

Chester Public Utility District  
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**Minutes of Regular Meeting:** October 17, 2017 at 3:00pm. Located in the Chester Public Utility District conference room: 251 Chester Airport Road.

**Directors Present:** Wes Scott, Greg McIntire, Ben Thompson and Steve Trotter.

**Directors Absent:** Vacancy

**Guests Present:** 9, includes Stacy Fischer, a Chester Progressive Rep., and 2 from SCI

**Staff Present:** 7 CPUD/CFD employees and volunteers.

1. **Call to Order:** Director Scott called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.
  - Director Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance.
  - Agenda approval: Director McIntire made the motion to approve the agenda with no changes. Director Trotter seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
2. **Closed Session:** none
3. **Reconvene from Closed Session:** n/a
4. **Report on Closed Session:** n/a
5. **Public Comment Non-Agenda Items:** None.
6. **Approval of September 19, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes:** Director McIntire made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Director Thompson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
7. **Approval of September Financials:** After some discussion and clarification of who FGL is, Director Trotter made a motion to accept the September Financials as presented. Director McIntire seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried
8. **SCI Consulting Group Proposal for a Local Funding Measure Public Opinion Survey and Feasibility Analysis: (Proposal Exhibit A)** Valarie Flores and Maria Adarve gave a presentation on what their company does, see attached proposal, and what it can do for CPUD. They explained the process, time frame and proposal. After much discussion from the public and the Board of Directors with the presenters, Director Trotter made a motion to accept the proposal from SCI Consulting Group. Director McIntire seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Director Trotter also requested an Ad Hock committee be formed to work with SCI. The committee consists of General Manager Motzkus, Director Trotter, Director McIntire. Chief Waterman will be asked to participate when he returns.
9. **General Manager's Report: by Frank Motzkus – (Exhibit B)** Negotiations for Firefighters Union are completed. The Broussard annexation is complete as of Monday October 16, 2017, final paperwork should be received this week or next. Nothing has been heard from the Olsen Barn. Spatial Wave is talking about a planning grant for CPUD. It would include 10 miles of sewer line being camera'd. GM Motzkus and Chief Waterman attended another consolidation meeting with Lake Almanor West Fire Department and Prattville Fire Department. It was determined to invite Hamilton Branch Fire Department to the next meeting. CPUD received a violation letter from the State Water Resource Board for a treated wastewater effluent release into Lake Almanor that occurred in April 2017. The fine is \$6,000.00. General Manager Motzkus wrote a reply to the violation. There has not been a response back as of this date. The reason for

the release was an inflow and infiltration problem. There was a public discussion about inflow and infiltration problems. General Manager Motzkus explained the issue.

10. **Fire Chief's Report: Presented by Captain Dean (Exhibit C)** – The water tender is out again. It has been to Butte, Placer and Napa counties this time. The current fires are being run by State IMT's, but we do have 3 Lassen contract personnel out at this time. We also have 5 in Puerto Rico. We have added 1 new volunteer and we have 2 more applicants for Chester Fire. We are waiting to bring them on until after background checks are complete. We did not receive the SAFER or AFG grants this year. We did receive a \$58,000 grant from the Collins Pine Foundations. Thanks to Janice White for helping us receive the grant. With the funds we purchased ten sets of turnouts and 45 SCBA bottles. "Thank you General Manager Motzkus and Chief Waterman for your time with the Union Negotiations." The Open House was a success. Thank you to Cal Fire, USFS and Smokey Bear, Reach, PHI and Enloe Flight Care for your participation.
11. **Public Comment: Agenda Items:** Director Scott asked that all public comment for the proposed water rate increases be held until that item comes up on the agenda.
12. **2017-2019 Fire Fighter Contract/MOU approval: Effective October 22, 2017** – The new MOU between the Chester Public Utility District Fire Department and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Stationary Local 39 contains the following changes: An additional 2 shifts of vacation/personal days, 2 weeks paid for baby bonding, a new 3 on /4 off work schedule, the 457 match has been increased to \$100, uniform allowance is now \$200/quarter, there is an Educational Certification incentive pay of \$150/month if firefighter has a BS, BA or Fire Officer/Company Officer Certification. Motion of approval of new MOU for Fire Department Local 39 was made by Director McIntire. Director Trotter seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
13. **Hearing for proposed Water Base Rate Increases:** There were many questions, comments and complaints from the public in attendance about the proposed water rate increase. Director Scott Fielded the questions, comments and ideas. General Motzkus explained the process to protest the increase correctly.
14. **Correspondence: (none at this time)**
15. **Comments:**
  - A) **Directors:** Director Scott thanked the public in attendance for showing up and being concerned. "We want to provide excellent service for water, sewer, fire and ambulance, but it does cost money."
  - B) **Staff:** None

Director Scott adjourned the meeting at 4:14.  
Karen Lichti, PIO, Substitute Clerk to the Board  
Approval of Minutes \_\_\_\_\_

