

HOME GARDENS SANITARY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FEBRUARY 27, 2024

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

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

Items for discussion and consideration:

1. Jeff Sims presented an overview of the Recycled Water Pump Station and Northerly Pipeline commitment and costs. He answered any questions the Board had.

President Barajas moved back to Item II on the agenda.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes of the regular meeting of January 23, 2024 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 February 2024 were presented and discussed. Motion was made by Director Garrison, seconded by Director Cacho, and unanimously carried to approve the expenditures as presented.

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

Staff Report: None.

WRCRWA Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

February 22, 2024

4A. Consider Authorization of a two-year contract and issue a Purchase Order to West Yost for the WRCRWA Adaptive Management and Monitoring Program for Years 2024 and 2025

West Yost has conducted the required vegetation/hydrologic monitoring and reporting for WRCRWA since 2021. This work is required as a condition of the Change of Use Permit where WRCRWA

must monitor prior to reduction in Recycled Water discharges to the Santa Ana River. After RW flow reduction commences, WRCRWA must continue for a minimum of 5-years to monitor the impacts of the flow reduction. HGSD's share of this cost is around \$8,500 per year. This cost is embedded into the overall WRCRWA Budget for treatment.

As a note, this is another reason for HGSD's continued participation in the RW Enterprise. As revenue is generated from RW sales, that money can help offset expenses like this associated with the RW flow diversion.

The Board of Directors approve authorization of a two-year contract and issue a Purchase Order to West Yost for the WRCRWA Adaptive Management and Monitoring Program for Years 2024 and 2025.

7. Closed Session

A. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: One case.

The Board of Directors entered closed session and discussed the violations from SWRCB and a possibly settlement. The Executive Committee returned from closed session and entered open session.

WRCRWA Legal Counsel James Ciampa indicated there was no reportable action from closed session.

Items for discussion and consideration:

2. The Board discussed January's Monthly Status Report from G & G Environmental Compliance.

3. The Board Discussed Casting Ballot for Special District Selection Committee - One (1) Eastern Region Regular Member and One (1) Countywide Alternate Member of the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission. The Board decided to bring this item back on the agenda next month.

4. The Board discussed Patron's that were put on Tax Roll and payments received.

5. The Board discussed the End of Waiving Late Fees.

6. Signatures were obtained for the Statement of Economic Interests Form 700.


7. The Board discussed current delinquent accounts.

8. AB1234 Ethics Training was postponed until the next meeting.

Closed Session: None.

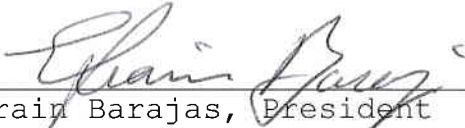
Directors Comments: None.

There being no further business, President Efrain Barajas adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.




Grady Garrison, 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 26, 2024.

Signed: 

Efrain Barajas, President



Grady Garrison, Secretary