

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING POLICY ON OPPORTUNITY
FOR ORAL COMMENTS
AT BOARD MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District desires to adopt a policy on providing an opportunity for public comments on matters before the Board that is consistent with the District Rules;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The agenda for every regular Board meeting will include an item allowing any person to address the Board on topics of that person's choice. A person who wishes to speak at this time must register in advance. These oral comments will be limited to three minutes per person, unless the presiding officer of the meeting, in his or her discretion, allows additional time.

2. Applications defined as an "Application" in District Rule 14.3.A include: an application for an Operating Permit; an application for a Transport Permit; an application to amend an Operating Permit, except an application described in Rule 7.2.C. and Rule 7.2.D; and an application to amend a Transport Permit, except an application described in Rule 7.5.C. and Rule 7.5.D. If an application is defined as an Application in Rule 14.3.A, then:

(a) The District will provide an opportunity for any person who has submitted a registration form to make oral comments on the Application during the public hearing described in the notice of hearing required by Rule 14.3.C.

(b) Oral comments by any person other than the applicant or the District staff will be limited to three minutes per person, unless the presiding officer of the meeting allows additional time.

(c) The presiding officer of the meeting, with the consensus of the other Board members who are present, may: (i) allow persons, other than the applicant or the District staff, who have registered to speak donate their time to another person who has registered to speak; and (ii) limit the maximum time that any person may speak.

(d) If the Application is uncontested, the presiding officer may allow additional oral comments on the Application at any later public hearing or meeting at which the Application is considered.

3. If District Rule 14.5, Rule 14.7 or Rule 14.8 governs the procedures for Board consideration of an application or request, then:

(a) The Board shall provide an opportunity for any person who has submitted a registration to make oral comments on the application during the public hearing described in the notice of hearing required by the applicable District rule.

(b) Oral comments by any person other than the applicant and District staff will be limited to three minutes per person, unless the presiding officer of the meeting allows additional time.

(c) The presiding officer of the meeting may allow additional oral comments on the application or request at any later public hearing or meeting at which the application or request is considered.

4. The presiding officer of the meeting may allow oral comments on any item on a Board meeting agenda that is not described in Paragraphs 2 and 3 above. The presiding officer of the meeting may limit the time for each person to comment and may limit the total time the Board will hear comments on an individual agenda item.

PASSED ON July 17, 2013



Mike Talbot, President

ATTEST:



Doug Prinz, Secretary-Treasurer