

HOME GARDENS SANITARY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MARCH 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 February 24, 2026 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 March 2026 were presented and discussed. Motion was made by Director Garrison, seconded by Director Serrato, 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 25th General Manager LaBonte distributed the "California Workplace - Know Your Rights" written notice to Tania Duarte - Administrative Assistant, Maria Beatty - Temporary Administrative Assistant, Eydee Alejo - Staff Assistant, and herself. This is also on March's agenda and was distributed to the Board of Directors.
2. On March 11th General Manager LaBonte and Paul Torres from G & G Environmental Compliance, Inc. met with Brian Hatch President of AO Coolers regarding the incident that occurred in the parking lot at AO Coolers on December 9, 2025. General Manager LaBonte and Paul Torres explained the incident that occurred that put the safety of the BSK Associates Samplers at risk and asked if they could block the driveway with a vehicle during the sampling process. Mr. Hatch had no objections to that request and stated that routinely occurs with other entities.
3. On March 23rd Sam Tokatly the District's IT Support Consultant, informed General Manager LaBonte that he is terminating the Service Agreement he has with the District dated October 25, 2017. Sam will continue to provide IT

support to the District for the next 30 days and will provide support to the next IT Tech via phone.

WRCRWA Committee Report: None.

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 7:38 p.m.

District Counsel, Alan Burns, presented an overview of the hearing, which was presided over by the President, 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 Cacho, and unanimously carried to disconnect those properties in the

"Notice of Hearing" from the sewer system on or after April 15, 2026. This hearing concluded at 7:41 p.m.

Items for discussion and consideration:

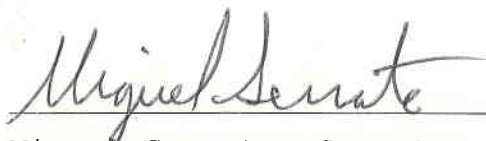
1. The Board discussed February's Monthly Status Report by G & G Environmental Compliance.
2. A motion was made by Director Garrison, seconded by Director Cacho, and unanimously carried to approve to engage Smith Marion & Company to audit the District's Pension Fund year ending July 31, 2025.
3. The approved HGSD Personnel Manual was distributed.
4. The Board discussed and reviewed Element 1 in the Home Gardens Sanitary District Sewer Systems Management Plan (SSMP). No notable changes were made.
5. The "California Workplace-Know Your Rights" written notice as required in SB 294 was distributed to the Board of Directors and discussed.
6. District Counsel Alan Burns discussed the Outside Service Agreement for 150 Radio Road and the Possible Notice of Termination Service. This will be on April's agenda.

7. After consideration for Ramona Gonzalez's and Juan De Arcos's request to waive a late fee on their account, a motion was made by Director Cacho, seconded by Director Serrato, and unanimously carried to approve waiving the late fee one time.
8. The Board discussed Current Delinquent Account List.
9. The Board discussed Mandatory Training: Ethics, Sexual Harassment and Finances. The Board asked staff to explore videos or other media that would satisfy these requirements. The Board discussed how flexibility could be achieved by allowing self-study on each director's time schedule. It was also acknowledged by the Board that this would be an example of "service requested by the Board" and everyday spent on such required education was compensable under the sanitary district law, up to 6 days in one month.

Closed Session: None.

Director Comments: Happy Easter.

There being no further business, President Samson Runion adjourned the meeting at 8:20 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 April 28, 2026.

Signed: 

Karen Samson Runion, President



Miguel Serrato, Secretary