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The meeting was held at the Mendocino City CSD Wastewater Treatment Plant Office and Per California Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20, via teleconference using Zoom (<https://zoom.us>. Meeting ID: 288 936 0093 Passcode: 4Bezsr)

MENDOCINO CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT PLANT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**MINUTES – April 13, 2021****BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FAIR STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
(PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT LAW
Government Code §61000)****AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CALL TO ORDER – OPEN SESSION 10:03 am**

The meeting of the Plant Operations Committee was called to order by Superintendent Ryan Rhoades at 10:03 A.M. at the MCCSD Wastewater Treatment Plant Office and via zoom. Committee members present were; Dennak Murphy and Tina Aranguren. Staff Present; Superintendent Ryan Rhoades. No public present.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – COMMUNICATIONS

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – PUBLIC COMMENT FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – NEW BUSINESS**a. Discussion and Prioritization of District Improvement Projects**

- Director Murphy started with a question about what is needed to present a holistic view of MCCSD infrastructure needs in order to get Board approval.
- Is there a good way to organize the needs, details, and priorities that might be in the mind of Superintendent Rhoades?
- Superintendent Rhoades referenced the 10 page project priorities worksheet draft, and the Short and Long Term Approaches to Aging Infrastructure memo as a start to organizing this plan and

asked the committee what else they would like to see to have a better understanding of what is needed?

- Director Murphy believes there is going to be a lot of state and federal money available for infrastructure upgrades in the near future and wants to have a plan in place and be in position to apply for this money. Maybe have a couple shovel ready projects in mind.
- Discussion then switched to California Ocean Protection Council Prop.1 Grant opportunity that Director Aranguren is working on applying for. MCCSD Directors and staff met with OPC staff on Friday 4/9/21. It was learned that of the four proposed projects, design of a new treatment unit and a partnership with another agency would make our application more competitive.
- Director Murphy was excited to hear about this opportunity and expressed a desire to help.
- Director Murphy again brought up the idea of hiring additional help for this District in the form of a Grant writer/Consultant.
- Superintendent Rhoades likes the idea but believes this person should be a private contractor not a District employee, and questioned where the money to pay them might come from.
- Director Murphy mentioned four things he would like to have addressed by the Finance Committee in budget planning for FY 2021-22
 - 1) Funding for immediate infrastructure needs (the Ocean Outfall Repairs)
 - 2) Funding for replacement of the airline, from the blower room to the treatment unit
 - 3) Funding to hire a consultant/grant writer
 - 4) Funding for an additional Turbidity Meter to comply with State Title 22 requirements.
- Director Aranguren requested that the Finance Committee also look again at forming a 501-C3 non-profit foundation, similar to that of the Coast Hospital Foundation, so that community members can donate to MCCSD and receive a tax credit.
- Superintendent Rhoades mentioned he is researching the cost of an additional small blower that could be placed on the treatment unit. This solution might save money and provide additional time to design and fund replacement of the air supply line.
- Discussion switched to the American Rescue Plan Act funding that might be coming into the County later this year and that MCCSD is going to request some of this money to help replace critical infrastructure.
- Director Murphy discussed the importance of creating community awareness about the age and condition of MCCSD infrastructure
- Director Murphy suggested inviting County Supervisor Ted Williams down to tour the WWTP to see the condition of some of the old infrastructure and use the opportunity to talk about the current Drought conditions.
- Superintendent Rhoades agreed this is a good suggestion and said he would reach out to Ted.
- There was brief discussion on potential shovel ready infrastructure projects. Ideas included smart water meters, low flow toilets and shower heads for community members, and solar collection.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 - ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to come before the Committee, the Mendocino City Community Services District Plant Operations Committee adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Ryan Rhoades

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