

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee Report

The committee did not meet.

B. Administration, Operations & Personnel (AOP) Committee Report

The committee did not meet

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Chris Goldblatt from Fish Reef Project requested to add an agenda item that reads as follows:
“a vote that engages Fish Reef Project for a non-binding agreement that allows next steps to occur to gain a more full understanding by the board of measures needed to potentially extend the outfall which is offers will to be fully funded by Fish Reef Project. The district will cooperate with Fish Reef Project as needed to gain said understanding to be utilized in future decision making”.

The Board was requested to discuss the agenda item.

At 5:07 p.m. Director Colomy excused herself from the meeting for the discussion of item VIII A. based on a conflict of interest.

President J. Franklin noted several public speaker slips and therefore opened public comment.

Public comments were received from Kyle Kemp, Lonnie Nelson, Andy Taylor, Annika Erikson, Chris Goldblatt, Chris Minoravick. Public comments were made in support of extending the outfall pipeline with fish reefs. Several members expressed their concern that there is not enough reef structure in the Summerland ocean and overall health of the ocean which would benefit from this project. President J. Franklin thanked the public for their comments and closed the public forum.

Board discussion: General Manager Sullivan read out loud the article from Noozhawk in which Mr. Goldblatt reported that he provided the District with a comprehensive plan. General Manager Sullivan asked Mr. Goldblatt if he brought in a comprehensive plan today, since the Board only received a drawing of the outfall pipeline and a statement of qualifications from Makai Engineering. Mr. Goldblatt said he provided this to the Board already. General Manager Sullivan asked if the two-page sheet was the comprehensive report. Mr. Goldblatt said that was the report. This two-page sheet had some information on it said General Manager Sullivan, but had wrong assumptions and was not a comprehensive report. General Manager Sullivan asked Mr. Goldblatt if he understood that the Board had requirements and one of them was explained previously: the deposit of \$15,000 to prepare an initial study by the State Lands Commission (SLC). Other requirements that were also communicated by Drew Simpkin of SLC. After some discussion Mrs. Goldblatt mentioned that the Fish Reef Project needs something in writing from the Board, so they can move forward with the project. The SLC will not do an initial study if the Board does not want to move forward. A lengthy discussion took place in which liability issues to the District were discussed. Director Novis expressed that the Noozhawk story was an opinion piece and not a news article. The Board expressed that they have a fiduciary responsibility to the community of Summerland and that the District’s mission is providing clean treatment and disposal of wastewater. The District has one of the cleanest outfall waters tested and reported. Director Novis said that he does not like the project and that the project was too big for a small District like Summerland Sanitary District. Some

members of the Board and General Manager expressed interested in the project, but without a feasibility/engineering study and legal review of those studies, it is not possible to move forward.

A motion was made by Director M. Tucker to move to the next agenda item. The motion was seconded by Director D. Novis and was passed with four ayes and one abstain.

President Franklin thanked Mr. Goldblatt and the members of the public for their attendance and said that they are welcome to stay. At this point Mr. Goldblatt and public left the meeting room and Director J. Colomy joined the meeting again.

B. Resolution 2019-02 Board Bylaws and Rules of Procedure

The Board was requested to adopt Resolution 2019-02 that included proposed amendments that were made during the Board meeting of January 10, 2019. The Board was requested to consider adding to the bylaws “adopting rotation of Presidents Office”.

Director D. Novis mentioned that the agenda item could be more specific. A motion was made by Director J. Witmer to change the wording into “Annual Rotation of Vice-President to President”. Discussion: Director J. Colomy said she does not like the idea of having the procedure locked in and Director M. Tucker and President Franklin said that they like to uphold the procedure as is. A short discussion took place and the motion was defeated with four noes.

A motion was made by Director J. Colomy to adopt Resolution 2019-02 with an amendment to remove the sentence “step down from the dias”. The motion was seconded by Director M. Tucker and passed with the following roll call: Director Colomy; Aye, Director J. Franklin; Aye; Director D. Novis; Aye, Director M. Tucker; Aye, Director J. Witmer; Aye.

Resolution 2019-02 was signed and sealed.

C. California Special District Association (CSDA) Board of Directors Call for Nominations Seat B.

Any Independent Special District Board members, or their General Manager who is interested in the 2020-2022 term can be nominated. If there was a candidate that stepped forward the board was asked to vote on the matter to show support for the nomination.

Director M. Tucker nominated Director D. Novis for CSDA, Seat B. Director Novis accepted the nomination. The meetings of CSDA takes place locally and in Sacramento. The motion was seconded by Director J. Witmer and passed with five ayes. Clerk of the Board M. Souza will contact Director D. Novis Monday March 19, 2019 to fill out paperwork.

D. Workshop “Board Member Best Practices” March 7, 2019.

The Board received a comprehensive report from Vice-President D. Novis on his participation at the Board Member Best Practices Workshop held on March 7, 2019 at the Goleta Sanitary District. The workshop was very informative and well attended.

E. Financial Status Report February 2019

The General Manager submitted Financial Status and Cash Balances Reports for Funds 5215, 5216 & 5217 and gave explanation where requested. General Manager M. Sullivan informed the board about correspondence received with an announcement of a raise in the liability insurance for FY 2019/20 due to an overall increase set by SDRMA’s board and due to a claim filled by the District that was paid out in 2018.

X. OPERATIONS FACILITY AND COLLECTION REPORT

General Manager Sullivan provided a written report on operations, facility and collection maintenance. General Manager M. Sullivan said that staff received a notice from the District's attorney informing the District that the hearing date was pushed out from March 18, 2019 to April 8, 2019 by the Court.

XI. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD

- The next Board meeting: April 12, 2019
- Closed session: Conference with Legal Counsel
Existing Litigation- Government Code (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9.
Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. 18CV01923.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Director D. Novis to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm. The motion was seconded by Director Tucker and passed with five ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

J. Witmer
Secretary

Date: _____

Minutes prepared by M. Souza