

HOME GARDENS SANITARY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

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 7:36 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; Tania Duarte, Administrative Assistant & Tim Beld, Representative for Riverside Insurance Agency, Inc. Alan Burns, District Counsel, was present remotely.

Items for Discussion and Consideration:

4. Tim Beld gave an overview of the proposals that were presented to The Home Gardens Sanitary District for General Liability Insurance. The Memberguard Policy, Glatfelter Policy, CalMutuals JPRIMA Coverage, AIG Cyber Policy, CalMutuals JPRIMS Cyber liability coverage were discussed. Motion was made by Director Garrison, seconded by Director Cacho, and unanimously carried to approve to continue with the same policy which is the Glatfelter and AIG Cyber Policies.

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

Public Comment: None.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNT HEARING

September 23, 2025

ACCT #	NAME	TOTAL
0045	Lucio Pelico 3712 Briarvale St. Corona, CA 92879	\$206.88
0054	Roberto & Karla Vasquez 3677 Briarvale St. Corona, CA 92879	\$206.10
0082	Francisca Marcial 12505 Harlow Ave. Riverside, CA 92503	\$270.72
0191	Samuel Zenon Abarca 13720 Estelle St. Corona, CA 92879	\$313.76
0239	Mario Yeli Valdez & D.Devora 3465 Andover St. Corona, CA 92879	\$207.76
0279	Gerardo Castro 3982 Byron St. Corona, CA 92879	\$206.86
0335	Antonio Nava Jr. 3984 Davidson St. Corona, CA 92879	\$206.88
0337	Manuel Guerrero 3884 Grant St. Corona, CA 92879	\$400.00
0362	Raul Guttierrez 3978 Grant St. Corona, CA 92879	\$627.50
0370	Teresa Hernandez 3879 Blair St. Corona, CA 92879	\$413.75

0484	Rodrigo Arreola & Rosario Daur 13377 Babcock Dr. Corona, CA 92879	\$223.76
0498	Helen Raya & Elijah Raya 4091 Temescal St. Corona, CA 92879	\$313.76
0516	Claudia Ingram/Antonio Hernandez 13732 Magnolia Ave. Corona, CA 92879	\$269.77
0518	Francisco & Joaquina Galvez 3939 Byron St. Corona, CA 92879	\$206.88
0812	Thomas Carter 3471 Hillview Dr. Riverside, CA 92503	\$206.88
0836	Kenny Cox 3535 Meadowview Dr. Riverside, CA 92503	\$358.76
0854	Victore Pulido/Silvia Rodriguez 3546 Windsong St. Corona, CA 92879	\$320.64
0931	Isabel Gomez/Norma 3481 Mapleleaf Dr. Riverside, CA 92503	\$227.82
1019	Gary Olsavsky 3451 Dixie Ln. Riverside, CA 92503	\$206.88
1055	Alma Ramos 12721 Woodcliff Cr. Riverside, CA 92879	\$196.12
1218	Alfredo Limon 3944 N. Ellis St. Corona, CA 92879	\$200.00

1448

Gabriel Silvia & Beatrice Garci
4085 Byron St.
Corona, CA 928

\$206.04

TO BE DISCONNECTED ON OR AFTER October 15, 2025

HOME GARDENS SANITARY DISTRICT
DISBURSEMENTS
September 23, 2025

<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAID TO:</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
10437	09/01/2025	EVERON Alarm Services 9/8/25-10/7/25	\$126.06
10438	09/01/2025	WMWD Operations - July 2025 - Inv. # IN-16858	\$363.36
10439	09/15/2025	ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES USPS 392.75, Sams Club 79.51, Google 25.02, Car Wash 23.99, Zoom 16.99	\$538.26
10440	09/04/2025	WEX BANK Gas 7/28/25, 8/11/25 - Inv. # 106774685	\$84.61
10441	09/04/2025	SCE 7/30/25-8/27/25	\$345.55
10442	09/15/2025	THE GAS COMPANY 8/5/25-9/5/25	\$15.29
10443	09/15/2025	AT&T U-Verse, Phone & Fax Machine - 9/4/25-10/3/25	\$182.63
10444	09/08/2025	PAYCHEX Aug.'s Payroll - Inv. # 2025082800	\$183.51
10445	09/18/2025	PRIMO BRANDS, BLUETRITON BRANDS 8/13/25-9/12/25 - Inv. # 0518710347470	\$67.56
10446	09/23/2025	HEALTH NET OF CALIFORNIA, INC. October Health Insurance - Inv. #	\$1,520.46
10447	09/02/2025	POSTMASTER Permit Fee First Class Presort - Permit # 193	\$370.00
10448	09/23/2025	CNA Surety Bond # 62954057 Term Dates 11/01/2025 - 11/01/2028	\$255.00
10449	09/23/2025	G & G ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE, INC. Pretreatment Services - Aug. 2025 - Inv. # HGSD-0825	\$483.00
10450	09/23/2025	HARPER & BURNS LLP Legal Services - August 2025 - Inv. # 299	\$1,943.60
10451	09/23/2025	SAM TOKATLY IT Support for August 2025 - Inv. # 1425	\$510.00
10452	09/23/2025	JEFF SIMS Consulting Services for Jul & Aug. 2025 - Inv. # 2025-69	\$2,659.80

