

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
GROVELAND, CALIFORNIA
May 26, 2016
1:00 p.m.**

The Board of Directors of Groveland Community Services District met in special session on the above mentioned date with Directors Bob Swan, President, Bruce Carter, Vice President, Scott Wemmer, and Steve Perreira being present. Also present was General Manager Jon Sterling and staff member Lindsay Northrop.

Director Swan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Director Armstrong was absent.

Agenda Approval

Motion

Director Swan moved, seconded by Director Carter, and the motion passed to approve the agenda with the addition of an Informational Item, A Discussion on Political Endorsements.

Ayes: Directors Swan, Carter and Wemmer

Absent: Director Armstrong and Perreira

Director Perreira entered the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

Action Items to be Considered by the Board of Directors

Consider for Approval Water Conservation Committee Recommendation for Water Conservation Goal

Director Carter presented to the Board. He stated that with the shift of the burden of water restrictions to the residing districts, the water conservation committee recommends a voluntary reduction of 20%; to keep the District in line to meet the future 20x2020 requirement issued by the State, and to keep the District eligible for State grant funding. A discussion ensued between the Board and staff. Staff was directed to prepare a press release to notify customers of the reduction of sewer volume rate charges, and the change to Phase II of the drought restrictions.

Director Carter stated that he is hopeful that the community will continue to exercise the good habits they have developed in regards to water conservation.

Motion

Director Swan moved, seconded by Director Carter, and the motion passed to Change the Phase of the Drought Emergency from Phase VI to Phase II, Which is Voluntary 20% Conservation.

Ayes: Directors Swan, Carter and Wemmer

Noes: Director Perreira

Absent: Director Armstrong

Consider for Approval Water Conservation Committee Recommendation to modify District declared Drought Stage and to Reinstate 2014 Sewer Rates

Mr. Sterling presented the item to the Board. He stated that with the mandatory conservation levels being removed by the state, staff and the water conservation committee recommend the

removal of the drought sewer rate structure, and return to the prior rate structure before the mandatory conservation level was implemented.

Director Carter stated that in addition to the revised rates the committee recommends to reinstate winter averaging for landscape usage. He stated that it is the intent for the future sewer ordinances that winter average be only applicable to full time residents, and must be physically inspected.

The Board directed staff to bring back a revised application for winter averaging to be approved at the next regular meeting.

Director Perreira stated he would like to take away the landscape exemption, in order to meet the conservation goal.

Motion

Director Swan moved, seconded by Director Carter, and the motion passed to Return to Pre-Drought Sewer Usage Rates of June 1, 2010, Effective on June 1, 2016, and to Restore Winter Averaging Landscape Exemption as Detailed in District Ordinance 1-10, With a Tightened Authorization Process.

Ayes: Directors Swan, Carter and Wemmer

Noes: Director Perreira

Absent: Director Armstrong

Informational Items

Discussion on Political Endorsements

Director Swan addressed the Board. He stated "We need to be really careful as a Board Member not to act like you are representing the Board when you are expressing your personal opinions. When you're on a Board, you don't give up your rights as a citizen, everyone has the absolute right to express their political opinions without hindrance by any governmental agency, I think it is a reasonable thing for identification purposes to show your affiliation with things, that helps people to know who you are. The only thing I am asking, and this is only a request because as you say, there is no mechanism for doing anything about it; but if we do express political opinions or political endorsements, and identify ourselves as being members of the Board, that we include some kind of language that says, this is not the opinion of the Board of Directors of GCSD."

Adjournment

Motion

Director Swan moved, seconded by Director Wemmer, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 12:51 p.m.

Ayes: Director Swan, Carter, Wemmer, and Perreira

Absent: Director Armstrong

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Lindsay Northrop

Lindsay Northrop, Interim Board Secretary



Robert Swan

Robert Swan, President