



May 16, 2024
Agenda No. 11

Staff Reports

May 16, 2024
TO: BCSD Board of Directors
FROM: Elaine Cervantes
RE: Staff Report
Cc: Marisol Camacho, Pete Cerna, Morelia Avila

Board Members,

Ag Burn Alternative Grant Project #G-201583

1. **Grant Application Submission:** The grant application for the 5-acre project on Howard was successfully completed and submitted to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and approved .
2. **Commencement of Removal Process:** On 5/8/24 Started with removing the wiring and will complete in one week

Biola Water and Sewer Rate Increase

Public notifications were dispatched to all residents on Wednesday, April 24, 2024. To date, no protests have been received. Our scheduled public hearing is set for Thursday, June 20, 2024.

Fresno County Grand Jury (District Website)

Our district underwent a random selection process by the Fresno County Civil Grand Jury. Being a special district, we were chosen for a website review to assess our compliance. During the initial interview, we achieved 10 out of 15 requirements, demonstrating our commitment to compliance and transparency. Subsequently, we received a checklist to update. I'm pleased to report that the district has successfully fulfilled and updated all website requirements, a task accomplished and documented on May 3, 2024.

Jakara Movement (Deep Singh)

Jakara Movement contacted the District regarding a collaborative project with the UC Merced Labor Center aimed at enhancing green spaces. Specifically, they explored the feasibility of establishing a park in Biola. A meeting was held with Jakara Movement on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, to discuss this initiative. They presented several potential locations, which they intend to further investigate by consulting the Fresno County Assessor's office. Additionally, during the discussion, the possibility of Biola Pershing School collaborating with the District via a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to designate a section of the school grounds as a park was raised. Deep Singh expressed willingness to arrange a meeting with the School District to explore the potential for an agreement allowing residents to utilize a portion of the school grounds as a park. No meeting at this time has been scheduled.

California Special Districts Association Training on 4/24/24 thru 4/25/24

On Wednesday, April 24, 2024, the Board President, Board Treasurer, and General Manager participated in the SDRMA Financial Management for Special Districts Workshop. This session provided valuable insights into various aspects of our district's finances. Upon completion of the workshop, a certificate was issued.

The following day, Thursday, April 25, 2024, the same group attended the HR Bootcamp Workshop. This workshop presented diverse perspectives and scenarios relevant to our district, emphasizing the importance of policies and prioritizing our workload.

We are pleased to note that through the SDLF, we were eligible for a scholarship allowance that covered the costs for all three of us to attend both workshops.

Fresno City College Computer Literacy Classes

Overview: Fresno City College has initiated computer literacy classes are going strong. We started with 12 Students now we are down to 7 Students. The District aimed at equipping individuals with essential digital skills. These classes cater to diverse schedules, being held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5:30pm to 8:10 pm.

Enrollment Status: Prospective students who are interested in enhancing their computer proficiency still have the opportunity to enroll in these classes. The enrollment process remains open, allowing individuals to take advantage of this valuable educational opportunity.

Inclusivity Measures: In a commendable display of inclusivity, Fresno City College has ensured that language barriers do not hinder participation. They have arranged for interpreters to assist individuals who exclusively speak Spanish, thus ensuring that a wider demographic can benefit from the program.

Implications: These computer literacy classes hold significant implications for the community. By offering accessible and flexible education, Fresno City College is empowering individuals with the skills necessary to thrive in an increasingly digital world. Furthermore, the provision of interpreters exemplifies the institution's commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Conclusion: Fresno City College's computer literacy classes represent a valuable opportunity for individuals seeking to enhance their digital competencies. With flexible scheduling and inclusive measures in place, these classes serve as a beacon of accessible education. As enrollment remains open, interested individuals are encouraged to seize this opportunity to enhance their computer skills and expand their horizon

Community Outreach

Jakara Movement – is sponsoring a Cultural Event at Biola Pershing Elementary on Friday, May 17, 2024 5pm to 7pm. Please see attached flyer for more information.

BOARD PACKETS – Agendas and Board Packets will be sent by email effective August 1, 2023. If a hard copy is needed copies will be available at the office for pickup at your convenience, every Friday before the scheduled Board Meeting of every month. Thank you for your patience as we try and be a little more efficient with staff time and safety.

As a reminder the office hours are as follows:

Monday – office closed

Tuesday – 8:00am –5:00pm

Wednesday – 8:00am –5:00pm

Thursday – 8:00am – 5:00pm

Friday – 8:00am – 2:00pm

Certificate of Completion



Workshop: Human Resources Boot Camp for Special Districts

Sacramento, CA – April 25, 2024

Elaine Cervantes

Biola Community Services District

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Neil C. McCormick, CSDA Chief Executive Officer

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Elaine Magner, CSDA Board President

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TALLER DE DERECHOS LABORALES

VIERNES, 31 DE MAYO

5:00 PM-8:00 PM

**SALON DE BIOLA VILLAGE
APARTMENTS
4962 N THIRD ST
BIOLA, CA 93630**



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- Aprender sus derechos laborales
- Identificar y denunciar infracciones
- Problemas de discriminación y acoso

Llamar para inscribirse

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Biola Elementary Cultural Event



FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024

5PM-7PM

4885 N BIOLA AVE,

FRESNO, CA 93723

ART | PERFORMANCES | GAMES
COME AND LEARN ABOUT THE VARIOUS
CULTURES THAT MAKE UP FRESNO!



For more information:
domenica@jakara.org
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Evento Cultural de Primaria Biola

VIERNES, 17 DE MAYO DE 2024
5PM-7PM
4885 N BIOLA AVE,
FRESNO, CA 93723

ARTE | ACTUACIONES | JUEGOS
¡VEN Y APRENDE SOBRE LAS DIVERSAS
CULTURAS DE FRESNO!



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