

# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES PAJARO DUNES GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT Meadow Room, Pajaro Dunes, 2661 Beach Road, Watsonville, CA 95076

Saturday, March 12, 2016 9:00 a.m.

#### A. OPEN SESSION CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### Roll Call

Bill Lyons (H40) President (Calling in from 4552 Morse Ave., Studio City, CA (209) 531-4077) Present Jim Griffin (Director)(P9) - Absent Bob Moore (P45) Vice President - Present David Bower (Director)(P48) - Present Wendy Cumming, Clerk/Accountant/Secretary - Present Raul Deju (Director)(CY4) - Present

## **B. MEMBER COMMENTS**

Matters under the jurisdiction of the Board and not on the posted agenda, may be addressed by members of the public before the Board for consideration. However, California law prohibits the Board from taking action on any matter which is not on the posted agenda unless it is determined to be an emergency by the Board of PDGHAD. Any person wishing to address the Board during the Member Comment period shall be permitted to be heard for up to 3 minutes, A) individuals may speak only once and B) the Board is unable to address any owner comments in depth, but may choose to direct the Clerk to follow-up on the matter for a future meeting.

# No comments

# C. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The President will use this opportunity to inform the public of issues affecting the District and other items of a general nature not otherwise provided for on this agenda.

- Update on the Coastal Commission application, and Santa Cruz County interaction
- Economic Impact report update
- Sand removal Neighbor dispute
- Banking relationship
- Subcommittee on assessment election

President Bill Lyons commented as follows:

Regarding the Coastal Commission application, ARUP has submitted the GHAD application for a permit from the Coastal Commission. It appears that there has been progress. The committee is planning to meet with the County Planning dept. later this month. The committee plans to stress to the County that this is a repair and maintenance project and will involve removing the rocks on the beach.

Raul Deju commented that the County has been difficult to deal with. The District has responded to the issues and the questions. The questions are not complicated. The only one that needs to be resolved is the issue of the County having to sign off. All other agencies that are affected have signed off. The District expects to have a response from the CCC within 90 days of submitted the response.

Bill Lyons commented on the Economic Impact Report. The updated version has not yet been completed. The report is expected to be completed within the next three weeks.

Bill Lyons commented on the sand removal and the neighbor dispute. PDA asked if ARUP the engineer of record for an estimate to review the site and provide an opinion. The cost would be between \$600-\$1,000, with the cost born by the property owner. Per Raul Deju ARUP would need to go through the existing contract with the District, since the PDA and the parties involved are not under a contract. Further they would need to have a signed legal letter absolving the District from any responsibility. Ken Stephens felt that the conflict of interest is a concern. Steve Broch commented that when an owner wants to make changes to the front of the home that the owner did not have the expertise for moving land in front of their home. David Bower felt that this is a PDA issue and should not involve the District. Raul Deju commented that no one should move remove rocks or anchor anything to the seawall. Bill Lyons commented that this is not an issue we need to deal with today, and this was just an update. David Bower requested that the houses identified, which are house numbers 13 and 12. This was discussed in the prior meeting.

On the banking relationship, Bill Lyons commented that he has asked Wendy and Mike to work with the bank, and that the relationship has been good.

Bill Lyons commented that with the District application having been submitted, and has asked the David Bower and Jim Griffin to be a part of the assessment election. David commented that the District would need to have the assessment election completed and submitted to the County no later than August 1, 2016, in order to make the assessment roles, and this would not happen this current fiscal year. Fiscal years 2017/2018 would be more likely. Per Raul Deju, come the 2018 year the existing loans would be paid off, except for one, and the assessment at that time would be comparable to what is being paid now.

## D. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine by the Board of Directors and will be enacted by one motion at the appropriate time. There will be no separate discussion on these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and will be considered separately.

1. Approval of minutes December 12, 2015

Motion by David Bower, seconded by Raul Deju, approved by all except Jim Griffin, who was absent.

#### E. TREASURER'S REPORT

- 2. Financial Reports
  - Eight month period ended February 29, 2016
  - Warrant listing
  - Accept reports by motion

David Bower had a question regarding the legal fee assigned to the Zone 2. Clerk Wendy Cumming will research the legal fees. Steve Broch, asked about the audit report on page 24, from the prior fiscal year and the legal fees on Zone 1 and 2. He wanted to know why there are legal expense for Zone 2. Clerk/Accountant will report back. Bob Moore asked that an item be placed on the agenda for the May meeting.

Mary Paige asked about the emergency funds in account in the emergency reserve account bank account and asked what the use was. Per the clerk/accountant the costs were technical costs from ARUP. Per Raul Deju the costs were allowable under the original assessment documents.

Motion by Raul Deju, seconded by David Bower, approved by all, except Jim Griffin.

#### F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 3. Finance and Budget Committee (Bill Lyons/Wendy Cumming)
- 4. Community Membership and Relations Committee (Bill Lyons/Bob Moore)
- 5. Seawall Application and Repair Committee (Jim Griffin/David Bower)
- 6. Meetings attended by Directors at District expense since the last meeting of the Board (per AB1234 requirements). Such reports may be made orally or in writing.

No meetings

### **G. NEW BUSINESS**

7. ITEM – Approval of the ARUP Task Proposal pursuant to the terms of the 2012 Contract for Professional Services between PDGHAD and ARUP

- a. Board report
- b. Public comment
- c. Board discussion
- d. Board action

Raul Deju commented the District has received a proposal from ARUP for working with the County on the Coastal Commission repair permit. ARUP will prepare a new engineer allocation report. David Bower commented that PHA has already raised money for the inspection of the riverwall and that Zone 2 should not incur expenses for ARUP to charge for the riverwall. The language in the proposal should be changed to just "seawall" and not "riverwall". Raul recommended that the District approve for the proposal except for the inspection of the seawall. David Bower commented that if Raul Deju is comfortable with the proposal, than he was I favor. Bill Lyons commented that he is in support of the proposal, except for the inspection due to the lack of activity on the wall.

Motioned by Raul Deju and seconded by David Bower, authorizing the approval of the ARUP Task Proposal to complete task 1, 2, and 3., less the seawall maintenance fees. Also the language should only include the inspection for the seawall, not the riverwall.

## H. DIRECTORS COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Members of the Board of Directors may address items of concern at this time, and may request that items be placed on future agendas in accordance with the By-laws of the Board.

David Bower commented that he had walked the seawall and noticed an outfall pipe that is draining directly on the seawall. Raul Deju commented that the pipe should be removed. David further commented that the pipe needs to be removed. An audience member said the issue should be forwarded to the design committee. David Bower requested the clerk should forward the issue to the Design committee.

# I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion for adjournment by David Bower seconded by Raul Deju, approved by all, except Jim Griffin.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Attest:

Wendy Cumming Clerk of the Board

Pajaro Dunes Geologic Hazard

Abatement District