



Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

These are the minutes of the regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Summerland Sanitary District held at the District's Office at 2435 Wallace Avenue, Summerland, California.

The public was able to listen to the meeting telephonically by calling +1 669 900 6833 (San Jose), code 983 226 8568, or through the internet at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9832268568>. The public was also allowed to attend the meeting.

The agenda notice for this meeting, including instructions for the public to provide comments and/or participate in the electronic meeting, was posted on the district's website and bulletin board and at the Post Office at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

PRESIDENT COLOMY CALLED THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER AT 3:01 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS PRESENT	JOLENE COLOMY JOHN FRANKLIN GARY ROBINSON MARTIN TUCKER JAMES WITMER
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ABSENT

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OTHERS PRESENT	DAVID LEWIS JANET MCGINNIS MARJON (MAR) SOUZA	Operations Manager Legal Counsel Administrative Manager
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II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President J. Colomy asked if there were any modifications and/or changes. Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved as submitted.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT [NON-AGENDA ITEMS]

No public comments were submitted, and no member of the public was present via telephone or Zoom.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2022 [Action Item]

A motion was made by Director M. Tucker to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 12, 2023. The motion was seconded by Director J. Franklin, and was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	5	J. Colomy, J. Franklin, G. Robinson, M. Tucker, J. Witmer
NOES:	0	None
ABSENT:	0	None
ABSTAIN:	0	None

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VII. APPROVAL OF THE MONTHLY EXPENSES FOR JANUARY, INCLUDING PAYROLL AND PETTY CASH
[Action Item]

District Management answered the Board's questions and clarified information about the payout of bills. A motion was made by Director J. Franklin to approve the monthly expenses, including payroll and petty cash totaling \$70,018 for Fund 5215 and \$6,500 for Fund 5217. The motion was seconded by Director J. Witmer, and was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	5	J. Colomy, J. Franklin, G. Robinson, M. Tucker, J. Witmer
NOES:	0	None
ABSENT:	0	None
ABSTAIN:	0	None

VII. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, Government Code Section 54957.6
Unrepresented employee: DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER

At 3:08 p.m., Board President J. Colomy announced the commencement of the closed session.

At 3:27 p.m., Board President J. Colomy announced that the Board reconvened in open session and reported that the Board had directed the AOP Committee to review the request and to provide a recommendation to Board at the regular Board meeting on March 9, 2023.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee did not meet.

B. Administration, Operations & Personnel (AOP) Committee

The AOP Committee did not meet.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Revised Financial Statements FY2021-22 [Action Item]

The Board received a revised Financial Statements Report FY2021-22. The revised draft financial statement includes the accrual of the Marine Project Management Inc. invoice of \$343,541, which was paid on July 30, 2022, for a project completed before the close of the fiscal year. The Board was requested to accept the Financial Statements as presented.

A motion was made by Director J. Franklin to accept the revised Financial Statements FY2021-22 as presented and explained. The motion was seconded by Director G. Robinson, and was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	5	J. Colomy, J. Franklin, G. Robinson, M. Tucker, J. Witmer
NOES:	0	None
ABSENT:	0	None
ABSTAIN:	0	None

B. Financial Plan/Rate Study Phase 2 Proposal [Action Item]

The District has received the "Financial Plan/Rate Study Phase 2" Proposal from Lechowicz + Tseng Municipal Consultants for approval.

The proposal and staff memo were discussed. Director G. Robinson said that he would like to keep moving forward to explore "merging" options with other districts. The Board agreed

with this. Board President J. Colomy requested the Clerk of the Board to add the creation of a Dissolution and Annexation Ad-Hoc Committee as an agenda item to the next regular Board meeting.

The Board of Directors also agreed that their fiduciary responsibility is to increase rates to meet the operational cost of running the District and to be prepared for critical capital rehabilitation and repair projects, like the replacement of the outfall pipeline. Therefore, setting rates that keep the District financially healthy is important.

A motion was made by Director J. Franklin to approve the Financial Plan/Rate Study Phase 2 Proposal as presented. The motion was seconded by Director M. Tucker, and was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	5	J. Colomy, J. Franklin, G. Robinson, M. Tucker, J. Witmer
NOES:	0	None
ABSENT:	0	None
ABSTAIN:	0	None
ABSTAIN:	0	None

X. FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT – JANUARY 2023 [Action Item]

The Board received Financial Status and Cash Balances Reports for Funds 5215, 5216, and 5217, and staff provided explanations as requested.

A motion was made by Director J. Franklin to accept the Financial Status Report of December 2022. The motion was seconded by Director J. Witmer, and was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	5	J. Colomy, J. Franklin, G. Robinson, M. Tucker, J. Witmer
NOES:	0	None
ABSENT:	0	None
ABSTAIN:	0	None

IX. OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT

Operations Manager D. Lewis provided a written report and answered Board questions. In addition to the report, Mr. Lewis reported that the outfall buoy is expected to be installed in the next month by Salty Dog Dive Service. A new mooring clump chain will need to be purchased, but the buoy and its chain were retrieved.

The storm drain that runs through the Summerland Sanitary has been clogged up for quite a while. The storm drain’s beginning point is on Finney Street, and it runs all the way to the end of the ocean cliff, discharging on the beach. With the heavy storm, flooding on Finney Street occurred again and a vehicle hydroplaned onto the berm of the onramp to the freeway; staff took a couple of pictures of this accident. The incident was reported to the County of Santa Barbara and FEMA monies became available to rehabilitate the storm drain. Maintenance of this storm drain is the responsibility of Caltrans, the County of Santa Barbara, and the District. It’s good news that the clearance will be financed by FEMA funding. Work is expected to start next week.

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X. ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER REPORT

Administrative Manager M. Souza provided a written report and answered Board questions. In addition to the report, Ms. Souza reported that she spoke by phone to Nick Turner, Montecito Water District's General Manager about the Recycled Water Project. Mr. Turner requested to meet with SSD Staff and a Board delegation in the next month to find out if Summerland Sanitary District is willing to participate in this project if grant funding is approved. Whether grant funding is approved will be known in April 2023. Board President J. Colomy and Director G. Robinson will represent the District and will be contacted by Ms. Souza to set up a meeting.

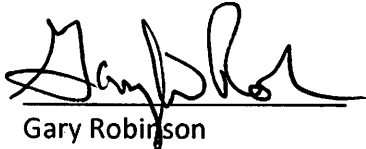
XI. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Board communications: None
- B. Items for future Board meetings: Creation of the Dissolution and Annexation Ad-Hoc Committee.
- C. The next regular board meeting is Thursday, March 9, 2023.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Director J. Witmer to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 4:20 p.m. and was seconded by Director J. Franklin and carried by five ayes.

Respectfully submitted:



Gary Robinson
Board Secretary

Date: March 9, 2023

Minutes prepared by M. Souza