



March 13, 2025 | 7:00 pm | Armory Hall, Volcano CA

Meeting called by: M. Sorensen

Acting Secretary: R. Korematsu

Directors Present:

A. Korematsu, M. Sorenson, J. Wolfbrandt

R. Korematsu, P. Suden

Absent:

CONSENT AGENDA

January 2024 Regular Minutes were on the consent agenda.

MOTION: A. Korematsu made a motion to accept the January 2024 Minutes, M. Sorensen seconded the motion.

AYES: Unanimous.

Consent Agenda APPROVED.

DISTRICT ENGINEERS' REPORT – GEORGE BARNES

1. Monthly Cleveland Tunnel flow at the plant is 20 gallons per minute. 28 gallons per minute is flowing out of the tunnel. 1 gallon per minute is going down the black pipe.
2. **Chromium Hexavalent** : All water sources have been tested for chromium hexavalent. Hexavalent chromium (Cr(VI)) is a form of the metal chromium that can occur naturally in small amounts or come from industrial pollution (e.g., from manufacturing, leather tanning, or chemical production). It's the "bad guy" version of chromium you might recognize from the movie *Erin Brockovich*. Unlike trivalent chromium (Cr(III)), which is an essential nutrient in tiny doses, hexavalent chromium is toxic and classified as a human carcinogen when inhaled or ingested over long periods.
Well #1 and well #2 were both non detect. The tunnel raw water came in at **0.700 µg/L**. µg/L means micrograms per liter, a very small unit of concentration (1 µg/L = 1 part per billion, or ppb). Your level of **0.700 µg/L** is:
 - a. Well below the EPA's total chromium limit (100 µg/L).
 - b. Below California's enforceable limit (10 µg/L).
 - c. But above California's public health goal (0.02 µg/L).
 - d. At 0.700 µg/L, there's no immediate danger. Acute poisoning from hexavalent chromium typically requires much higher levels (think industrial spills, not tap water).
3. **Meters**: I have the new meters to replace the ones that are reading in cubic feet but have not had a chance to install them yet.
4. **CCR**: Alpha labs will be compiling the VCSD Consumer Confidence Report for 2024. It is due by July 1, 2025.
5. Water Diversion Reporting 2024 – completed.
6. Electronic Annual Report System (eARs) – open 2/1/2025, due date 60 days after letter.
7. Build weir outside Cleveland Tunnel, D. Ketron and S. Schippers volunteering to help. Update on schedule to have the weir done.
8. Any other issues, etc. to address.

M. Gottstein requested to add an agenda item to the meeting regarding how to open the valve system to provide free flow of water in case of fire to the District Engineers' Report.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Vacant VCSD Board Position; Letters of Interest/Appointment of Director. **ACTION** R. Korematsu made a motion to nominate Peter Suden to be a board member, M. Sorensen seconded the motion, and the Board passed the motion unanimously. Mr. Suden was sworn in and took his seat on the Board.
2. Volcano Hills Community Fuel break. VCSD Support for Project. **ACTION** A. Korematsu. A. Korematsu made a motion to grant use of the hall sponsored by the VCSD for any future meetings for this project to avoid insurance issues, M. Sorensen seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.
3. Payment of Prop. 68 Project Manager Fee. B. Stein **ACTION**. Since M. Sorensen stated he could not access the Prop. 68 Checking account, the Board directed R. Korematsu to cut the project manager fee check for \$10,000.00 to B. Stein.
4. VCSD Audits for 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24. Approval to initiate finding a new auditor or stay with current auditor. R. Korematsu **ACTION** No one volunteered to take on this task, so item is deferred.
5. VCSD Insurance Renewal. R. Korematsu **ACTION** Send to Mike Sorenson.
6. Accounting reports for Board, review and revision. R. Korematsu **ACTION** R. Korematsu made a motion to get basic accounting reports for Board review on a quarterly basis, then filed in the records room, M. Sorensen seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.
7. Town bathrooms defensible space. M. Gottstein **ACTION** There is a serious overgrowth of vegetation behind the bathroom. The access appears to be through Mr. Sizemore's property. Ms. Gottstein is requesting that this vegetation should be removed that is on the bathroom property. A. Korematsu is volunteering to take on this maintenance and find someone to clean this up. M. Gottstein will be providing contact information for her yard maintenance. If the proposed quote is \$600 or less, R. Korematsu made a motion to approve \$600 or less, J. Wolfbrandt seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.
8. Hall/Park Grant Report – B. Stein. **Information**. B. Stein is considering to resign being project manager on Prop. 68 grant and the hall management position. In terms of the hall management, it would be better to have someone local to the community or someone in town. A. Korematsu volunteered to be the board member to help with hall rentals. Ms. Stein was sincerely thanked by the Board for her work on the Prop. 68 grant and her work on the hall management.
9. Meter Reading/Park – R. Zehender Information. Nothing to report.
10. Secretary's Report – R. Korematsu Information. Statement of Financial Transaction received, Board Compensation Report to be done.
11. Hearing from those who wish to address the Board (limited to 3 minutes per person). Any person may address the Board at this time upon any subject within the jurisdiction of the Volcano Community Services District. Any matter that requires an action will be referred to the Board for a report and action at a subsequent Board Meeting. R. Zehender's check will be deposited.

12. Delinquent Account Collections Process and Next Steps. M. Sorensen, R. Korematsu.
ACTION (closed session) Upon conclusion of the closed session, the status of account for meter #16 has been resolved to the satisfaction of the rate payer and the Board. A 10-day shut-off notice will be sent to meter #22. Due to some concerns about late fee calculations, late fees levies will be suspended until more Board discussion.

Hearing for those who wish to address the board (limited to 3 minutes per person)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: April 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Submitted by: _____
Rebecca Korematsu, Secretary (A)