCRPD \$124,000 for Extended Recreation Services and \$95,000 that was carried forward for Capital Improvement funds for their Sports Complex Improvement and Rehabilitation project. Total allocated to NCRPD \$219,000 for fiscal year 2024/2025. Vice President Ron Stefani stated that Castroville Zone 1-Sewer is doing well due to ad valorem property taxes. With the value of homes continually rising, property taxes have gone up every year. For this reason, Castroville CSD revenue for ad valorem property taxes continues to increase. The CIP report lays out the anticipated total operating expenses and Capital Improvement Projects for each year and at the end it still leaves a surplus of funds due to the increase in property values. These funds should be used and not put in the bank. Furthermore, we are all aware the State is facing a severe budget deficit and is concerned the State may shift these property taxes away from local governments and the State use these funds instead, which has been done in the past. He would like this District to have a strategic plan that focuses and lays out the direction of the Board for this District. General Manager Eric Tynan stated that the CIP provide this information as well. Final adoption of the budgets will not be made until the June 18, 2024, regularly scheduled board meeting.

6. Discussion on celebration of the community mural on the Castroville Pedestrian Crosswalk by artist Guillermo Aranda – General Manager Eric Tyan let the Board know that had spoken with Corby with Caltrans regarding the Pedestrian Bridge Enhancement/Improvement Project. Caltrans contracted with Hoseley Corporation and First Night Monterey to do the murals. The murals are being painted on the west side and east side pedestrian bridge. Once the project is completed by the muralist and the landscaping by Hoseley Construction, Caltrans plans to have a community celebration of this project with local and state representatives in attendance and more than willing to collaborate with Castroville CSD for this event. Vice President Ron Stefani stated he would like to see a picture of the landscaping improvements to be made. He would also like to see all contracts Castroville CSD has signed with Caltrans and just wanted Castroville CSD to take this opportunity to acknowledge the artist, Guillermo Aranda. Members of the community are pleased with this project thus far and he feels this was a missed opportunity for the District to be part of. General Manager Eric Tynan reminded the Board that this Board tried to have a mural painted at this site, but Caltrans would not approve it. As mentioned before, General Manager Eric Tynan stated CCSD will continue to be responsible for the maintenance of the pedestrian bridge and North County Recreation and Park District has agreed to maintain the parklets that will be placed at each end of the pedestrian bridge. Furthermore, the District is funding NCRPD to upkeep the parklets.
7. Consider and Adopt Castroville Community Services District, Workplace Violence Prevention Plan – Office Manager Lidia Santos informed the Board that most California employers will need to have their Workplace Violence Prevention Plan in place by July 1, 2024. The plan can be viewed on page 68-92 of this board packet. A copy will be made available to each employee once adopted. A motion is made by Ron Stefani and seconded by Greg MacMillan to adopt the Castroville Community Services District, Workplace Violence Prevention Plan. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	5	Directors:	Stefani, MacMillan, Cochran, Oania and Padilla
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT			
PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	

