

HOME GARDENS SANITARY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FEBRUARY 24, 2026

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

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of January 27, 2026 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 February 2026 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:

1. On January 29th, General Manager LaBonte took the District Vehicle to Spreen Honda for service. An inspection, oil change, and rotation of tires were performed. There was no cost due to it being under warranty.
2. On Friday, January 23rd, Paul Torres from G & G Environmental Compliance, Inc. was informed by BSK Associates that there was an incident while they were taking a sample for Home Gardens Sanitary District on December 9, 2025. Paul Torres requested an Incident Report so the issue could be addressed appropriately. The Incident Report was received on February 24th. This is a safety issue for the contracted samplers, and it will be addressed with the business where the incident occurred.

WRCRWA Committee Report:

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority (WRCRWA)

February 19, 2026

4A Consider Approving an Amendment to the Professional Services Contract with Barry's Security Services at the WRCRWA Treatment Plant

During the past year, the construction trailer used by Jurupa Community Services District (JCSD) was broken into several times

after hours. As a solution, JCSD and the WRCRWA Administrator's Safety Department agreed to share the costs for increasing the number of rounds and detailed inspections completed by the security guard service throughout the Treatment Plant. JCSD has been reimbursing WRCRWA for half of the cost for security services since May 2025. WRCRWA's current contract amount of \$60,000 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 with Barry's Security Services will not be able to sustain payments through the end of the fiscal year without additional funding in the amount of \$57,915. The Board of Directors approved the Administrator to execute an amendment to the professional services contract with Barry's Security Services, increasing the purchase order amount by \$57,915 from \$60,000 to \$117,915 for security services at the WRCRWA Treatment Plant through June 30, 2026 with the possibility of not using that amount due to changing the way the Treatment Plant is monitored by installing cameras and having a third party monitor instead of the significant increase in physical monitoring at the Treatment Plant.

4B Receive and File the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Independent Auditor's Report and Audited Financial Statements

Staff gave a brief presentation of the Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. CliftonLarsonAllen LLP completed their audit of WRCRWA's financial statements for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2025. The Administrator is pleased to convey that WRCRWA received

an unmodified opinion on the financial statements, which is the cleanest opinion an entity can receive. Additionally, the auditor's report concluded that there were no deficiencies in internal control that were identified as a result of audit procedures performed, including not finding any material weaknesses. Lastly, there were no instances of noncompliance that would require reporting under generally accepted government auditing standards. The Board of Directors approved to Receive and File the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Independent Auditor's Report and Audited Financial Statements.

President Samson Runion moved back to Item II on the agenda.

Public Comment: None.

Items for discussion and consideration:

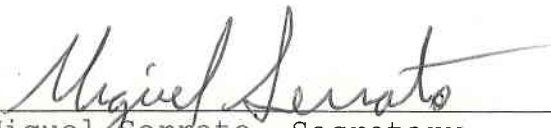
1. The Board discussed January's Monthly Status Report by G & G Environmental Compliance.
2. Signatures were acquired for Statements of Economic Interest Form 700. Director Serrato will be filing electronically due to new law SB852.
3. A Motion was made by Director Garrison seconded by Director Serrato and unanimously carried to approve Amending the Home Gardens Sanitary District's Personnel Manual.

4. A Motion was made by Director Barajas, seconded by Director Cacho and unanimously carried to approve that President Samson Runion decide and vote for the Special District Selection Committee-LAFCO Regular Special District Member-Western Riverside County.
5. District Counsel Alan Burns discussed new laws for 2025 focusing on SB294 and SB287.
6. There were no late fee requests from Patrons'.
7. The Board discussed current delinquent accounts. The Board agreed to have Director Cacho and Barajas go out and visit Patrons and discuss their delinquent accounts.

Closed Session: None

Directors Comments: Directors Cacho and Barajas discussed their experience at the Western Water 2026 Retail Agency Roundtable.

There being no further business, President
Karen Samson Runion adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.



Miguel Serrato, 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 24, 2026.

Signed: 
Karen Samson Runion, President


Miguel Serrato, Secretary