

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OAKHURST GEOLOGICAL HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT (GHAD)

June 20, 2017

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – the meeting was called to order at 8:32 p.m. by Chairman Shuey. Board Members present: Chairman Shuey, Vice Chair Catalano, Board Members Diaz and Pierce. Board Members absent: Board Member Haydon. Staff present: City Manager Gary Napper, General Legal Counsel Mala Subramanian, and Secretary Janet Brown.

2. **CONSENT CALENDAR** – It was moved by Board Member Pierce, seconded by Vice Chair Catalano, to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted. (Passed; 4-0 vote).
 - (a) Approved the Board of Directors' minutes for its regular meeting of December 6, 2017.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

4. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** - None.

5. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - (a) Presentation and consideration of a Resolution to approve the proposed Oakhurst Geological Hazard Abatement District (GHAD) Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18 and set a Public Hearing to be held on July 18, 2017 to consider the levy of the corresponding real property tax assessments in FY 2017-18.

City Manager Gary Napper presented the Oakhurst Geological Hazard Abatement District (GHAD) Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18 noting that District property owners in April 2000 approved the formation of the district to cover routine maintenance and operation needs of the district. The income from these property assessments now totals approximately \$40,000 per year offset by a proposed District expenditure plan of \$27,600 this year. The District Manager included in the GHAD Budget the most recent readings of Kelok Way Dewatering Wells Project, which GHAD project was completed in 2013; he noted a subsequent budgetary request, likely this summer, to take another look at the wells' effectiveness prior to the next rainy season.

Mr. Napper indicated the GHAD Budget maintains and sustains the District's minimal existence with one of its primary purposes of formation to allow the opportunity for real property owners to assess themselves if

there were infrastructure needs that were necessary in order to stabilize the movements on the hills.

The proposed expenses for the District this year include a reduced general liability insurance premium of \$7,000, a County tax collections charge of \$1,200 for the legally-separate district, District management and engineering services by Permco Engineering and Management in the amount of \$5,000, the V-ditches' inspection and maintenance of \$5,000, legal services of \$1,000, preparation of annual legal notices mailed to the property owners and District administrative expenses transferred to the General Fund \$7,244 to account for payroll, payment of bills and other things performed by the City directly related to District operations.

The proposed total expense is \$27,594 with an expected assessment income of \$40,000, which will provide an increase of \$12,456 to the GHAD's Fund Balance. Mr. Napper noted an upcoming expense of approximately \$10,000 is not included for the geotechnical services of Frank Berlogar & Associates to take a look at the installed inclinometers and piezometers and report on its findings.

Mr. Napper concluded the report noting the recommended tax rate increase is determined by the annual movement in the area's Consumer Price Index (CPI), which is 3.78%. Recent questions have arisen regarding Proposition 218 and whether this CPI increase to the assessment requires balloting of the affected property owners to provide them the opportunity to vote by ballot on the CPI-only rate increase. The legal answer is "No" because in years past, the property owners were balloted on and voted affirmatively to allow an annual CPI increase to the property tax assessment.

Chair Shuey opened the floor to receive public comments; no comments were offered.

It was moved by Board Member Pierce, seconded by Vice Chair Catalano, to adopt GHAD Resolution No. 01-2017 approving a budget and declaring intention to levy and collect assessments for the Oakhurst Geological Hazard Abatement District for Fiscal Year 2017-18, and giving notice of time and place for a hearing on the levy of the proposed assessment. (Passed; 4-0 vote).

6. **BOARD ITEMS** – None.

7. **ADJOURNMENT** - on call by Chairman Shuey the meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Brown, Secretary

Approved by the Board of Directors
Oakhurst Geological Hazard Abatement District



David T. Shuey, Chairman