10453	09/23/2025	WRCRWA 1st Quarter Capital Billing - Conveyance Sys. FY 2025-2026 - Inv. # IN-2669	\$29,437.50
10454	09/23/2025	WRCRWA 1st Quarter Capital Billing - Inv. # IN-2665	\$37,260.61
10455	09/23/2025	WRCRWA FY 2025-2026 Reserve Contribution - Inv. # IN-2660	\$94,553.00
10456	09/23/2025	WRCRWA Fixed - October 2025 - Inv. # IN-2682	\$33,695.25
10457	09/23/2025	WRCRWA Flow - August 2025 - Inv. # IN-2677 \$29,937.01 (used remaining credit from Inv. # CM-197)	\$15,519.91
10458	09/23/2025	JCSD WRCRWA Regional Pump Station - Construction Phase - Inv. # 2026-00000002	\$139,946.98
10459	09/23/2025	MORALE'S LANDSCAPING Landscape Maintenance - Sept. 2025	\$100.00
~	09/23/2025	WRCRWA Flow - Jul. 2025 - Inv. # IN-2672 \$28,754.10 (used credit from Inv. # CM-197)	\$0.00

EXPENSE TOTAL \$360,161.94

		<u>EMPLOYEES OF DISTRICT</u>	
<u>NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
Karen Samson Runion	Reg Mtg. 09/23/2025	\$354.00	\$354.00
Miguel Serrato	Reg Mtg. 09/23/2025	\$354.00	\$354.00
Salvador Cacho	Reg Mtg. 09/23/2025	\$354.00	\$354.00
Efrain Barajas	Reg Mtg. 09/23/2025	\$354.00	\$354.00
Grady Garrison	Reg Mtg. 09/23/2025	\$354.00	\$354.00
Tracey LaBonte		\$6,851.62	
Deferred Comp			\$0.00
Tania Duarte		\$4,320.00	\$6,851.62
Deferred Comp			\$0.00
Eydee Alejo		\$1,891.30	\$1,891.31
EMPLOYEE TOTAL		\$14,832.92	\$0.00
DISTRICT SHARE OASDI			\$1,134.72
EMPLOYEE SHARE OASDI			\$1,134.72
SHARE TOTAL			\$2,269.44
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			\$377,264.31

Hearing for Delinquent Accounts:

The Meeting was called to public hearing at 7:55 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 Serrato, seconded by Director Barajas, and unanimously carried to disconnect those properties in the "Notice of Hearing" from the sewer system on or after October 15, 2025. This hearing concluded at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes of the regular meeting of August 26, 2025 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Director Garrison, seconded by Director Cacho, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as presented.

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

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

Staff Report:

1. On September 2nd General Manager LaBonte mailed the Statement of Roster to both the State of California and County of Riverside.
2. On September 8th and 9th Smith Marion and Company Auditors were in office to conduct the District's Annual Audit.
3. On September 11th General Manager LaBonte sent the 2024/2025 Annual Pretreatment Report and TDS Potable sampling results to Arif at Western Water.

WRCRWA Report:

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of WRCRWA

September 18, 2025

5A Consider Election of Officers

Subsection B of Section 5 of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement creating the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority (the "Authority"), as amended (the "JPA" Agreement), provides that the Authority's Board of Directors will each year select from its members a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer to serve a one-year term (the Board has combined the offices of Secretary and Treasurer into a single Secretary-Treasurer position). That subsection further provides that it is the Authority's policy to "regularly rotate the office positions among the Board members" and that an officer may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms. With that being said, Legal Counsel and the Administrator recommended that the Board of Directors Consider Election of Officers to be effective September 18, 2025 with Director LaBonte, Home Gardens Sanitary District serving as Chair, Director Herda, Jurupa Community

Services District, serving as Vice Chair, Director Speake, City of Corona, serving as Secretary-Treasurer, Director Bowen, City of Norco serving as Director, and Director Rizvi, Western Water serving as Director. The Board of Directors approved as stated above.

5B Consider Authorizing the Administrator to Issue a Purchase Order to Prospiant for Solar Dryer Structural Repairs at the WRCRWA Treatment Plant.

The solar dryer has experienced acidic corrosion on certain structural members of the building adjacent to the chemical scrubbers. Based on an inspection by Aqua Engineers, it was recommended the compromised members be replaced. Corrections have been made to reduce/eliminate acid getting on the structural members in the future. Bids were requested for the structural work and only the original manufacturer of the solar dryer, Prospiant, submitted a bid. The amount is \$191,705. Funds to cover this expense will come from asset replacement reserves on hand. The Board of Directors voted to approve the Administrator to Issue a Purchase Order to Prospiant for the Solar Dryer Structural Repairs at the WRCRWA Treatment Plant in the amount of \$191,705.

Items for discussion and consideration:

1. The Board discussed August's Monthly Status Report from G & G Environmental Compliance.
2. Consideration of late fee waivers:
 - A. After consideration for Lilia T. Perez request to waive a late fee on her account, a motion was made by Director Cacho, seconded by Director Serrato, and


unanimously carried to approve waiving the late fee one time.

- B. After consideration for Ruben Velazquez request to waive the late fee on his account, a motion was made by Director Garrison, seconded by Director Barajas, and unanimously carried to approve waiving the late fee one time.
3. After consideration for Brenda Casula's request to waive the NSF Charge on her account, a motion was made by Director Serrato, seconded by Director Cacho, and unanimously carried to approve waiving the NSF Charge one time.
5. District Counsel, Alan Burns, gave an overview of the doctrine of Legislative "takings" as recently adjudicated in Sheetz v. County of El Dorado.
6. District Counsel, Alan Burns, gave an overview of the status of administrative deference (Camarillo Sanitary Dist. v. SWRCB).
7. District Counsel, Alan Burns, gave an overview of a new case finding that tiered rates were not justified under Prop 218 (Patz v. City of San Diego).


Closed Session: None.


Directors Comments: None

There being no further business, President Karen Samson Runion adjourned the meeting at 8:24 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 October 28, 2025.

Signed: 
Karen Samson Runion, President


Miguel Serrato, Secretary