

HOME GARDENS SANITARY DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 23, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Home Gardens Sanitary District was called to order by the President, Salvador Cacho, at 7:30 p.m. at the office of the District, 13538 Magnolia Ave., Corona, CA 92879.

Directors present were: Cacho, Barajas, Garrison, Samson Runion and Serrato. Also present were: Alan Burns, District Counsel; Tracey LaBonte, General Manager and Tania Duarte, Administrative Assistant.

Minutes of the regular meeting of April 25, 2023 were presented For approval. Motion was made by Director Serrato, seconded by Director Garrison and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as presented.

Expenditures for the month of May 2023 were presented and discussed. Motion was made by Director Samson Runion, seconded by Director Barajas and unanimously carried to approve the expenditures as presented.

Manager LaBonte presented the Budget Efficiency and Income/Revenue reports. Discussion followed.

Staff Report:

1. On April 26<sup>th</sup>, Administrative Assistant Duarte contacted the neighbor of 3511 Andover St. regarding the private lateral sewer spill. The neighbor said she saw that the owners fixed the problem the same day she reported it to HGSD and that everything looked normal now. Administrative Assistant Duarte asked her to please give us a call back if she sees anything problematic in the future.
2. On May 17<sup>th</sup> General Manager LaBonte went to Home Gardens Academy where the Proposition 218 hearing is to be held. She met with Carlos the Head Custodian regarding the placement of the benches, tables, and chairs. She also spoke with Angie and scheduled a time to come in on the day of the hearing before the office staff goes home for the day.
3. On May 23<sup>rd</sup> a patron came into the office asking if it was illegal to connect to the District's line without permission. He stated he didn't want to give his name but that he was a renter where the owner made an illegal connection to the District's mainline.

WRCRWA Committee Report: None.

President Cacho moved back to Item II on the agenda.

Public Comment: None.

Hearing for Delinquent Accounts:

The Meeting was called to public hearing at 7:40 p.m. District Counsel, Alan Burns, presented an overview of the hearing, which was presided over by the President, Salvador Cacho. The hearing was being held pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 6523.2. No persons notified of this hearing appeared to present evidence of why they should not be disconnected from the public sewer system. The General Manager was called to present the status of the accounts. Manager LaBonte testified that the status of accounts as presented in the attached "Notice of Hearing" was accurate and that all persons on the list had been duly notified of the hearing. Motion was made by Director Serrato, seconded by Director Samson Runion, and unanimously carried to disconnect those properties in the "Notice of Hearing" from the sewer system on or after June 15, 2023. This hearing concluded at 7:41 p.m.

HGSD Items for Discussion and Consideration:

1. The Board discussed April's Monthly Status Report by G & G Environmental Compliance, Inc.

2. The Board discussed the WRCRWA Monthly Executive Summary for May.
3. After consideration for Nga Thai & Maria (Cantu) Prevost's request to waive a one-time late fee in the amount of \$13.50 each, a motion was made by Director Samson Runion, seconded by Director Serrato, and unanimously carried to approve waiving the late fees one time.
4. The Board discussed TK Constructions pricing for USA marking and disconnection. The Board requested for staff to get more quotes from different companies.
5. A motion was made by Director Barajas, Seconded by Director Samson Runion, and unanimously carried to approve to put a Notice of Imminent Disconnection From the Public Sewer by the curb in front of their property.
6. A motion was made by Director Garrison, seconded by Director Serrato, and unanimously carried to adopt WRCRWA's proposed budget for fiscal year 2023/2024.
7. A motion was made by Director Samson Runion, seconded by Director Barajas, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 516 approving and ratifying the budget of the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority.
8. After discussion of the District's Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024, a motion was made by Director Serrato, seconded by

Director Samson Runion, and unanimously carried to approve the Home Gardens Sanitary District Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024.

Closed Session:

1. The Board adjourned to closed session with Manager LaBonte present pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and 54957.6 to discuss the performance of District staff and possible increase in compensation. Upon a vote of 5-0, the Board directed Manager LaBonte to negotiate with the employees and reconvened to open session. Manager LaBonte announced that she had negotiated and reported that Tania Duarte would be provided a \$3.25 increase to \$28.00 per hour and Eydee Alejo was hired in at \$18.00 per hour, which was a \$.75 increase from previous part time employee.
2. The Board then adjourned to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and 54957.6 to discuss the performance and compensation of the District Manager. After hearing from the District Manager, she was excused, and upon a vote of 5-0 the Board authorized the President to negotiate with the District Manager, and set the matter for an oral report and formal approval at the next Board Meeting (pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(c)(3).)


Directors Comments: The Board commented on the parking issue for customers and possibly to have public access to the building in the back for parking. The Board requested to have this on the agenda for next month meeting.

There being no further business, President Salvador Cacho adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Efraim Barajas, Secretary

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of Directors of the Home Gardens Sanitary District at the regularly scheduled meeting of said Board June 27, 2023.

Signed:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Salvador Cacho, President

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Efraim Barajas, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NO. 516**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HOME GARDENS SANITARY DISTRICT  
APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE BUDGET OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE  
COUNTY REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, THE Home Gardens Sanitary District is a member agency of the Joint Powers Agency known as the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority (hereinafter WRCRWA); and

**WHEREAS**, WRCRWA has prepared an annual proposed budget but must have unanimous approval of the budget from all member agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has reviewed the proposed budget and determined that it provides sufficient detail to constitute an operating outline for contributions and expenditures for the year;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of Directors for the Home Gardens Sanitary District does hereby resolve that the budget of the WRCRWA for the 2023-2024 fiscal year is hereby approved and the Secretary is authorized to transmit a copy of this resolution to the WRCRWA.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 23th day of May 2023

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
President

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary