



Minutes of the Special Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

NOTES

These are the minutes of the special board meeting of the Governing Board of the Summerland Sanitary District held at 2435 Wallace Avenue, Summerland, CA.

The public was able to listen to the meeting telephonically by calling +1 669 900 6833 (San Jose) 983 226 8568, access code 123, or through internet at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9832268568>. The public was also invited to attend the meeting in person.

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, bulletin board, and at the post office at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

PRESIDENT J. COLOMY CALLED THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER AT 3:00 P.M.

I. ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS PRESENT

JOLENE COLOMY
JOHN FRANKLIN
GARY ROBINSON
MARTIN TUCKER
JAMES WITMER

ABSENT

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OTHERS PRESENT

DAVID LEWIS	Operations Manager
JANET McGINNIS	Legal Counsel
MARJON (Mar) SOUZA	Administrative Manager
ALISON LECHOWICZ	Rate Study Consultant by Zoom

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President J. Colomy asked if there were any modifications and/or changes to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was approved as submitted.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were submitted in advance. Members of the public were present at the meeting location and via Zoom.

V. ITEMS DISCUSSED

A. *Discussion of Alternate Sewer Service Charge Scenarios [Action-item]*

The Board will receive a report from the Finance Committee about its meeting on April 20, 2023, and will discuss the Memo Alternate Sewer Services Charges. The Board will consider taking one of the following actions:

- *Move forward with the Draft Rate Study Report of March 9, 2023;*
- *Instruct the Rate Consultant to adjust the Rate Study Report with one of the Alternate Sewer Service Charge Scenarios; or*

- *Defer the Rate Study because of recent developments that may affect the District and its ratepayers.*

Public Speakers were Mr. B. Anderson and Mr. J. Malott.

President J. Colomy thanked the Public for their comments and reported that the Finance Committee met on April 20th with Ms. Lechowicz and staff. Director J. Franklin said the Finance Committee reviewed and discussed the alternate sewer rates scenarios. He reported that he is also a member of the Ad-Hoc Dissolution and Annexation Committee with Director G. Robinson, which had met with the Carpinteria Board's Ad-Hoc Committee regarding dissolving into Carpinteria's Sanitary District and that the Carpinteria board committee's initial response was favorable. Director J. Franklin said that possible dissolution adds complexity to rate setting. If SSD dissolves into Carpinteria Sanitary District (CSD), there may be no need to replace the outfall pipeline. The Finance Committee and Ad Hoc Committee agree that it is not in the District's best interest to change the rate structure currently. The Potable Reuse Study will be completed in October 2023 and may also provide answers because it is studying feasibility of connecting SSD infrastructure to CSD's. If the raw sewage is transported to CSD, there will be no need for SSD's treatment plant and outfall.

A discussion was held with the Rate Study Consultant Ms. Alison Lechowicz regarding her Alternate Sewer Charge Scenarios and the Finance Committee's recommendation to defer the Rate Study for a year. She agreed the District can absorb the overall five percent increase that was proposed for new sewer rates because the increase was largely to be set aside for future capital expenditures. Legal Counsel advised that the settlement agreement is not violated if the Rate Study is deferred. If a new Rate Study is done next year, Ms. Lechowicz recommended that water flow data be updated. Director J. Colomy said the Board could also review bond options at that time, as suggested by Mr. Malott.

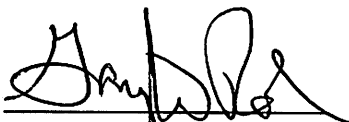
A motion was made by Director J. Franklin to defer the Rate Study until next fiscal year with more clarity and information about potential annexation and dissolution into the Carpinteria Sanitary District. The motion was seconded by Director J. Witmer, and was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


 Gary Robinson
 Board Secretary

Date: May 11, 2023

Minutes prepared by M. Souza