

HOME GARDENS SANITARY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 27, 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 and Alan Burns, District Counsel, was present remotely.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 16, 2025 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Director Serrato, seconded by Director Barajas, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as presented.

Revised expenditures for the month of December 2025 were presented and discussed. Motion was made by Director Garrison, seconded by Director Cacho, and unanimously carried to approve the revised expenditures as presented.

Expenditures for the month of January 2026 were presented and discussed. Motion was made by Director Barajas, seconded by Director Serrato, and unanimously carried to approve the expenditure presented.

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

Staff Report:

1. On December 22nd the District received a call from a patron that there was a smell outside of their home coming from the manhole (12). On December 23rd General Manager LaBonte went to inspect and did see there was a small hole in the manhole (12). General manager LaBonte also observed that there was another manhole (13) just upstream that also had a small hole. Manager LaBonte emailed Larry and Brad Houston from Houston & Harris. Larry Houston called the District office on December 24th and sent two guys out to retrieve two pieces of a manhole from the District and replace the two damaged manholes.
2. On December 30th, General Manager LaBonte submitted the Electronic Sanitary Sewer System Service Area Boundary Map to the State Water Resources Control Board as required in the Sanitary Sewer Systems General Order, Order 2022-0103-DWQ. This is required to be submitted by December 31, 2025.
3. On January 21st General Manager LaBonte attended the first "Pretreatment Program Workgroup Meeting" with Paul Torres from G & G Environmental Compliance. Leading the

meeting was Ben Burgett from Western Water. The focus of these meetings will be support and communication among the members of WRCRWA's JPA. These meetings will be held quarterly with all the JPA members of the WRCRWA Treatment Plant invited.

WRCRWA Committee Report:

**Special Meeting of the Executive Committee of WRCRWA
January 15, 2026**

3A Consider Authorizing the Administrator to Issue a Procurement Purchase Order to APGN Inc. dba APG-Neuros for Replacement Blowers at the WRCRWA Treatment Plant

The WRCRWA Treatment Plant is currently equipped with five turbo blowers that support the aerobic biological treatment process. These blowers vary in age and manufacture. Three of these blowers were installed in 2012 and those three blowers are the ones that need to be replaced after recurring failures. A proposal was solicited from APG-Neuros which is the manufacturer of the other two blowers that were installed in 2017 during the plant expansion. With a 26-week lead time on these blowers WRCRWA Operations would like to order these as soon as possible. The Executive Committee voted to approve recommending the Board of Directors to approve the Administrator to Issue a Procurement Purchase Order to APGN Inc. dba APG-Neuros for Replacement Blowers at the WRCRWA Treatment Plant.

3B Approve Proposed Revisions to the Recycled Water Pump Station Agreement and License Agreement to Accommodate SRF Financing

In April 2024, the WRCRWA Member Agencies approved and executed two agreements - one for the Recycled Water Pump Station and On-site Reservoir, and one for the Northerly Pipeline. According to SRF agreement requirements, funded facilities must remain owned by JCSD, SRF terms and conditions also include a useful life requirement of 30 years, during which ownership and control must be retained by JCSD. To uphold JCSD's SRF funding agreement with the State, the proposed ownership structure of the Recycled Water Pump Station during the term of the agreement will need to be changed. At the same time, WRCRWA will still need to have full operational control of the pump station and the Member Agencies' capacity ownership interest and use of the pump station must be maintained. The Executive Committee voted to approve recommending the Board of Directors approve the proposed revisions to the Recycled Water Pump Station Agreement and License Agreement to Accommodate SRF Financing.

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

Public Comment: None.

Hearing for Delinquent Accounts:

The Meeting was called to public hearing at 7:42 p.m. District Counsel Alan Burns presented an overview of the hearing, which was presided over by the President, Karen Samson Runion. The hearing was being held pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 6523.2. No persons notified of this hearing appeared to present evidence of why they should not be disconnected from the public sewer system. The General Manager was called to present the status of the accounts. Tracey LaBonte testified that the status of accounts as presented in the attached "Notice of Hearing" was accurate and that all persons on the list had been duly notified of the hearing. Motion was made by Director Barajas, seconded by Director Garrison, and unanimously carried to disconnect those properties in the "Notice of Hearing" from the sewer system on or after February 17, 2026. This hearing concluded at 7:47 p.m.

Items for discussion and consideration:

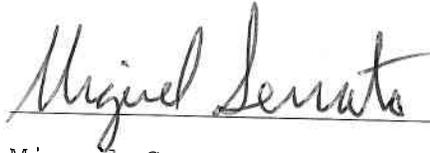
1. The Board discussed December's Monthly Status Report by G & G Environmental Compliance.
2. The Brown Act was distributed. District Counsel Alan Burns gave overview of what the Act entails.
3. District Counsel Alan Burns gave an overview of the SB 852 Public Officials Who Manage Public Investments.

4. General Manager Labonte discussed Manhole 14A on Temescal Street.
5. After consideration for Norma Escalante's request to waive a late fee in the amount of \$18.75, a motion was made by Director Cacho, seconded by Director Serrato and unanimously carried to approve waiving the late fee one time.

Closed Session: None.

Directors Comments: None.

There being no further business, President Karen Samson Runion adjourned the meeting at 8:07 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 February 24, 2026.

Signed: 

Karen Samson Runion, President



Miguel Serrato, Secretary