8. Consider and Approve proposal from Teichert Constructions for water line replacement, not to exceed \$135,230 – General Manager Eric Tynan reported to the Board the District requires trenching, installation and backfill of certain water services lines (“Project”) that were budgeted to be completed at a cost of approximately \$185,000. The County of Monterey (“County”) engaged in a competitive bidding process for construction services related to road, bridge, and sidewalk improvements (“Road and Bridges Work”) and selected Teichert Construction in August 2023. The District’s water service lines are adjacent to, or associated with, the Road and Bridges Work being performed by Teichert Construction. Teichert Construction has been performing the Roads and Bridges Work for the County, and as part of these improvements is uniquely positioned and qualified to perform the District’s Project concurrently with such work. General Manager Eric Tynan has determined that the highly specialized work associated with the Project, the necessity to coordinate with Contractor for the County’s Road and Bridges Work, and the economic efficiencies in performing the work of the District and County concurrently requires a distinctly qualified company to render the Project services required. Teichert Construction submitted a proposal for the Project for an amount not to exceed \$135.230, which can be viewed on pages 93-97 of this board packet. Resolution No. 2024-03, Approving Proposal from Teichert Construction for Water Service Line Replacement in an Amount not to Exceed \$135,230 (Exhibit A) and the Sole Source Justification (Exhibit B) can be viewed as an attachment to the board packet. District Legal Counsel Heidi Quinn prepared the resolution and sole source justification. Nick Panofsky with MNS Engineers arrives at the board meeting at 5:39 p.m. Per the request of the General Manager. Mr. Panofsky stated that this was a terrific way to go as there are significant cost savings going this route and he supports the recommendation made by General Manager Eric Tynan. After some discussion, a motion is made by Ron Stefani and seconded by Glenn Oania to approve Resolution No. 2024-03, Approving Proposal from Teichert Construction for Water Service Line Replacement in an Amount not to Exceed \$135,230 (Exhibit A) and the Sole Source Justification (Exhibit B). The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	5	Directors:	Stefani, MacMillan, Cochran, Oania and Padilla
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Update on Well levels – General Manager Eric Tynan reported to the Board that the well levels graph from January 2018 to present can be viewed on page 98 of this board packet. The well levels during the winter came up quite a bit, including Well #5 and are now starting to decline due to the farmers pumping their wells for the agriculture season. As mentioned before, the bubblers give a direct calculation of well levels. The District continues to monitor the chloride levels of all the wells. Well #3 is not pumping and the motor is not hooked up. A desalter is being considered for Well #3.
2. Update on the status of the **Moss Landing Wastewater System Rehabilitation Project** – General Manager Eric Tynan stated the current project status can be viewed on page 99 of this board packet and he will turn it over to Nick Panofsky with MNS Engineers to provide an update. MNS submitted a construction grant application to CWSFR for project funding and are continuing to work with Matt Chambers to respond to RFIs. Mr. Panofsky mentioned, due to budget constraints, MNS has not billed the District for grant work. The continuing follow-up work on this grant will be billed to their general support services contract. Also, MNS/Rincon submitted the Coastal Development Permit Application. This process is anticipated to be completed by August 2024. Reimbursement from the Clean Water Small Communities Planning Grant in the amount of \$118,456 has been requested and approved for reimbursement to CCSD. General Manager Eric Tynan stated that the property owner next to the land acquisition purchased by for Lift Station 1 has encroached on the property believing a section of it was his. He has been trying to reach the property owner to clear this matter up. Also, discussed prior the current project status is 60% Design is complete, CDP permit is pending County concurrence and Easement Acquisition. The State Water Resource Control Board CWSRF is the construction funding

source for this project. The funding application has been submitted and additional information has been requested. The next target milestone is to complete the funding applications and CDP application. LAFCO approved the annexation of Finepro, LLC Property APN: 413-012-014 to the Castroville Community Services with Resolution No. 23-10. This land acquisition is for Lift Station 1. Ortega (FINEPRO, LLC (seller) approved the sale for the easement for \$10,000 in Moss Landing, which was completed February 2024. Upon completion of the land acquisition, the coastal development permit application will be submitted for approval. Construction Grant Application for CWSRF is part of the grant. Grant application in process and MNS to research if current costs over the planning grant amount can be reimbursed by the CWSRF grant. Furthermore, California Coastal Commission is requiring a jurisdictional delineation and Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA) notification for work on the Elkhorn Slough Bridge, which MNS/Rincon are preparing an amendment to add this work to the Project Scope. General Manager Eric Tynan reported to the Board that the pipeline under the bridge is still under the mitigated negative declaration and without the bike bridge being built by the County, Castroville CSD will have to do it on their own and build under the existing structure a 4" pipeline, which is right over the Elkhorn Slough, Marine Sanctuary and Harbor. For this project, MNS is to prepare a construction application following the 60% completion. The Board had approved a proposal with MNS Engineers to provide professional engineering services for the Moss Landing Wastewater System Rehabilitation Project \$462,722 in 2021. General Manager Eric Tynan had previously approved Amendment No.1 for this project for an additional \$14,520 for the arborist and at the December 19, 2023, board meeting the Board approved Amendment No. 2 for \$59,104 as costs have increased due to plans specifications changing due to the County not building the bridge noted above.

