

SADDLE CREEK COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 21, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The Saddle Creek Community Services District (CSD) Board of Directors held their monthly meeting on Tuesday January 21, 2014. President Lazarus called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM in the Members Lounge and led Directors and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Roll call indicated the following directors were present:

President:	Kent Lazarus
Vice President:	Scott Baker
Secretary:	Charles Robinson
Director	Sue Russ
Director	Darlene DeBaldo

Staff:	The following staff members were present:	
	General Manager:	Charles Martin
	Site Manager:	Greg Hebard
	Clerk/Treasurer:	Phyllis Richards

Public:	Castle & Cooke	Dave Haley
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

M/ by Director Baker and S/ by Director DeBaldo to approve the minutes of December 17, 2013. M/ passed unanimously.

CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF AGENDA:

None suggested.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Dave Haley gave the Board an update on the Saddle Creek second entrance. After the last meeting Dave reported to the Board that he had a meeting scheduled with Brett Harrington (Planning Director of Calaveras County), however that meeting had to be cancelled by Mr. Harrington due to personal reasons. The meeting was re-scheduled to meet with Mr. Harrington and the Public Works Director, however the Public Works Director then quit. Mr. Haley will be meeting with Mr. Harrington tomorrow to respond to his last issues.

He still thinks that they will get what they need however the process might take a little longer.

In response to the drought, the golf course will be cutting back on water usage by 20%. He would like to request that CSD do the same. He and Greg walked the area yesterday and found one problem area which has been corrected. They received a letter from Calaveras County Water requesting this cut back in water usage.

Director Robinson wanted to know if this includes the Tertiary Water that we get during the summer. Mr. Haley stated no it doesn't, but we only get about 10-15% Tertiary Water.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board, Staff or a member of the public requests specific items to be set aside for separate action.

- a. M/ by Director Robinson and S/ by Director Baker to move approval of expenditures incurred by the district during the month of December 2013.  
M/ passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** (Board will briefly address/respond/refer)

GM Martin said a letter was received from a resident who has some concerns on the work that Greg's staff is doing in the Wild Life Area. Greg has spoken with the residence several times but is not sure that the residents' concerns have been satisfied. In general the residents' concerns are that the area in the rear of their residents is dirt and that golfers frequently access the area to retrieve golf balls.

Director Robinson wanted to know where this area is located. Greg advised it was part of the wildlife corridor on 12. About ½ is habitat and ½ is golf course. Greg advised that the wildlife area will be reseeded with natural vegetation. Greg has reviewed the process being followed with the Fire Department. Mr. Haley (C&C) volunteered to contact the resident regarding golf course related issues.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

- a. **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION:** Director Robinson requests Board

discuss the viability of the CSD providing pick up and disposal of tree and shrubbery pruning's (for a fee) 2 or 3 times a year.

Greg stated that there would be hard cost associated with this which would include purchasing a trailer, tools, and the man power needed. He spoke with several of the landscapers that do work in Saddle Creek and they would be happy to pick up the trees and shrubbery to take to the dumps for a fee. Greg doesn't believe that this is a good idea because if we did pick up these items we would have to dump them into a burn pile. Usually we have 4 burn piles a year; however we have 8 already that need to be burned. After a great deal of discussion it was not approved by the Board to provide pick up and dispose of trees and shrubbery.

## STAFF REPORTS

Site Manager: Greg had several items to discuss.

1. Some of the ponds will have to be filled to bring them up to the level Required by the Army Corps of Engineers. The pond on #9 is an Irrigation Pond and the golf course is removing plantings and chemically treating it.
2. The irrigation on the traffic circle to the Summit is almost completed.
3. The lawns that CSD is responsible for are looking bad and it will probably look worst for a time because they are being chemically treating to reduce some species of weeds. The first treatment was just completed and it will be treated again by the end of February, and then again 30 days after that. When treatment is completed lawns will be aerified and re-seeded. Next year at this time they will treat the other ½ of the weeds in the same way.
4. Greg and Ralph sat in on a webinar that the government provided for Dengue fever, which is a tropical virus infection spread by mosquitoes which has been found in Merced, Fresno and Marin. Greg doesn't believe that it will spread to this area because we are in a secluded area and we have only had 1 hit with West Niles virus in the past. Every agency that we belong to is working on this to keep us safe.
5. Director Robinson wanted to know if Greg has received any calls about the gate e-mail that was sent to the residents. He indicated that over the last three months they have received a number of calls on gate related issues. It was pointed out that a new gate attendant has recently been hired.

General Manager:

Nothing

## DIRECTORS REPORTS:

President Lazarus – He would like to request that the clerk update the meeting schedule in the Club House, which she replied has already been done.

V/President Baker – None

Secretary Robinson – Wanted to confirm that there are 3 seats coming up for renewal this year. GM Martin stated that he has not received the information yet but he believes the filing period will be start in the middle of February. The 3 director’s seats coming up are for Director Russ, Director Baker, and Director DeBaldo.

The other 2 directors, Director Robinson and Director Lazarus terms run out in 2014, however there will not be another general election until 2016. At that time the Board can either appoint some one to fill the vacant seats or have a Special Election.

Director Russ – Advised that she will not be at next months meeting.

Director DeBaldo - Advised that she will not be at next months meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – Having no further business, President Lazarus adjourned the meeting at - 2:37 PM. CSD’s next board meeting date is February 18, 2014.

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Phyllis Richards, CSD Clerk/Treasurer

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Charles Martin, General Manager

APPROVED BY:

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Kent Lazarus, Board President

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Charles Robinson, Board Secretary

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