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Great meeting last night! Thanks to all who showed up - the encouragement you are to one another will help sustain us all.

I. An amended agenda for tonight's CSD meeting has been posted. Here's a few suggested questions for the Board for use by those attending tonight's meeting:

Agenda Item 1. Presentation by Willdan Associates On Alternate Funding Sources.

Q. How much will the total finance cost be per household over the life of the "new project" if we change?

Q. Is there any financing that is cheaper than the State Revolving Loan we currently have?

Agenda Item 6. Approval of Contract with Willdan Associates to Provide Interim Management Services

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorize President to execute contract

Q. What other bids were solicited and received?

Q. At the rate we're paying this firm, why isn't the Board reviewing other complete bids?

Q. For seven years our former General Manager was able to avoid Regional Water Quality Board fines. Within seven days this firm has exposed our citizens to huge fines - at 3 times the salary of Mr. Buel. Considering the Administrative guidance received from this firm to date, why is the Board sole sourcing to them?

Agenda Item 7. Approval of Contract with Vanblarcom, Liebold, McClendon and Mann to Provide Interim General Legal Counsel

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorize President to execute contract

Q. What other bids were solicited and received?

Q. Is the Board proposing a "sole source" purchase?

Agenda Item - Closed Session.

PERSONNEL -- Discussion of Public Information Officer Employment Contract and General Manager Employment Contract Pursuant to Government Code 54957

Q. Which Public Information Officer and which GM? (Mr Buel and Mr Drake? or Willdan and Ms. Ricard?)

II. We've received a message from a distraught property owner indicating that they have been refused a loan by the bank because of the impending fines.

Can anyone confirm this rumor? Has anyone else had this experience?

Maybe the Board can shed some light on this. Perhaps someone should ask tonight in Public Comment.

Keep up the Good fight!

Taxpayers Watch is an unincorporated association dedicated to protecting the quality of life in Los Osos.

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