

HOME GARDENS SANITARY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUGUST 24, 2021

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

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of July 27, 2021 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Director Barajas, seconded by Director Garrison, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as presented.

Expenditures for the month of August 2021 were presented and discussed. Motion was made by Director Garrison, seconded by Director Samson Runion, and unanimously carried to approve the monthly expenditures.

Manager LaBonte presented the budget efficiency and Income/Revenue reports. Discussion followed.

Staff Report:

1. On August 5, 2021, we received a notice from EDD for the penalty of \$228.82. We submitted this notice to Paychex

for review. Paychex then came back with an update on August 23, 2021, and they said they will submit a penalty abatement request to CA.

2. On August 5, 2021, Lukes Air Conditioning & Heating came to do the AC maintenance and change filters.
3. On August 10, 2021, Chuck's Fire Extinguisher Service came out to service all three fire extinguishers.
4. On August 19, 2021, we received a phone call from David Roberts who lives on 3670 Briarvale St. He thought we might have a broken line on Harlow, west of Briarvale. We went to check it out and determined that we don't have a sewer line there.

After action report - WRCRWA Board meeting August 12, 2021
The Board met to discuss the following items and took the following actions:

Cor-Ray Litigation Budget

Increased BBK litigation funding to take the matter into the next fiscal year. The Board approved an additional \$28k to pay BBK's legal bills through the end of the previous fiscal year. Apparently the previously budgeted amounts were exhausted and they needed this supplement to end the fiscal year. A new budget will be prepared for the ongoing litigation as this case did not settle.

Cor-Ray Litigation Status of Case

This case did not settle, so the new trial date is in November, 2021.

Resolution Commending Dave Wysocki

A resolution was prepared commending Dave Wysocki for his years as general counsel for WRCRWA.

Selection of New General Counsel

After a robust RFP process, the Board selected the Lagerlof firm as WRCRWA's next general counsel. Two firms bid- AALRR had 200 lawyers and charged \$350/hour. Lagerlof had 40 lawyers and charged \$335/hour. Many of the Board and Staff knew of the Lagerlof firm. Both firms seemed well-qualified.

President Serrato moved back to Item II on the agenda.

Public Comment: None.

HGSD Items for discussion and consideration:

1. The Board discussed July's Monthly Status Report from G&G Environmental Compliance.
2. After consideration of the Letter the District received from Homero Martinez to waive the late fees incurred in March, June and in July 2021 for a total of \$40.50, Director Samson Runion made a motion to deny the request, Director Barajas seconded the motion, and the request was unanimously denied.
3. A motion was made by Director Cacho, seconded by Director Garrison, and unanimously carried to approve a policy of allowing bank rewards to be used for District purposes, including discounts on District supplies, and events to improve employee morale.
4. A motion was made by Director Garrison, seconded by Director Barajas and unanimously carried to approve

changes to Authorized signers on Lincoln Financial Group Retirement Plan.

5. The Board discussed the Sexual Harassment Training in accordance with the law.

Closed Session: None


Directors Comments: None

There being no further business, President Serrato adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

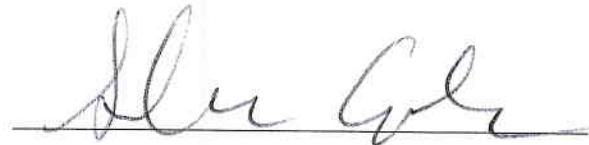


Salvador Cacho, Secretary

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of Directors of the Home Gardens Sanitary District at the regularly scheduled meeting of said Board September 28, 2021.

Signed: 

Miguel Serrato, President



Salvador Cacho, Secretary