

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

Saturday, August 13, 2016 9:00 a.m.

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

#### **Roll Call**

Bill Lyons (H40) President Bob Moore (P45) Vice President Wendy Cumming, Clerk/Accountant/Secretary Jim Griffin (P9) Director David Bower (P48) Director Raul Deju (CY4) Director

All 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
- FEMA
- Meeting Calendar
- Subcommittee on assessment election
- PDA/Design Review Committee Request

President Lyons commented regarding Coastal Commission and that the District received an extension of six months. There were six items on the list to address, five of which were able to be addressed. The sixth item had to do with the County of Santa Cruz and the rocks on the beach. The District's board has met with the County a number of times. President Lyons asked District

Council to meet with the County to obtain a plan of action. If not provided, then the board will attempt to move up to a higher individual with the County to try and get the matter resolved.

**Regarding the Economic Impact Report - The report is one to two days away from completion.** It should be available within the next few weeks.

Regarding FEMA there was a concern about flood mapping. President Lyon contacted the District engineering. The engineer basically said that there may be hope to influence some of the FEMA mapping. Member Bob Scranton commented that changes to the FEMA mapping would require moving of sand dunes. It appeared that the FEMA staff have ignored the seawall, possibly because it is not a FEMA seawall. President Lyons commented that per our engineer, the District has not applied in the past for the FEMA certification.

Regarding the meeting calendar the next regular scheduled meeting will be November 12 and December 10, 2016. Per the District meeting policy. President Lyons the District does its best to have the District meetings the same as the PDA meetings, and if the District has a quorum.

Regarding the subcommittee on assessment election. Per President Lyons stated the subcommittee will be back and engaged in the process.

Regarding the PDA design review request President Lyons commented that Carol Turley worked with the PDA design review committee on the process. A draft was provided to the District by the PDA for the board to review. President Lyons asked that council Rodriquez work with the PDA to identify the areas where the District has legal authority to make a determination on what changes a homeowner can make to their property as it relates to the seawall. Irene Swanson commented that they feel like they are in limbo, and she had hoped to hear today that the wall of sand that has been erected by their home, be put back to its original state. She would like to know when there will be a ruling. Carol Turley was asked to provide a copy of the proposed development to the board for review so the owner can move forward. Member Steve Brock asked that the District provide engineer guidelines so homeowners can move forward with home modifications. Carol Turley commented that she had met with Lyons and Wendy that we had a general discussion regarding the plans for this unit. President Lyons commented that he remembers a brief conversation and that he did not have the authority at that time to make a determination.

### **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 May 21, 2016 and June 18, 2016

Motion by David Bower, seconded by Bob Moore, approved by all.

#### **E. TREASURER'S REPORT**

- 2. Financial Reports
  - Year ended June 30, 2016
  - Warrant listing
  - Accept reports by motion

Motion by Bob Moore, seconded by David Bower, approved by all, except by Raul Deju who abstained.

### **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.

There were no meetings.

### **G. NEW BUSINESS**

7. ITEM – Consider nomination for Board Treasurer

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

President Lyons asked for a volunteer to be Treasurer. No one volunteered. No action taken.

- 8. ITEM Consider taking action to provide direction to the Seawall Application and Repair Committee to work with staff to prepare documents for Assessment Election
  - a. Board report
  - b. Public comment
  - c. Board discussion
  - d. Board action

President Lyons commented that the District had an assessment election that was withdrawn due to a technical issue. The District should resume this process, asking the David Bower and Jim Griffin resume the committee. David Bower asked if the engineer of record verified the allocations. Per Mr. Rodriquez the engineer has not yet completed the report. Raul Deju is thoroughly disappointed in the engineer of record. Jim Griffin asked that we write a letter and give him a deadline. Direction was provided to council to write a letter to the engineer to provide his report along with stating that they have been paid to provide this document.

- 9. ITEM Consider adopting resolution 01-2017, for Special Assessment, for general and administrative budgets for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.
  - a. Board report
  - b. Public comment
  - c. Board discussion
  - d. Board action

Motion by David Bower, seconded by Raul Deju to adopt resolution 01-2017 for special assessment for administrative budgets for fiscal year June 30, 2017, approved by all.

# 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.

Jim Griffin asked that the board set a date as to when the assessment election would need to be performed. There was discussion on what steps would need to be taken to get to an election.

# I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion for adjournment by Bob Moore seconded by Raul Deju, approved by all.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Wendy Cumming Attest:

Wendy Cuniming Clerk of the Board Pajaro Dunes Geologic Hazard Abatement District