

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

JANUARY 28, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Home Gardens Sanitary District was called to order by President Grady Garrison at 7:30 p.m. at the office of the District, 13538 Magnolia Ave., Corona, California.

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

President Garrison moved to Item IV on the agenda.

Minutes of the Special meeting of December 17, 2019 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Director Serrato, seconded by Director Barajas and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as presented.

Expenditures for the month of January 2020 were presented and discussed. Motion was made by Director Cacho, seconded by Director Samson Runion and unanimously carried to approve the monthly expenditures as presented.

The budget efficiency and income revenue reports were distributed for review. Discussion followed.

President Garrison moved to Item II on the agenda.

Public Comment: None.

President Garrison then moved to Item VIII on the agenda.

Staff Report: None.

President Garrison then moved back up to Item III on the agenda.

Hearing for Delinquent Accounts:

The meeting was called to public hearing at 7:37 p.m. District Counsel Alan Burns presented an overview of the hearing, which was presided over by the President, Grady Garrison. The hearing was being held pursuant of 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. Janey Gress 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 Cacho, seconded by Director Serrato and

unanimously carried to disconnect those properties in the "Notice of Hearing" from the sewer system on or after February 18, 2020. This hearing concluded at 7:39 p.m.

The WRCRWA Executive Committee held a special meeting on January 23, 2020 to discuss recycled water. The WRCRWA treatment plant was upgraded to convert its wastewater to recycled water. HGSD, like other members of the JPA, is entitled to a pro rata share of recycled water produced at the plant. The January 23rd meeting was held to discuss options for use of that recycled water. Overall, the meeting was positive. Several points were noted:

- HGSD is not a water agency and does not have water customers. Thus, HGSD is not in the business of providing water to patrons or satisfying groundwater recharge obligations. Rather, HGSD is free to sell its recycled water as a commodity to other agencies.
- The treatment plant is capable of, and is permitted to, produce recycled water.
- The use of recycled water will require infrastructure to move the recycled water from the treatment plant north (JCSD), south (Corona), or both. Though more infrastructure generates more cost, there is an advantage to having the option to move water in both directions.
- Corona can take recycled water. It has agreed to pay a \$160 per acre foot commodity charge for recycled water. This is a good option to generate revenue for HGSD's recycled water in the short term.

- JCSD is working with IEUA on a large-scale project for use of recycled water. This project will require a pipe from the Treatment Plant going north estimated to cost \$33 Million. IEUA's project will have several different possibilities for HGSD in terms of sale and storage of recycled water. All WRCRWA members are waiting on JCSD to finalize their discussions with IEUA so numbers can be analyzed.

While still preliminary, the discussions appear positive. It is hoped HGSD will have recycled water flowing as a commodity in the near future.

Items for discussion and consideration:

1. The Board discussed December's Monthly Status Report from G & G Environmental Compliance.
2. The Board considered Patron Viet Nguyen's request to have his late fee of \$5.53 waived. The Board granted his request. Director Cacho made a motion to approve patron Nguyen's late fee be waived, Director Serrato seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved to remove the \$5.53 late fee for Patron Viet Nguyen.
3. Signatures were obtained for the Statement of Economic Interests Form 700.
4. The Board considered the Proposal from Houston & Harris PCS, Inc. for the grease abatement needed on Temescal Street. Director Barajas made a motion to approve the proposal from Houston & Harris PCS, Inc., Director Samson

Runion seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved to have the grease abatement done on Temescal Street.

Closed Session: None.

Directors Comments: Director Cacho asked about the District logo for the District vehicle. General Manager Gress let everyone know that the vehicle has a magnetic logo that can be taken off while the vehicle is washed.

Counsel Alan Burns mentioned the response given to the City of Corona's Environmental Impact Report for its new General Plan. The Plan encompassed not only present City boundaries but areas within the District's service area. The Plan stated that all connections must be made to the City's sewer system.

The District's response pointed out that it provides sewer service to the overlapping area that is within both the HGSD and City of Corona.

Previously the City and HGSD competed for connections that resulted in a lawsuit. The lawsuit resulted in the Court of Appeals upholding the HGSD's right to provide sewer connection service to property within its boundary and in the overlapping area. (See Home Gardens Sanitary Dist. v. City of Corona (2002) 96 Cal. App. 2d 638.)

There being no further business, President Garrison adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.



Karen Samson Runion, 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 February 25, 2020.

Signed: _____



Grady Garrison, President



Karen Samson Runion, Secretary