



Oceano Community Services District

Summary Minutes – Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 6:00 P.M.

OCSD BOARD ROOM

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. by President Gibson
2. **ROLL CALL:** Board members present: Director Austin, Director Joyce-Suneson, Director Villa, Vice President Rose, and President Gibson
Vice President Rose entered the meeting at approximately 6:10 PM.
Staff present: Peter Brown, General Manager, Carey Casciola, Business & Accounting Manager, and Rob Schultz, Legal Counsel.
3. **FLAG SALUTE:** Led by Peter Brown, General Manager
4. **AGENDA REVIEW:** Agenda accepted as presented.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** None

Paul Bischoff	Requested information on a utility account.
Charles Varni	Provided Reverse 9-1-1 information and SLOCOG

6. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

A. **STAFF REPORTS:**

- i. **Sheriff's South Station** – Commander McDaniel
Dec 2025 Stats:
Calls for service were down 10%.
4 battery (3 domestic violence) / 23 disturbances / 1 burglary / 6 suspicious circumstances / 20-25 enforcement stops and 19 arrests for Oceano.
For 2025, there were 1,200 arrests for the South Substation service area.
- ii. **Five Cities Fire Authority** – Chief Hallett
Busy with training / 2 new firefighters starting, and will be full-staffed
Decommissioning training site at the well 8 location (ventilation prop)
2025 Stats:
631 calls for service / 445 medical responses with an average response time of 7 min 24 sec.
7 CPR-related medical calls where patients were transported with an average response time of 5 min 45 sec.
Average response time for all calls is 7 min and 40 sec.
- iii. **Operations** – Utility Systems Manager, Tony Marraccino
Lopez 83.4% (41,288 AF) / Lopez 45.08 AF / End of Year Lopez 473.42 AF
Pumped 0 AF / End of Year Pump 67.11 AF
1 SSO Nov 2025 / 0 SSO Dec 2025
Nov SSO on Strand Way due to root intrusion – that section of the main will be replaced
Dec SSO on Hwy 1 and 21st due to a mixed-use facility putting rags down the drain. They have been contacted with instructions.
Continuing with: daily rounds / weekly and monthly samples / sewer jetting / weed abatement / 1st of the month equipment runs and alarm function checks, and trash pick-ups. 6 Ready 311 tickets. Completed a concrete and asphalt dump run.
21 Work Orders / 48 USAs (new poles) / 18 Customer Service Calls / 6 After-hours Call-outs
Completed Nov meter reads, re-reads, comment codes, leak notifications, meter swaps, and door hanger notifications. We are now reading meters again for the next cycle.
Cleaned the lift station / Started valve turning of all system valves / framed a pad, laid rebar, and poured 9 yds of concrete for a new workshop.
Inserta valve on Railroad installed and paving completed.

2" blowoff line break at 25th St and Basic – also slurry backfilled and paved.
 Power outage at the yard Dec 2nd
 Service line break on 14th St. replaced and paved
 Assisted the City of Arroyo Grande on a service line break with our jetter trailer
 CRWA free leak detection completed on our system – no leaks found.
 Staff attended a two-day distribution class in Nipomo and has passed the D1 test.
 PFAS testing with the state and EPA UCMR 5. State requires systems serving 10,000 or fewer must collect two samples taken 5 to 7 months apart. We meet this requirement. NO PFAS DETECTED

iv. General Manager – Peter Brown

Staff and the public had another successful holiday office closure, with some post-holiday catch-up on billing and payments.
 The Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is complete, posted on the County website, and will come to the Board for review and approval in February.
 Working with IWMA and its 20 member agencies has led to improved solid waste coordination and the creation of a new Technical Advisory Committee in 2026 to increase service-provider input.
 The 5-waterline replacement CIP project is complete; only final punch list items, certified payroll, as-builts, and the Notice of Completion remain for Board approval.
 Staff continue coordinating valve replacements, a waterline abandonment, and realignments on Railroad Avenue, including use of new “insta-valve” technology that allowed hot tapping without service shutdowns.
 Remaining budget for the Sewer CIP is being used for design work on priority projects, with construction bidding possible next fiscal year; a related item (Vactor purchase) is on tonight’s agenda. Utilities staff did an excellent job evaluating multiple Jetter/Vactor trucks and further assessed performance by renting a Vactor after the Jetter trailer broke down.
 A grant amendment request was submitted to DWR to increase the Halcyon/Ken Mar consolidation grant to \$11.5 million to fund the rehabilitation of Tank 2; approval is anticipated.
 NCMA has completed a Strategic Plan update, which will be presented to the Board in February or March.
 GM participated in a regional coordination meeting in early December with South County San and City Managers to align agencies on water and wastewater projects, permits, and reporting.
 The appeal in the Lopez ESA case was successful, the injunction has been vacated, reservoir releases reduced, and settlement discussions will begin on February 6, where we will represent OCSD/Zone 3 interests in Los Angeles at the Federal Courthouse.
 Will be on a two-week family vacation at the end of February.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

