

**HORNBROOK COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**  
**P.O. BOX 29, HORNBROOK, CA. 96044**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF 11/29/17**  
**HORNBROOK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HALL**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Robert Puckett, Patricia Slote, Melissa Tulleo, Bryant Schaffler

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum:**  
The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance recited. Roll Call: Present: Robert Puckett, Patricia Slote, Melissa Tulleo, Bryant Schaffler. Quorum established.
2. **Public Comment Period:** No comments regarding any agenda items.
3. **Presentation Only:** Pete Kampa, General Manager, available by phone, gave his report for the month of November. Mr. Kampa reported on California Special District Association's involvement in current legislation in California. SB96 and SB1479 are examples of legislation that would effect HCSD. Documentation explaining these bills are included in this agenda packet.  
Mr. Kampa also reported on the State Water Resources Control Board recent preliminary inspection which listed defects/repairs dating back to 2014 needing to be corrected. He has been working with Clint Dingman by phone and email and, as of the 11/17/17 deadline, all repairs had been completed and submitted to SWRCB. There will be a further inspection by SWRCB but that date has not been set. He advised the State will be looking for the District to make improvements and that lack of funds will not be acceptable.  
Peter Harrell, in the audience, made some comments regarding Mr. Kampa's report.
4. **Consent Agenda:** President Puckett read the Consent Agenda. Patricia Slote noted that the warrant list amount for Clint Dingman payroll should be \$1031.97 and the Chem Quip billing listed is a duplication from last month and should be removed from this list. A motion to approve the Consent Agenda with corrections to the warrant list was made by Bryant Schaffler, second by Melissa Tulleo.  
**Ayes: Puckett, Tulleo, Schaffler, Slote**  
**Noes: -0-**
5. **Discussion and Action Items:** President Puckett read the items as listed on the Agenda.
  - a. Mr. Kampa explained the agenda packet documents regarding the need for a resolution to approve a revenue needs study and proposed interim water rate increase, based on the District facing a budget shortfall. The enclosed documents are proposals only. Mr. Harrell, not recognized by the President, started comments regarding the discussion the Board was having. This, ultimately, resulted in a ten-minute recess. The Board resumed at 7:03 p.m. Mr. Kampa then gave the Board detailed information as to the need for a rate increase, a public hearing, and subsequent Board action. Further discussion included Bryant Schaffler noting that a rate increase, to be fair, should possibly include an equal percentage amount, rather than a flat amount, per customer.  
Peter Harrell had public comment regarding this matter, indicating the district should have been collecting a standby fee for parcels within the District boundaries. He also talked about past attempts for rate increases.  
By consensus, the Board tabled this matter until the next meeting, requesting the General Manager to revise the proposed monthly service rates to reflect a more equal increase between residential, commercial and government rates.
  - b. Mr. Kampa indicated the matter of approving a fee schedule for miscellaneous services could be included with a public hearing for rate increases. Board consensus is to table this matter until the next meeting.
  - c. Mr. Kampa included this for information only. There are several grant opportunities coming up soon and he has worked with this consulting firm in obtaining grants for other districts. The amount of work involves compiling engineering reports as well as completing applications. This firm has worked with Mr. Kampa in the past and may be willing to start the process without funding "up front". They would then be reimbursed after a successful grant application. He noted that every application they have submitted has been successful and they have obtained grants totalling over \$20 million. There has been no agreement or proposal from this firm.

Bryant Schaffler questioned why we would need to have a consulting firm assist Mr. Kampa. Mr. Kampa answered that he is able to complete some applications that are simple or on an "emergency" basis. Because of the complexity of an application for this large a project, we would need a consulting firm. He also noted that the firm would not begin the application process if they did not believe they would be successful.

The President then asked for Public Comment. Mr. Harrell began making critical remarks about Mr. Kampa and when asked by the Board Secretary to not continue, he became agitated and expressed his opinion that he had a right to say whatever he wanted to the Board and the General Manager.

Roger Gifford also made comments regarding the grant application process which had been previously started and not continued by the current board.

**Announcement of and Public Comment on Closed Session Items:**

Mr. Harrell stated the Board does not "get to have" closed session on matters that don't involve the HCSD. He stated that many of the items listed under Closed Session did not have legal counsel approved by the Board.

CLOSED SESSION 8:09 p.m.:

There was no reportable action taken by the Board. In Closed Session.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION 8:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ Patricia E. Slote, Board Secretary