

HOME GARDENS SANITARY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 25, 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: Colin Burns, District Counsel; Tracey LaBonte, General Manager and Tania Duarte, Administrative Assistant.

Minutes of the regular meeting of March 28, 2023 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Director Serrato, seconded by Director Samson Runion and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as presented.

Expenditures for the month of April 2023 were presented and discussed. Motion was made by Director Garrison, 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 Friday, April 21st the Prop 218 notices for the proposed rate increase were mailed out to each Patron in anticipation of the hearing on Tuesday, June 6th.
2. On Monday, April 24th we received a call from a patron informing us that their neighbor had what they thought was a private lateral sewer spill. General Manager LaBonte drove by and there was water present in the dirt and gutter that had an odor. Administrative Assistant Duarte called G & G Environmental and Bobby went by and agreed that it looked like a private lateral sewer spill. Administrative Assistant Duarte tried to make contact with the owner of the property, but the phone number was disconnected. General Manager LaBonte called Riverside County Department of Health and they immediately went to the property to inspect and make contact with the resident, but no one answered so they left a notice on the door. They went back to the property the next morning and the line seemed to be fixed and it was covered with new dry dirt.
3. On Tuesday, April 25th General Manager LaBonte interviewed and hired Eydee Alejo. She has experience in customer service and cash

handling among other things. We believe she will be a great addition to the HGSD team.

WRCRWA Committee Report:

WRCRWA Regular Meeting Executive Committee

April 13, 2023

4A. The Committee will recommend the Board of Directors to Receive and File the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Independent Auditor's Report and Audited Financial Statements. The Audit Report was prepared by CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP and it was found the audit was clean.

WRCRWA Net Position = \$52,823,800 (+\$4.37 M over FY 21)

SRF Loan Balance = \$61.4 M

Annual Expenses (2022) = \$14.62 M (+\$0.53 M over FY 21): increase attributed to utilities (energy) and chemicals.

4B. The Committee will recommend the Board of Directors to approve a Purchase Order Amendment to Pioneer (Olin) for the Procurement of Bleach. The increase of \$253,000 brings the total to \$930,000. Pioneer has increased pricing for bleach from \$1.32/gallon in April 2022 to \$1.982/gallon. Between the price increase per gallon and more use due to increased influent flow, the PO is necessary to cover bleach costs through the end of the Fiscal year. Staff indicates no

request for a budget amendment as they believe there is underspent budget in other areas in the Operation Budget to cover the PO increase.

4C. The Committee will recommend the Board of Directors to approve the WRCRWA Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Proposed Budget.

WRCRWA is proposing an 11.8% Operating Budget increase.

The District's Contribution for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 based on an average flow of 0.61 MGD is:

Fixed:	\$330,610
Variable:	\$417,814
F&V Total:	\$748,433
Annual Debt:	\$70,887 (SRF Loan)
Capital:	\$312,719
Grand Total:	<u>\$1,132,039</u> (\$359,032 less than FY 2022; mainly due to less capital contributions)

Updates

5A. The Committee will recommend not proceed with the Proposed Directors Compensation Policy and recommend that this is addressed by each individual District/City Board of Directors. The Committee believes that the Authority's payment of compensation may be unfair to Members who bear a larger proportion of Authority expenses, there is potential for inequity among directors based upon how much their

home agency pays director/council member compensation, increased Authority expenses for per diem compensation and possibly travel expenses, having such a policy could result in directors taking advantage of receiving compensation.

Public Comment: None.

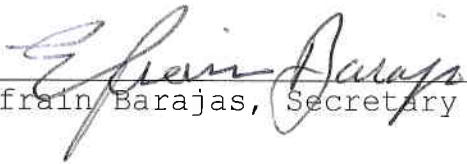
HGSD Items for discussion and consideration:

1. The Board discussed March's Monthly Status Report by G & G Environmental Compliance, Inc.
2. A motion was made by Director Serrato, seconded by Director Garrison, and unanimously carried to adopt Ordinance No. 515, an Ordinance of the Board of Directors of The Home Gardens Sanitary District amending the operations code regarding disruptive speakers at public meetings.
3. The Board discussed the current delinquent accounts.
4. The Board discussed the delinquent accounts more than 6 months past due. The Board requested further information regarding prices on disconnecting a property. This item will be on the next month agenda.

Closed Session: None


Director Comments: None.

There being no further business, President Salvador Cacho adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.


Efrain 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 May 23, 2023.

Signed: 
Salvador Cacho, President


Efrain Barajas, Secretary