3. Update on the status of the **Emergency Deep Aquifer Supply and Storage Tank Project** – General Manager Eric Tynan stated that the current project status can be viewed on pages 99 of this board packet, and he will turn it over to Nick Panofsky with MNS Engineers. MNS Engineers and Pueblo are working together to develop final bid documents for Well No. 6 and have provided template from end documents, published by EJCDC for District legal review. MNS Engineers recommended these documents be used rather than the District's template as it is current with respect to public contract code and is more comprehensive. As mentioned prior, the application for construction to the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Drought Resiliency Projects Grant Program was submitted fall 2023. The project scope of the Emergency Deep Aquifer Deep Well No. 6 was too large for the grant to fund. The project scope needs to be narrowed to correspond to a project cost less than \$10 million to compete for the grant. The project scope can be narrowed by the District proceeding with drilling of the well and leaving the remaining scope to be funded by the grant. The grant application can be resubmitted in Fall 2024 to the Bureau of Reclamation at no additional cost to the District; anticipated grant request amount to be approximately \$9.6 million. If a construction contract is awarded, it will be funded using reserves and construction funds from the current grant and the grant application will be resubmitted. He is also considering working with the grant writer used by Monterey One Water to assist with this grant. Discussed prior, MNS is not doing the design of Well #6, Pueblo is doing the design. The Board approved grant writing services, fee proposal from MNS Engineers for Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART: Drought Resiliency Projects, not to exceed \$29,415. Construction funding is pending to move the project forward. The hydrogeologic approach was discussed with Mike Burke the hydrologist with Pueblo who will advance the well contract documents to nearly bid ready, to be finalized. In addition, MNS has substantial funds remaining in the budget (\$60k), which MNS will review if these remaining funds can be used for applying for construction funding for the project. The 30% design has been completed as of May 2022. The 60% design has been completed on the application for the construction. The District is still working on getting grant funds for the construction of the deep well and CEQA is complete.
4. Update on status of the **Castroville-Sewer Zone 1 (Washington Sewer Trunk Line Bypass Project)** – General Manager Eric Tynan stated the current project status for this project can be viewed on page 99 of this board packet and he will turn it over to Nick Panofsky with MNS Engineers to provide and update. MNS Engineers is currently waiting for District Board approval of their proposal to prepare a SWPPP and stake easement. The SWPP is the last required element of the Caltrans encroachment permit process. As mentioned prior, MNS/Rincon are working on submittal of jurisdictional permits for

the agricultural ditch crossing. Submittal of Coastal Development Permit is pending easement acquisition. The District is working to negotiate easement purchase. One property owner is requesting the limits of the easement be staked. MNS Engineers needs budget authorization from the District to stake easement. Construction grant award is pending coastal development permit completion. Discussed prior, the 60% Design is completed, the CDP permit is pending Caltrans encroachment, County concurrence, and Easement Acquisition. The jurisdiction permitting is in progress. The State Water Resource Control Board CWSRF is the construction funding source for this project. The funding is obtained but the final information submittal is required to secure the construction funding. Although there is no written agreement yet, the State has assured him that Castroville CSD will receive the \$3.5 million grant once the environmental review is completed. MNS Engineers is managing the environmental review and permitting for this project. At a prior meeting, per Nick Panofsky, P.E. with MNS Engineers, stated once environmental and land acquisition is completed, MNS Engineers will complete the application for the next phase and will also update the engineering report submitted with the grant application. CEQA compliance is complete. Permits are required due to jurisdictional wetlands in agricultural ditches. Two permits are required from Federal Agencies. MNS is coordinating with Rincon to obtain these permits. MNS Engineers sent a letter along with the encroachment permit application to Caltrans regarding notification to perform construction for a new 24" sewer bypass in the community of Castroville in unincorporated Monterey County, California—Washington Sewer Trunk Line Bypass Project. Castroville CSD will construct approximately 1,350 linear feet of 24" trunk sewer bypass from the intersection of Washington St. and Merritt St., then across the undeveloped areas and beneath Route 1 to the Monterey One Water station pump located at the south end of Watsonville Road. Approximately 450 feet of the proposed sewer line will be in the Caltrans right-of-way. Castroville CSD applied for the \$3.5 million grant for this project and the State is saying Castroville CSD is good to go for this grant once the environmental review is completed. Castroville CSD approved the environmental proposal from MNS Engineers for this project, which is complete. State Water Resources Control Board, CWSRF set aside for small, disadvantaged communities, "The Small Community Clean Water Wastewater Funding Program." The proposal for Professional Engineering and Constructions Management Services-Washington Sewer Trunk Line Bypass Final Design and Construction (not to exceed \$498,141) is contingent on award of grant to Castroville CSD. The Board approved at the December 19, 2023, board meeting MNS Engineers proposals for Professional Engineering Services-Washington Sewer Trunk Line Bypass Regulatory Permitting Support (\$19,622) and Washington Sewer Trunk Line Bypass Right-of-Way Acquisition (\$81,610) total \$101,232.

