

HOME GARDENS SANITARY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JULY 28, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Home Gardens Sanitary District was called to order by President, Karen Samson Runion, at 7:39 p.m. at the office of the District, 13538 Magnolia Ave., Corona, CA 92879.

Directors present were: Samson Runion, Serrato, Barajas and Garrison. Also present were: Tracey LaBonte, General Manager and Maria Beatty, Administrative Assistant. Alan Burns, District Counsel, was present remotely. Director Cacho was not present.

Minutes of the regular meeting of June 23, 2026, were presented for approval. Motion was made by Director Garrison, seconded by Director Serrato, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as presented.

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

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

Staff Report: July 2026

Master plan Flow Meter Installation/Sewer Line investigation

On Monday, July 27, Webb Engineering notified the District that its contractor was unable to install a flow meter required to collect data for the Master plan. When the contractor opened Manhole 81, they found the manhole filled with what looked like dry organic material, making it impossible to install the meter. The contractor then attempted to use Manhole 526, where similar conditions were encountered. Webb Engineering immediately notified the District Engineer and General Manager LaBonte of the issue. General Manager LaBonte contacted Houston & Harris and scheduled a crew to investigate the following day. On Tuesday, July 28, Houston & Harris cleaned the affected manholes and performed a CCTV inspection of the sewer main from Manhole 84 to Manhole 37. Later that afternoon, Larry Houston reported that the material found in the manholes appeared to be foam like insulation material mixed with a large quantity of rags. Houston & Harris is scheduled to return tomorrow to perform a CCTV inspection of the sewer

line on Trademark Circle to determine whether the material originated from that area. Based on the findings, the line will be cleaned as needed following the inspection.

District staff will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as additional information becomes available.

No WRCRWA Committee Meeting to report.

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 7:54 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 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 Serrato, seconded by Director Barajas and unanimously carried to disconnect those properties in the "Notice of Hearing" from the sewer system on or after August 13, 2026. This hearing concluded at 7:56 p.m.

Items for Discussion and Consideration:

1. The Board discussed June's Monthly Status Report from G & G Environmental Compliance.
2. The Final Audit Report for Home Gardens Sanitary District Pension Plan from Smith Marion & Company was distributed.
3. A motion was made by Director Garrison seconded by Director Serrato and unanimously carried to designate Karen Samson Runion for audit communications with Smith Marion.
4. A motion was made by Director Garrison, seconded by Director Serrato and unanimously carried to designate Karen Samson Runion for Smith Marion to complete their Inquiry with Board Member through Uplink with an excel questionnaire.
5. A copy of the completed Notice of General Election District Election Form from the Registrar of Voters was distributed.

6. Candidate's Handbook and Candidate Application Packet for the upcoming November 3, 2026 Election was distributed to eligible candidates.
7. Signatures were acquired for the Semi-Annual Campaign Disclosure.
8. A motion was made by Director Barajas, seconded by Director Garrison, and unanimously carried to review the District's Investment Policy. After consideration the Board determined to stay the course and maintain the funds in LAIF.
9. A motion was made by Director Serrato, seconded by Director Garrison and unanimously carried to approve Outside Service Agreement for 150 Radio. Agreement will be signed and notarized at next month's Board Meeting.
10. After consideration for Pedro Navarro's request to waive service period of March/April 2026 and late fee on his account of \$118.75, a motion was made by Director Serrato, seconded by Director Barajas and unanimously carried to approve the service period and late fee one time.
- A. After consideration for Victor Reyes's request to waive late fee on his account of \$18.75, a motion was made by Director Serrato, seconded by Director Barajas and unanimously carried to approve the late fee one time.

B. After consideration for Ha Nguyen's request to waive late fee on her account of \$18.75, a motion was made by Director Serrato, seconded by Director Barajas and unanimously carried to deny the late fee.

11. The Board discussed parking for the District's Patrons. This will be on next month's agenda.

12. A motion was made by Director Garrison, seconded by Director Barjas, and unanimously carried for the election of Officers on the rotation basis, as provided for in the by-laws of the Home Gardens Sanitary District. The new president for the fiscal year 2026/2027 is Miguel Serrato, and Secretary/Treasurer is Salvador Cacho.

Closed Session: None.

Director's Comments: Stay cool.

There being no further business, President Miguel Serrato adjourned the meeting at 8:36 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 August 25, 2026.

Signed:



Miguel Serrato, President



Salvador Cacho, Secretary