A regular meeting of the Templeton Community Services District was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the District’s Board Meeting Room of the Templeton Community Services District located at 206 5th Street, Templeton, CA.

**AGENDA:**

**Call to Order:** 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:**
Present: Directors Petersen, Fardanesh, English, Jardini, and Logan.

Staff: General Manager Jeff Briltz and Board Secretary Laurie Ion.

Audience: Joe Watje, Santa Lucia School Board Members Vallar Wahba and Ernie Valenzuela.

**Order of Business:**
No changes were requested.

**Special Reports and/or Presentations:**
None.

**Public Comment:**
None.

**Consent Agenda:**
Director English asked that Item “c” be pulled. Director Fardanesh asked that Item “a” be pulled.

Vice-President Jardini made a motion to approve Items b and d:

b. **Templeton CSD Meadowbrook WWTP Headworks Improvement Project:**
   Consider accepting the Meadowbrook Headworks Project constructed by Specialty Construction Inc. (SCI) and direct staff to file a Notice of Completion within 10 days of this acceptance of the work.
d. **AT&T Cell Site Lease Amendment:** Consider entering into a lease agreement with AT&T for their cell site located on the District’s Water Tanks.

Director Fadanesh seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Jardini, Fadanesh, Petersen, English, and Logan.

**Item a - Minutes:** Consider adoption of the minutes of August 20, 2019.
Director Fadanesh indicated he had not attended the meeting and he would be abstaining from the vote.

President Logan made a motion to approve the August 20, 2019 minutes.
Vice-President Jardini seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Logan, Jardini, Petersen, and English.
Abstain: Fadanesh.

**Item b - Budget Amendment Wastewater Fund:** Consider approving a budget amendment of $244,067 to pay the City of Paso Robles for 9% of the capital costs for wastewater treatment plant improvements.

Director English asked if the District had not made the disconnection date in time to avoid the payment. GM Briltz advised that the District had made the disconnection date in time and had been advised by Public Works staff that we would not be responsible for the payment. Unfortunately, the Finance Department had determined that the invoice was for the prior year of service. The City of Paso Robles bills in arrears.

Director English made a motion to approve a budget amendment of $244,067 to pay the City of Paso Robles for 9% of the capital costs for wastewater treatment plant improvements.
Vice-President Jardini seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote – Ayes: English, Jardini, Petersen, Fadanesh and Logan.

President Logan reviewed the following norms:

**PROCESS NORMS**

- *The Board and Staff are committed to TCSD’s mission and to work as a team.*
- *The Board and Staff need to be responsive to the community.*

**Business**

**Santa Lucia School Request:** General Manager Briltz reviewed a request by the Santa Lucia School Board of Directors to address a failing domestic well on their property that serves their school. He noted the well is within Templeton
CSD boundaries. He further advised that the State Water Resources Control Board had reached out to the school and recommended that they consider consolidation with the District due to their failing well.

GM Briltz advised the Board that there was a provision in the District’s Water Code that addressed domestic well failures. The Code, however, only addressed residential properties and is silent on public agencies. District Legal Counsel reviewed the item and had indicated that the Board could revise the Code section.

GM Briltz further advised that Director English had reached out to ask if the school could enter into a riparian rights agreement with the District. Staff contacted the District’s Hydrogeologist who said the property could have riparian rights as it is near the creek. In order to pursue a Riparian Rights Agreement, a Chain of Title Report would need to be completed to ensure the rights had not been severed. Once done the hydrogeologist would review the property’s well/underflow.

The Board was presented with three options:
1. Direct staff to prepare an Ordinance that would amend the Water Code to permit non-residential uses to connect to the water system under the provisions established within the Code.
2. Pursue a Riparian Rights Agency Agreement.
3. Pursue both on parallel tracks.

Vice-President Jardini asked who would bear the cost of the mainline. GM Briltz advised her that a mainline ran next to the property. He indicated that the property owner would bear the cost of the tie-in and backflow device, as well as a water hook-up fee. Vice-President Jardini expressed strong concern in changing the Water Code.