Julie Tacker	Asked a question regarding EV charges at OCSD properties.
April Dury	Asked the Sheriff had information regarding ICE activity in Oceano

B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- i. **President Gibson** (Zone 3 and RWQCB) – Zone 3 meeting on 1/15/2026
- ii. **Vice President Rose** (RWMG, State Water Contractors, and Airport Land Use) – No reports
- iii. **Director Austin** (SSLOCSD and Zone 1/1A) – Reported on the 1/7/2026 SSLOCSD meeting
- iv. **Director Villa** (WRAC and Finance & Budget Committee) – Reported on the 12/3/2025 WRAC meeting and 1/13/2026 OPARC meeting
- v. **Director Joyce-Suneson** (OPARC and CSDA) – Will be attending the local CSDA meeting at the end of the month.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Julie Tacker	Provided information regarding SSLOCSD
Charles Varni	Provided information regarding SSLOCSD

7. CONSENT AGENDA:	ACTION:
A. Action: Review and Approve the Minutes for the Special Board Meeting held on November 12, 2025.	After an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion, Director Austin motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, with a second from Director Villa with a 5-0 roll call vote. Public Comment: None
B. Action: Review and Approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on November 12, 2025.	
C. Information: Cash Disbursements	

8A. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Action: Consider and adopt a resolution to authorize staff to finance a Water and Sewer System Jetter/Vacuum Truck from Haaker Equipment at the cost of \$652,295	After a presentation from Peter Brown, General Manager, an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion, Director Austin motioned to approve the agenda item and resolution, with a second from Vice President Rose, with a 5-0 roll call vote. Public Comment: None

8B. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Action: Authorize the General Manager to Approve and Execute an Extension of the Real Property Lease with the Village Group	After an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion, Director Austin motioned to approve the agenda item, with a second from Director Villa, with a 5-0 roll call vote. Public Comment: None

8C. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Action: Adopt a Resolution to approve an amendment to the Contract between the Board of Administration of California Public Employees' Retirement System and the Board of Directors of the Oceano Community Services District and budget adjustment from General Fund Reserves of \$189,270 to the California Public Employees' Retirement System.	After a presentation from Carey Casciola, Business and Accounting Manager, an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion, Director Austin motioned to approve the agenda item and resolution, with a second from Vice President Rose, with a 5-0 roll call vote. Public Comment: None

8D. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Action: Election of Board President and Vice President, review of committee assignments, and appointment of a Board member to the Oceano Capital Improvement Project (OCIP) Committee.	After an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion, a motion was made to approve the nominations listed below as follows: Director Austin nominated Director Gibson for President and Director Rose for Vice President, and to proceed with the amended committee assignments, including Director Joyce-Suneson as the new representative for the OCIP committee, with a second from Director Joyce-Suneson, with a 5-0 roll call vote. Public Comment: None

8E. BUSINESS ITEMS:	ACTION:
Action: Discussion and consideration of the Oceano Parks and Recreation Committee (OPARC) FY 2025-26 goals.	<p>After a presentation by Peter Brown, General Manager, an opportunity for public comment and Board and staff discussion, Director Villa motioned to accept and approve the FY 2025-26 OPARC goals, with a second from Director Joyce-Suneson, with a 5-0 roll call vote.</p> <p>Public Comment: April Dury – In support of rules for the OPARC meetings.</p>

9. HEARING ITEMS: None

10. RECEIVED WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Received Communication from County of SLO Board of Supervisors Request for Legislation Supporting Extended Operation of Diablo Canyon Power Plan, Coastal Land Conservation, and Restoration of Unitary Tax Treatment.
- b. Received Communication from Sacramento State Regarding PFAS Testing dated November 21, 2025
- c. Received Communication from Sacramento State Regarding PFAS Testing dated December 18, 2025

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

12. CLOSED SESSION: None

13. ADJOURNMENT: President Gibson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:20 PM