5. Update on the status of grant/projects for **Castroville Landmark Sign at Highway 183 Project**: Per General Manager Eric Tynan he stated the current project status for this project can be viewed on page 99 of this board packet. The issue with the foundation has yet to be resolved. The structural engineer needs to confirm the design for sign supports. He would like to have Jay Johnson, owner of J. Johnson and Company, assist with this project as he is currently working for Santa Clara as a public works inspector and signs off on many Caltrans projects. Per Vice President Ron Stefani Signs By Van and his subcontractor Y & J Engineers need to resolve this matter with Caltrans. Legal counsel may need to get involved if this cannot be resolved. In his opinion, the community is expecting this project to be completed and he is willing to spend the funds necessary to see it done. President Cosme Padilla stated he would like to see the project completed already but not spend whatever it takes to get it done. As mentioned prior, MNS Engineers coordinated with Caltrans to submit a reimbursement request on behalf of CCSD for this project for \$6,422. Foundation testing was completed, and the next steps are for the Project structural engineer to confirm the design for sign supports, which he believes has been done. He is pushing for this project to be completed by the 4th of July and to have a ribbon cutting ceremony to invite the public and political representatives. President Comse Padilla had stressed to Corby with Caltrans that he was very unhappy on how long this project has been delayed. The design is complete. Construction funding source is Caltrans. The concrete/foundation testing to confirm structural design has been completed by the Penhall Company, a nationwide leader in concrete solutions and the engineers have signed off on it. At the January 16, 2024, board meeting, the Castroville CSD Board of Directors reviewed and submitted the signed Amended Cooperative Agreement to Caltrans. The delay for this project again has been the foundation. The Board concurred that Castroville CSD needs to keep putting

pressure on Caltrans to complete this project. This project was started in 2019 and it was to be completed by July 2023. The Board approved the Cooperative Agreement and Maintenance Agreement with Caltrans for the Overhead Sign in October 2022. The State has also requested a traffic control plan and a storm water control plan which was prepared by MNS Engineers and sent to the state. MNS will be managing the administration for this project. Resolution No.2022-14, Engaging Signs By Van for the Design, Fabrication, and Installation of the Castroville Landmark Sign was approved. MNS to continue working with Signs By Van and draft the Project Management Professional (PMP), contract, encroachment permit. Castroville CSD received a check from Caltrans in the amount of \$127,955.28 February 2, 2023, a check for \$17,580 May 24, 2023, and a check for \$9,461.25 September 12, 2023. The original placement of the post will remain in the same spot as long as YJ Engineers say it is safe.

Current grants awarded are the Clean Water Small Communities Planning Grant (\$500,000) with State Waterboards for administration, preliminary engineering report, plans, and specs for sewer in Moss Landing, project assigned to MNS Engineers. The IRWM Implementation Grant (\$395,000) is with DWR for the Deep Well (Well #6) and the use will be specified in the DWR/MCRWA agreement. The DAC Involvement Programs amount \$61,807 with DWR is for the design of the Washington Sewer Bypass for Castroville sewer is also assigned to MNS Engineers. Current funding efforts: Moss Landing sewer system improvements, Castroville emergency well replacement, Castroville water supply improvements and Castroville wastewater improvements.

6. Update on the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) projects: (1) Caltrans Merritt Street Beautification Project, (2) Pedestrian Bridge Enhancement/Improvement Project – General Manager Eric Tynan did not provide an update on item (1). However, on item (2) he informed the Board that the County will be replacing the rails and the fencing on the pedestrian bridge. Castroville CSD is only responsible for the lighting on the bridge and minor cosmetic maintenance such as any graffiti.

CLOSED SESSION: At 6.16 p.m. the Board went into Closed Session.

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property Location: APN: 030-141-022-000 and 030-141-023-000, Southwest corner of Merritt Street and Washington Street, Castroville, CA

Negotiating Parties: Castroville CSD and Salvador Alvarez and Hermilinda Alvarez
Property Owner: Salvador Alvarez and Hermilinda Alvarez
Under Negotiation: Property Negotiations

Property Location: APN: 133-143-016-000, Highway 1 at Washington Road, Castroville, CA

Negotiating Parties: Castroville CSD and Vegetable Ranches, LLC
Property Owner: Vegetable Ranches, LLC
Under Negotiation: Property Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of case: *David Lewis Schartow v. County of Monterey, et al.*, Superior Court of Monterey County, Case no. 20CV001881.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEM: (if applicable): The board will reconvene into open session prior to adjournment and shall announce any action taken during the closed session. At 6:35 p.m. the Board returned to Open Session. There was no reportable action taken.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION: When needed, this time is reserved for the Board of Directors to communicate activity, educational classes, and/or Committee reports.

