



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Graton Community Services District (GCS D)
Meeting of the GCS D Board of Directors
Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Various Locations – Teleconference Meeting Pursuant to
Executive Order N-29-20

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:05 PM

A. BOARD ROLL CALL - Determination of a Quorum

Board President, David Upchurch, H; Board Secretary, Jennifer Butler H; Max Wilmarth H; Devin Drew H; Ravi Alimchandani A.

2. APPROVE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Devin Drew Motioned to approve the order of the agenda and Max Wilmarth seconded

Board President, David Upchurch, Y; Board Secretary, Jennifer Butler Y; Max Wilmarth Y; Devin Drew, H; Ravi Alimchandani A.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, the public may address the Board on subjects not on the agenda. Comments may not exceed three (3) minutes in length. While State Law prohibits Board action or discussion on any item not on the agenda, members of the Board may briefly respond to statements or questions from members of the public, provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the Board at a subsequent meeting, or take action to direct staff to place a matter on a future agenda. Members of the public are asked to submit a speaker card for public comment in advance of the Chair calling for public comments.

There were no public comments at this time.

4. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

A. APPROVE A SONOMA COUNTY LAFCO APPLICATION FOR AN OUTSIDE SERVICE AREA AGREEMENT FOR THE TREATMENT OF INDUSTRIAL PROCESS WASTEWATER SERVICE TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9141 AND 9143 GREEN VALLEY ROAD AND 3860 ROSS ROAD, GRATON, CALIFORNIA

DISABLED ACCOMMODATION: If you have a disability which requires an accommodation, an alternative format or requires another person to assist you while attending this meeting, please contact staff at the Graton Community Services District office at (707) 823-1542 as soon as possible (no later than 10 days before the scheduled meeting) to ensure that arrangements for accommodation may be provided.

The Board recently entered into an agreement with Manzana to take their treated processed wastewater and treat it at our facility. They are currently outside of the jurisdiction of our service area. The mechanism required for us to treat their wastewater is an out of area LAFCO service agreement. The documents associated with this agreement were forwarded to the Board for their review. If the Board approves moving forward with the LAFCO service agreement, it will require two resolutions which were also previously provided to the Board in addition to directing the General Manager to proceed with processing the LAFCO application on the behalf of Manzana. Operations Manager Andy Kay from Manzana attended the meeting to answer any questions the Board may have regarding the next steps. The Board asked several questions of Mr. Kay and they were answered.

Director Drew Motioned to approve Resolutions 230131 A and 230131B and direct the General Manager to proceed with the LAFCO Application and Jennifer Butler seconded.

Board President, David Upchurch, Y; Board Secretary, Jennifer Butler Y; Max Wilmarth Y; Devin Drew Y; Ravi Alimchandani A.

B. ADOPT RESOLUTION 230131C TO CONTINUE VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Jennifer Butler Motioned to approve Resolution 230131C to continue with virtual meetings and Devin Drew Seconded

Board President, David Upchurch, Y; Board Secretary, Jennifer Butler Y; Max Wilmarth Y; Devin Drew Y; Ravi Alimchandani A.

C. RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE FLOATING SOLAR PROJECT

Brian Hines from North Coast Solar attended this meeting to provide the Board with an update on the solar project. Mr. Hines advised the Board all the items the County has requested for the solar project have been provided. He went over with the Board the individual items that were done and any necessary corrections that have been made. The information has been submitted to the County and they now have everything they needed. Mr. Hines was requested to attend the next meeting for additional updates on the solar project.

5. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Jennifer Butler requested we add a discussion topic regarding the empty lot on Main Street in Graton. She reached out to the county to see if there was any funding to create a town square.

Devin reported he signed up at csda.org for training for on demand webinars for free. Sexual harassment and Ethics courses are required for all elected officials.

There was further discussion about changing the meeting date due to the President's Day holiday. They will discuss the future meeting date and will discuss the final date. They proposed February 26th from 4pm to 6pm. They will make sure all can attend that date and time frame.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- Town Square addition
- Update on the collection system and grants previously discussed
- Suggested invite Brian Hines for monthly updates

Jennifer Butler Motioned to adjourn the meeting and Devin Drew seconded.

7. ADJOURNMENT 7:13 PM

Minutes Approved

Date