

JCSD Minutes

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jacumba Community Service District
(JCSD) has been called for:

Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Jacumba Library, 44605 Old Hwy 80, Jacumba Hot Springs, CA

I. OPENING PROCEDURES

A. CALL TO ORDER, 6:01pm

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL: Felix Bachmeier, Sarah Misquez, Robert Ridge, Katrina Westley, Debra Yu

D. PUBLIC FORUM: An opportunity for the public to comment on any topic that is within the jurisdiction of the Board and not on this agenda. Allocated time for public comment is 2 minutes for addressing one issue at any one time. (Brown Act, Section 54954.3)

Jacumba resident: Many gallons are getting pumped out for Construction Water.

EG: 20,000 gallons/month is what is getting pumped out currently. Not much is getting used currently. A 20 % percentage of the construction water sales goes to the park account to help fund it. Currently the JCSD is waiting for the money from the solar project to come through to also go towards our Jacumba Park. The solar panel money goes towards the park and there is a current list of tasks that the money from the solar project to go towards. Such as a new playground.

Cherry D.: Just an FYI; 1-8 project will go through March of 2024. Sarah Misquez also commented that the library has information on roads and road closures, all that information can be found there. There will be no Sponsor group Meeting for the month of December. Next meeting will be held on January 8th.

Rick Morrison: The JCSD should qualify for grants? Currently the Gm is working on a grant. The JCSD will get funded with a preliminary engineer report. Which needs to be complete for a major project which it will address all of our deficiencies for our districts.

- Any future correspondence form grants will be forwarded to board members.

Jacumba resident: Everyone is drinking the water that runs through Jacumba and residents have noticed a lot of bleach in the water, GM states it is to disinfect the water and it is our major complaint but these wells do need to be disinfected. Katrina states water should be tested everyday and it should be at certain levels and the board hasn't been brought up to speed on anything and they are trying to gather all information moving forward, also agrees we shouldn't be able to taste or smell the chlorine. Rounds on wells are completed daily to insure the safety of the water for the customers of Jacumba.

II. ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. JCSD Elections of Officers January 2023, (Sec 3.4 JCSD) and within 45 days of an election per CSD 61043(a).

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Election officers to be chosen at next board meeting for President and Vice President. Board members will have to nominate and vote for these positions within 45 days.

B. District wide performance and infrastructure analysis and consultation.

Katrina to search and hire a special district consultant to over see our water operations and assist in our aging infrastructure and to help see what grants are available for our water quality, to help in our financial integrity and help ourselves by helping the rate payers and keeping our water rates low. To also ensure that our district is operating in a responsible and transparent manner. Motion to research and hire a Special district consultant to hire to do a thorough audit.

Motion: Sarah M. 2nd: Felix Bachmeier Vote: Unanimous 5 yays 0 nays- Motion Passed

**Katrina: We have a lot of aging infrastructure that hasn't been addressed. Like the pipes that need to be replaced from the other side of town and the tanks that were epoxied, we can't just keep epoxying them. Eventually they will need to be replaced. There needs to be a full analysis to help us improve as a company were we can possibly make more revenue for the district and help keep our water rates at a low. Emilio: Just adding we are in a process for a grant that will be getting funded this year for our deficiencies. We have a lot of aging infrastructures that are not a threat to our drinking water (water gets tested on a daily basis) but our pipes are older and 4 inch pipes and 6 inch pipes would work a lot better.*

C. Discussion regarding ongoing issue with the Highland Center lease. Presentation by Highland Center Lease Administrator. (Please see attachment of presentation given by Mike Applemen)

Katrina- Only a portion of information was given to new board members about the litigation with Highland. Information will be sent out to them to have a better understanding of the litigation process that has been in place since 2021.

The new board members need to look over all the legality of the Highlands.

Felix B- His goal was to remove the bad board and have a whole new board put in for the highland. Mike gave a presentation on the current Highland board. He clarified that he is working on getting that building back and functional. On the night of the hearing if the water board was to simply contact the lawyers and put a pause to the case that would be one way to handle it and not put a rush on getting a court date.

III. CLOSED SESSION

A. President to immediately suspend all current and future Highland Senior Center Litigation and to not incur any further fees and costs. (Letter to be sent by president to attorneys effective immediately)

Motion: Katrina Second: Sarah Misquez Vote: Unanimous 5 yays 0 nays- Motion Passed

B. To give Highland Senior Center back to current Highland Center Board.

Motion: Sarah Misquez Second: Debra Yu Vote: 4 yays 1 nays (Felix B.)– Motion passed

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V. ADJOURNMENT

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