

HOME GARDENS SANITARY DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Home Gardens Sanitary District was called to order by the President Grady Garrison at 7:30 p.m. at the office of the District, 13538 Magnolia Ave., Corona, California.

Directors present were: Garrison, Samson-Runion, Serrato, Cacho and Barajas. Also present were: Alan Burns, District Counsel; Janey Gress, General Manager; Tracey LaBonte, Staff Assistant & Tim Beld, Representative for Riverside Insurance Agency, Inc.

President Garrison moved to Item X on the agenda.

Items for discussion and consideration:

1. Tim Beld gave an overview of the proposal that was presented to The Home Gardens Sanitary District for General Liability Insurance. The Glatfelter Public Practice Policy was discussed. Motion was made by Director Barajas, seconded by Director Serrato and unanimously carried to accept the renewal policy for Glatfelter Public Practice.

President Garrison moved back to Item IV on the agenda.

Minutes of the regular meeting of August 27, 2019 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Director Barajas, seconded by Director Samson Runion and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as presented.

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

President Garrison then moved to Item II on the agenda.

No patrons appeared for public comment.

#### Hearing for Delinquent Accounts:

The meeting was called to public hearing at 7:43 p.m. District Counsel Alan Burns presented an overview of the hearing, which was presided over by the President Garrison. The hearing was being held pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 6523.2. The General Manager was called to present the status of the accounts. Manager Gress testified that the status of the accounts as presented in the attached, "Delinquent Account Hearing," was accurate and that all persons on the list had been duly notified of the hearing. Motion was made by Director Samson Runion, seconded by Director Serrato and unanimously carried to disconnect those properties from the sewer system on or after October 15, 2019. This hearing concluded at 7:50 p.m.

President Garrison then moved to Item VI on the agenda.

Manager Gress presented the budget efficiency and Income/Revenue reports. Discussion followed.

Staff Report:

1. The kitchen faucet had a leak. We called Plumbing Concepts out to replace it.

The WRCRWA Executive Committee met on September 19, 2019 to discuss and make recommendations to the board on the following:

**Ordinance and Contract Regarding the Availability and Use of Recycled Water**

Under WRCRWA's NPDES permit, the Authority is required to establish and enforce Rules and Regulations for recycled water users, governing the design and construction of recycled water facilities and the use of recycled water in accordance with the uniform statewide recycling criteria established pursuant to the California Water Code Section 13521.

On March 24, 2005, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 2005-OR7 to comply with that requirement. That ordinance has not been revised since 2005, and member agency Corona is seeking to obtain recycled water. Therefore, staff brought the ordinance and contract to the Executive Committee for update and review. The changes proposed were non-substantive, however, it was noticed that the Ordinance and Contract seem to provide a free-market type of system for recycled water. It is HGSD's desire that the Authority treat recycled water as a cooperative enterprise. Given HGSD's voiced concerns, the Administrator is going to agenzize a future discussion on how the Authority and member agencies deal with recycled water.

**Consider Amendment 6 to the Project and Capacity Agreement and Amendment 1 to the Agreement for Repayment of the SRF Loan**

Now that construction on the plant expansion has been completed and all loans and costs are accounted, WRCRWA was able to prepare a final accounting and payment schedule for the SRF Loan. The final tallies considered HGSD's transfer of .25 MGD of capacity to Corona and HGSD's full utilization of the loan repayment forgiveness. HGSD has final treatment and conveyance capacity of .75 MGD and a total project cost of \$1,764,463 minus loan forgiveness of \$580,794, for a repayment obligation of \$1,183,669. Note that the total project cost was approximately \$76,000,000 (the remainder being shared by the other WRCRWA Member Agencies, primarily Corona and JCSD).

**Increase to Synagro Energy Solids Waste Disposal Contract**

WRCRWA bid the solids waste disposal contract and received only one bid - that from Synagro, which was \$300,000 higher than the current cost. Ironically, the increased cost was to offset losses caused by the plant now producing less solid waste due to the solar dryer (which were supposed to save money).

**Consider Election of Officer**

The Executive Committee recommended Chad Blais, City of Norco, Chair and Tom Moody, City of Corona, Vice Chair.

President Garrison moved back to Item X, No. 2 on the agenda.

Items for discussion and consideration:

2. The Board Discussed August's Monthly Status Report from G & G Environmental Compliance.
3. After consideration of the Letter the District received from American Quality Tools to waive the late fee incurred in July 2019 in the amount of \$63.83, Director Barajas made a motion to deny the request, Director Serrato seconded the motion and the request was unanimously denied.
4. After consideration of the Letter the District received from Homero Martinez to waive the late fee incurred in July 2019 in the amount of \$12.75, Director Barajas made a motion to deny the request, Director Serrato seconded the motion and the request was unanimously denied.
5. The Board discussed the letter received from patron Henri Rahmon. As of now the Board did not feel that any action needed to be taken.
6. The Updated Home Gardens Sanitary District's Operation Code was distributed.
7. A motion was made by Director Barajas, seconded by Director Cacho and unanimously carried to send a letter to Governor Newsome requesting for him to veto AB 1184, which will require all public agencies to maintain all transmitted emails related to agency business for at least two years.
8. The Board discussed the Video and Line Cleaning completed by Houston & Harris and what it revealed.
9. District Counsel Alan Burns presented training on Fair Contracting Practices for Public Works as part of AB 1234 Ethics Training (15 minutes of required two hours. 1 hour and 15 minutes completed so far).

Closed Session: None.

Directors Comments: None.

There being no further business, President Garrison adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

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Karen Samson Runion, 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 24, 2019.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grady Garrison, President

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Karen Samson Runion, Secretary