

# **Mission Hills**

## **Community Services District**

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### **Directors:**

Walter Fasold  
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Tim Naughton  
Bruce Nix



### **M-I-N-U-T-E-S**

#### **Special Meeting**

#### **October 27, 2015**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mission Hills Community Services District was called to order by President Mac Kenzie at 6:36 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at the District Meeting Room, 1550 East Burton Mesa Boulevard, Lompoc, California.

### **DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

By roll call: Walter Fasold, Danny Hayes, James Mac Kenzie, Tim Naughton and Bruce Nix

### **DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

None

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Michael Riley, Melissa Stevens, Carry Via, Logan Pirkle, Steven Sarot, and Casey Fowler

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

See attached sign in sheet

## **2. CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

### **Agenda Item 2a.**

### **Review and Consider Adoption of Resolution 15-229, A Resolution Amending District Policy 3020 (Budget Preparation and Approval Process).**

Recommended Action: District Board of Directors review and adopt Resolution 15-229, A Resolution of the Mission Hills CSD Amending District Policy 3020 (Budget Preparation and Approval Process). This policy was presented to the Board of Directors based on a recent misunderstanding where in the past it was believed that in order to approve a budget and certain budget items a 4/5 vote was required. Through recent circumstances it was discovered the District does not have any written documentation confirming this understanding. Director Hayes believes this policy is in line with what was asked to be put into place. His only concern is what will happen if a board member is gone. Director Fasold questioned the percentage of variance listed. He also feels there is a way around board members being gone, like allowing enough time for them to participate from where ever they are. Director Nix stated that he would like to keep the budget as a simple majority. Director Naughton believes that this policy is ok as stated but could possibly have changes down the road.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dale Lardy feels this is wise to move forward with based on the size of the district and dollar amount of the budget.

Jim Jimenez stated that he sees two issues; the first is having consistency and the second is documenting those changes. He feels this is a good change in moving in the right direction for the Board.

**Motion by Director Naughton, second by Director Fasold to adopt Resolution 15-229, Amending District Policy 3020, Budget Preparation and Approval Process. Unanimous by Roll Call Vote.**

**Agenda Item 2b.**

**Employee Medical Benefits offered by Mission Hills CSD**

Recommend Action: District Board of Directors review and discuss the benefits increase that was approved at the September 23 Special Meeting and financial impact; followed by a Public Comment period; then a consideration to possibly change the health care benefits currently offered to employees.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dale Lardy – Wanted to know what is actually being covered with these new benefits being offered and stated that the private industry is moving in a new direction as they are trimming expenses as costs are going up. He feels the reserve is vanishing and we are running in a deficit so now is not the time to making these changes.

Logan Pirkle – Explained how hard it is to get a wastewater license and that employment letters go out to all licensed operators with job opportunities, with most CSD's offering more benefits then we currently do. He is concerned that this District will turn into a training ground and as an employee here he would like to see us get good staff members and be able to keep them.

David Seipel – Stated that it is good the Board is always concerned about cutting costs. However, he also doesn't feel it is a good practice to have this District be a training ground. With this being a small District it is always going to be a problem when it comes to rates but hopefully some compromises can be made on both sides. He went on to say that the District currently has good staff members and that we need to have a good pool of candidates with this next hiring phase.

Grace Gar-Olsen – Stated that she works for the school district and she gets insurance for herself but not for the family. She feels there is a big variety of options to choose from and hopes that a compromise can be made to keep good employees here and help with hiring new quality employees who would like to stay.

**Motion by Director Nix, second by Director Hayes to leave the Benefits as approved on September 23, 2015.**

The second was withdrawn by Director Hayes and the motion withdrawn by Director Nix.

**Motion by Director Naughton, second by Director Fasold to have the benefits left as they were when the budget was approved. Roll Call Vote was 1-4, with Directors Fasold, Hayes, Mac Kenzie, and Nix voting No.**

**Motion by Director Fasold, second by Director Naughton to reconsider the action taken by simple majority and consider the benefits of nearby VVCSD at 50% family medical. Roll Call Vote was 2-3, with Directors Hayes, Mac Kenzie, and Nix voting No.**

Director Fasold stated for the record that he does not feel the action taken by the Board on September 23 was legal and he tried many times to make sure that the Board understood his position. He is not against the benefits he is against the process and is happy to move forward with a super majority on financial issues.

**3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION:**

Director Fasold requested a policy be included at next month's regular meeting pertaining to the Initiation of and Closure of Emergency Actions as well Capital Improvement Projects over \$50,000 being approved by a super majority.

**4. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting to be held November 18, 2015 at the District's meeting room beginning at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Casey Fowler  
Secretary, Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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James Mac Kenzie  
President, Board of Directors