

HOME GARDENS SANITARY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FEBRUARY 22, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Home Gardens Sanitary District was called to order by the President, Miguel Serrato, at 7:42 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 January 25, 2022 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Director Garrison, seconded by Director Barajas, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as presented.

Expenditures for the month of February 2022 were presented and discussed. Motion was made by Director Cacho, seconded by Director Samson Runion, 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 February 9, 2022, we received an update from Paychex regarding the IRS letter of the adjusted amount due. A payment of \$3,664.71 has been sent to the IRS to pay the tax due. There is a penalty of over \$1,100.00, but Paychex will be sending a letter to the IRS requesting the penalty to be waived.

The WRCRWA Executive Committee met on February 10, 2022.

Audit

The Committee approved the audit prepared which presented a clean audit finding.

Updates

Corona Capacity Transfer

The board was provided with an update on the Corona transfer of capacity rights in transportation. Western will transfer its excess capacity to Corona. Corona intends to pay Western for its maintenance costs. The transfer will relieve Western from paying for

this part of its maintenance obligation. The parties are still analyzing the dollar amount.

House Demolition

The abandoned house on WRCRWA's property has now attracted undesirables and stolen property has been found at the site. The demolition permit costs have made demolition very expensive and allowing a training burn impractical due to Covid, so Cal Fire cannot do the burn exercise until months from now.

Local Limits

WRCRWA Local Limits-we need to set local limits on sewage composition that includes TDS, BODs and other elements. These limits actually come into play in setting the limits for pretreatment for our industrial users, such as Pacifica. WRCRWA hired a professional consulting firm, Larry Walker and Associates, to set those limits. The Consultant prepared a detailed list of local limits based on their analysis. Notwithstanding the Consultant's recommendation, the professional staff of WRCRWA (Western) changed those limits without being able to articulate why those recommendations were made. We asked the staff to justify why it changed the recommendations, and they responded with general statements about protecting the plant

and discharge but no specifics. The general consensus was that this item needed more work and it was sent back for further study.

Odor Mitigation

They just received the Bonds & Insurance.

Anaerobic Digester #3

The project is moving along. Pacific Hydotech gave a completion date of May 2023. The Administrator is putting together a communications plan for the public concerning both projects.

WRCRWA enjoyed the lowest amount of complaints in months so we are making progress.

President Serrato moved back to Item II on the agenda.

Public Comment: None.

Items for discussion and consideration:

1. The Board discussed January's Monthly Status Report from G & G Environmental Compliance.
2. Signatures were obtained for the Statement of Economic Interests Form 700.

3. After consideration for Live Media Group request for refund on sewer charges for 1580 Magnolia Ave. A motion was made by Director Barajas, seconded by Director Samson Runion and unanimously carried to approve a refund of \$1,730.40 as being within the claim's statute.
4. The Board discussed whether to provide a nomination for a Special District Member of the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission. No nominations were made, and no motion was made.
5. A motion was made by Director Cacho, seconded by Director Garrison, and unanimously carried to approve the agreement from the County of Riverside to Adjust Sewer Cleanout and Manholes for Lincoln Street Resurfacing Project.
6. The Board discussed transferring funds from General Fund to LAIF. A motion was made by Director Barajas, seconded by Director Cacho, and unanimously carried to approve the transfer. Director Samson Runion signed the Order For Wire Transfer and Director Garrison did the transfer at the Bank.
7. The Board discussed the possibility of retaining a consultant to do a rate study for the District. Staff will do more research and get information to finding the right consultant.
8. AB1234 Ethics Training was postponed until the next meeting.

Closed Session: None.

Directors Comments: None.

There being no further business, President Miguel Serrato adjourned the meeting at 8:22 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 March 22, 2022.

Signed: 

Miguel Serrato, President



Salvador Cacho, Secretary