President Logan opened up the discussion to school representatives. School Board Member Vallar Wahba advised the Board that the school is currently having drinking water delivered. However, the well water is used in the restrooms and in the kitchen for the dishwasher. The School Board believes the best solution is to connect to the TCSD system to ensure proper testing and treatment is being done correctly. They have contracted with another water treatment company to try and mitigate the current issue but Miller Drilling has advised them that the well is failing.

Vice-President Jardini said she had been contacted by a constituent who advised her that the hospital could not get water allocations for a wound care center. She believed that such a project would benefit the entire community. She noted she was having difficulty in trying to balance the school’s request against other needs.
Director English said he was in favor of pursuing parallel options.

Director Fardanesh concurred. He stated that this was an urgent matter due to health and safety ramifications. He believed the District had an obligation to provide the school with water. He said he did not want children becoming ill due to this issue not being addressed quickly. He said he was in favor of both options, i.e. amending the code and looking into a Riparian Rights Agency Agreement. He stated that the Water Code does have a provision for emergency issues.

Director Petersen said he concurred with Director Fardanesh’s comments. He said he was in agreement with Director English’s recommendation to pursue both options.

GM Briltz advised the Board that he had only recently advised the school representatives that they would have to pay a deposit to confirm the riparian rights. He anticipated that the cost would be approximately $5,000 to do the title search, and the reviews by legal counsel and the District’s hydrogeologist. He noted that if its determined that they have riparian water rights that it would not impact the buffer supply. GM Briltz indicated that updating the ordinance could take 60-75 days.

Vice-President Jardini stated that she wanted District staff to contact everyone that is currently on the District’s Wait List regarding this matter as she desired their input.

President Logan noted that the school has been in business for 34-years. She recognized that the well is substandard and it’s an emergency. She believed the issue brought forward the need to expand the Water Code’s language to address emergency situations that are not residential. Logan indicated her concern is the health of the children. Discussion ensued.

Director English recommended that staff move forward on a parallel track to see if the school was eligible to enter into a Riparian Rights Agency Agreement and to draft an ordinance that would amend the Water Code. The amendment would address emergency connection/s for certain types of non-residential parcels that may have potable wells that are failing. He said he was not opposed to letters being sent to parties on the District’s Wait List. President Logan agreed and indicated that Water Code should be amended so the language is not so restrictive.

Director Fardanesh questioned the school paying the associated costs. GM Briltz advised him that they would cover the costs of billable hours.
Santa Lucia School Board Treasurer Vallar Wahba indicated that the school currently had $18,000 set aside for this project. The School Board will be meeting next week to further discuss the issue. She did advise that she had reached out to Senator Monning’s Office regarding funding for failing water systems.

**General Manager's Report:**

General Manager Briltz reported on the following item:

- **Employee Appreciation BBQ:** The appreciation BBQ is scheduled for 9/6/19.
- **Election Night Results:** The Election Night Results was 77.9% yes. County Elections will be certifying the results on 9/5 or 9/6.
- **East Side Force Main (ESFM) Ribbon Cutting:** The ESFM Ribbon cutting is tentatively scheduled on Wednesday, September 25, 2019.
- **Special District Risk Management Award (SDRMA):** The Board will be receiving the Earl F. Sayre Excellence in Safety Award through SDRMA for the District’s property/liability program.

**Committee Reports:**

Director English asked what was next for the Fire Department. He asked that the item be put on a future agenda so they may communicate with the public on same.

GM Briltz advised that the parcel tax monies will be received in December 2020. As the District has had a full-time position vacant for a period of time the monetary savings will allow the District to implement the program in early summer. He indicated that the Fire Committee would be discussing this at their next meeting.

**Director’s Comments:**

None.

**Adjournment:** The Board meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Ion, Board Secretary