1. Update on Monterey One Water (M1W) board meeting – Vice President Ron Stefani stated the last meeting they had was a four-hour meeting on strategic planning and discussion the future of M1W. They also talked about the EPA's national regulations for PFAS. This enforceable rule requires public water systems to monitor for these PFAS, notify the public of the levels of these PFAS in drinking water if they exceed the MCL (for further information on PFAS, see page 19 of this board packet.) With the excessive cost of electricity, M1W is also strategically looking at moving forward with developing a renewable energy source. MIW is also still dealing with putting rate payer fee charges on the property tax bill in 2024/2025. As mentioned prior, effective July 1, 2024, customers will no longer receive a direct bill for wastewater service from M1W and instead the bill will be replaced by an annual fee included on the parcel's property tax bill. The County of Monterey mails property tax bills in mid-October and payments may be made in two installments. The County of Monterey and the Treasurer-Tax Collector have also authorized Easy Smart Pay, a third-party vendor, to provide a monthly payment option for the payment of property taxes. Interested property owners can work directly with Easy Smart Pay to set up payments via ACH or credit card. There are also programs that can assist the ratepayers with their bills that M1W refers them too.
2. Update on Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) meeting – Vice President Ron Stefani reported the latest news is that the Deep Aquifer Study came out. All these experts participated in this study, and all concluded that the deep aquifer does not recharge. The 184 hundred subbasin now must report the deep aquifer extractions as a net loss as there is no recharge. All ninety-five wells in the 184 hundred subbasin and Monterey subbasin will not be complying with the Department Water Resources. A moratorium will be put on new deep aquifer well permits. When Castroville CSD applies for its permit for Well #6, let us see if it gets approved. The GSA will be one of the enforcing agencies on this permit. The study does show where the deep aquifer runs; it runs past Castroville, up the canyon a bit and runs all the way to Chualar and all the way to the Seaside basin, which is part of the deep aquifer. The deep aquifer could be threatened with saltwater intrusion, just as we are threatened here in Castroville. General Manager Eric Tynan stated that the imposing ban on approval of applications for all wells is not intended for domestic and public water supply purposes in certain regions of the state as per the information on page 19 of this board packet, ACWA NEWS.
3. Update on meetings or educational classes attended by the Directors – President Cosme Padilla informed the Board that he attended a Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) meeting. At this meeting they are asking community members to join the Castroville Safe Routes Committee as the County of Monterey is planning for safer streets to and from schools with funding from TAMC and Caltrans from Measure X. There are currently limited funds for these projects as they will be allocated for all of Monterey County, which is not much. However, they may be additional funding. He encourages the Board to apply if they are interested in being part of this committee. He also attended the Castroville Coalition meeting, and they are supportive of the Castroville Midnighters who collaborated with North County Recreation and Park District to put on the Party in the Plaza, May 18, 2024. This event had a good turnout.

GENERAL OPERATIONS

1. General Manager's Report – Compliance update, current projects update, meetings/seminars update, staff update, suggestive projects discussions
2. Operation's Report
 - a) Water – Pumpage & Usage Update, Water Testing Update, Current Installation
 - b) Water -Status Update, Current Contractor Work Update, Maintenance/Repair Update, Customer Service Update, Safety Issue

- c) Sewer & Storm Drain – Jetting, Current Installation Status Update, Current Contractor Work Update, Maintenance/Repair Update, Customer Service Update, Safety Issues
- 3. Customer /Billing Reports – Water Sales, Water Usage, A/R Update, Customer Service Update
- 4. Financial Reports – Treasures L.A.I.F. Report, Internal Report, Administration Update

General Operations Reports were accepted as presented

CHECK LIST – April 2024. A motion was made by Glenn Oania and seconded by James Cochran to pay all bills presented. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

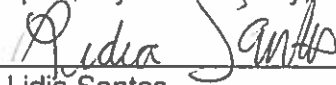
AYES:	5	Directors:	Stefani, MacMillan, Cochran, Oania and Padilla
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT			
PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	

There being no further business, a motion was made by James Cochran and seconded by Glenn Oania to adjourn to the next scheduled Board meeting; the motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	5	Directors:	Stefani, MacMillan, Cochran, Oania and Padilla
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT			
PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Lidia Santos
Secretary to the Board

Approved by,



Cosme Padilla
President