

Heritage Ranch Community Services District

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020

DISTRICT OFFICE, HERITAGE RANCH, CA

To further reduce the risk of spreading coronavirus (COVID-19) within the community, the Heritage Ranch Community Services District will be practicing social distancing guidance as instructed by the Governor and the Center for Disease Control. We have made this meeting available via teleconference. To join meeting dial 1-267-930-4000 and enter access code 065169537#.

Board Members:

Dan Burgess, President Devin Capps, Vice President Reg Cousineau, Director Martin Rowley, Director Bill Barker, Director

1. 4:00 PM OPEN SESSION / CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE

2. ROLL CALL

3. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a. Submittal for approval Resolution No. 20-05, A Declaration of Emergency and Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Heritage Ranch Community Services District to Temporarily Authorize Increased Authority of the General Manager.

(Action required: 1) receive staff report; 2) open public comment; 3) close public comment; 4) discussion, <u>motion</u>, <u>roll call</u> vote)

4. ADJOURNMENT

(Action required: by motion and voice vote, adjourn meeting)

The next regular Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2020.

HERITAGE RANCH COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

- **TO:** Board of Directors
- **FROM:** Scott Duffield, General Manager
- **DATE:** March 24, 2020
- **SUBJECT:** Submittal for approval Resolution No. 20-05, A Declaration of Emergency and Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Heritage Ranch Community Services District to Temporarily Authorize Increased Authority of the General Manager.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve Resolution No. 20-05, A Declaration of Emergency and Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Heritage Ranch Community Services District to Temporarily Authorize Increased Authority of the General Manager.

Discussion

By adoption of Resolution No. 20-05, the District may be eligible for cost recovery on issues related to the COVID-19 emergency. Additionally, the resolution provides temporary increased authorities of the General Manager to allow for a more effective and timely response to situations as they occur related to the COVID-19 emergency.

Fiscal Considerations

Impacts are not able to be determined at this time; however, the District may be eligible for cost recovery on issues related to the COVID-19 emergency.

<u>Results</u>

Resolution 20-05 will help to ensure efficient and effective management of the District and allow staff to deliver critical essential services to the community.

Attachments: Resolution 20-05 A Declaration of Emergency and Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Heritage Ranch Community Services District to Temporarily Authorize Increased Authority of the General Manager

File: COVID-19

HERITAGE RANCH COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 20-05

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY AND RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HERITAGE RANCH COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT TO TEMPORARILY AUTHORIZE INCREASED AUTHORITY OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Recitals

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California declared a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of Novel Coronavirus 2019 ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-25-20 in further response to the spread of COVID-19, mandating compliance with state and local public health officials pertaining to measures to control the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the San Luis Obispo County Health Officer declared a public health emergency and the County Emergency Services Director also proclaimed a local emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, the San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department announced the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in San Luis Obispo County, and additional cases have since been confirmed; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of Heritage Ranch Community Services District ("District") residents, businesses, visitors and staff are of utmost importance to the Board of Directors ("Board"), and additional future measures may be needed to protect the community; and

WHEREAS, preparing for, responding to, mitigating, and recovering from the spread of COVID-19 may require the District to divert resources from normal day-to-day operations and it may impose extraordinary requirements on and expenses to the District; and

WHEREAS, the District General Manager ("General Manager") currently has spending authority to issue purchase orders and/or warrants up to \$499 with the countersignature of the Administrative Assistant. The General Manager and Administrative Assistant may issue purchase orders and/or warrants for \$500 or more with the countersignature of a Board member. The General Manager shall not issue purchase orders without first obtaining Board approval of any requisition for capital items in excess of \$1,000.

WHEREAS, the District General Manager has limited authority to execute formal contracts for the purchase of materials, supplies, and services, and limited authority related to personnel matters; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of Board action, strict compliance with certain District rules and ordinances could prevent, hinder, or delay appropriate actions to prevent and mitigate the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of all the facts reasonably available for review at the present time, the Board of Directors finds it in the best interest of the District to authorize temporary increases to certain authority of the General Manager.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Directors of the Heritage Ranch Community Services District as follows:

- 1. The Board of Directors declares a State of Emergency to exist in Heritage Ranch Community Services District as a result of the threat of Novel Coronavirus 2019 ("COVID-19")
- 2. The Board of Directors authorizes an increase in the General Manager's spending authority to \$30,000 and up to \$50,000 upon authorization from the President of the Board.
- 3. The General Manager may take all actions necessary, proper, and appropriate in his/her reasonable discretion to ensure the operation of the District, the safety of employees, and the safety of the public, including, but not limited to reasonable deviations from Board adopted Ordinances, Resolutions, Policies, and Procedures.
- 4. The authority vested in the General Manager by this resolution will terminate upon a declaration by the Governor that the State of Emergency has ended and the County Health Officer that the Public Health Emergency has ended and the County Emergency Services Director that the Local Emergency has ended.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Heritage Ranch Community Services District on the _____ day of _____ 2020, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Dan Burgess, President Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Kristen Gelos Board Secretary