



Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

These are the minutes of the Summerland Sanitary District Governing Board meeting held at the District's premises 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 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 and bulletin board and at the Post Office at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

BOARD PRESIDENT J. 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 JAMES WITMER MARTIN TUCKER
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ABSENT

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

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT [Non-Agenda Items]

No public comments were submitted in advance and no members of the public were present at the meeting location. One member of the public joined via Zoom videoconference but did not provide a comment.

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2023 [Action Item]

A motion was made by Director G. Robinson to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 14, 2023. Clerk of the Board, M. Souza, identified an error in the recording of the motion under New Business Item B, handed out the corrected minutes, and read out loud the correction. The motion was seconded as amended by Director J. Franklin, and was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 5 J. Colomy, J. Franklin, G. Robinson, J. Witmer, M. Tucker

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NOES:	0	None
ABSENT:	0	None
ABSTAIN:	0	None

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MONTHLY EXPENSES FOR JUNE 2023, 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. Witmer to approve the monthly expenses, including payroll and petty cash totaling \$77,096 for Fund 5215. 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, J. Witmer, M. Tucker
NOES:	0	None
ABSENT:	0	None
ABSTAIN:	0	None

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee met on June 29, 2023, to review the budget and financials of the Carpinteria Sanitary District (CSD). The Committee was satisfied with their findings and the handling of the financials by CSD. Director J. Franklin said that the feasibility study that is on today's agenda under New Business VIII, item B, will be reviewing the CSD financials more in-depth.

B. Administration, Operations & Personnel (AOP) Committee
Did not meet.

C. Ad-Hoc Committee Annexation and Dissolution
Did meet on June 29, 2023, and will report under New Business VIII, item B.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION ITEM

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Gov. Code, § 54956.9(d)(2) (*Radis Family Trust vs Summerland Sanitary District*)

Clerk of the Board M. Souza announced that the Board received an email from Mr. L. Ebenstein, a board member of the Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association on July 10th. The email was forwarded to the Board of Directors on July 11, 2023, and a copy was handed out. The email will be included in the board meeting packet as a public record.

President J. Colomy announced that the Board went into closed session at 3:14 p.m. for the item “*Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Gov. Code, § 54956.9(d)(2) (Radis Family Trust vs Summerland Sanitary District)*”

The Board reconvened into open session at 4:21 p.m.

President J. Colomy announced that information was exchanged, and the following actions were taken: An Ad-hoc Committee, Legislation, and Legal Affairs, was created, and Director G. Robinson and Director J. Franklin were appointed by the board president.

The Board also authorized and gave legal counsel direction.

IX. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

A. **Resolution 2023-05, Resolution of the Board of Summerland Sanitary District Ordering the Filing with the County Auditor of a Report of Sewer Service Charges for the Fiscal Year 2023-24 to be placed on and Collected by Means of the County Tax Roll [Action Item]**

The Clerk of the Board announced that the hearing date in the Resolution was incorrectly listed as July 14th, and this should have been July 13th. The sentence under item number 5 was replaced as advised by legal counsel. The sentence was read out loud and the new Resolution was distributed and included in the board packet as a public record. The notice of hearing announcement and publications in the newspaper did display the correct hearing date of July 13th.

The procedural text was read out loud and Board President Colomy requested the Clerk of the Board for a roll call: The following Directors were present:

Director J. Colomy, Director J. Franklin, Director G. Robinson, Director J. Witmer, Director M. Tucker. Clerk of the Board M. Souza announced that a 2/3 quorum was present, as required by state law, to adopt Resolution 2023-05.

Board President J. Colomy asked if there was anyone present who desired to make any objections or protests to the report. There were none. The Clerk of the Board announced that no protests to the sewer service charges report were received.

President J. Colomy said, "There being no majority protests, the hearing is now declared closed and a resolution ordering the filing of the report with the Auditor is ordered".

A motion and a second on Resolution No. 2023-05 were requested.

A motion was made by Director M. Tucker to approve Resolution No. 2023-05, Resolution of the Board of Summerland Sanitary District Ordering the Filing with the County Auditor of a Report of Sewer Service Charges for the Fiscal Year 2023-24 to be placed on and Collected by Means of the County Tax Roll. 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, J. Witmer, M. Tucker
NOES:	0	None
ABSENT:	0	None
ABSTAIN:	0	None

Resolution No. 2023-05 was signed and sealed.

B. **Annexation and Dissolution Feasibility Analysis Proposals [Action Item]**

The Ad-Hoc Committee reviewed three Annexation and Dissolution Feasibility Analysis Proposals that were received from Ridgeline Municipal Strategies, L+T Municipal Consultant, and AP Triton.

The Ad-Hoc Committee provided an oral report and recommended approving the proposal from Ridgeline M.S. The proposal was found to be very competitive, and the consultant had experience with several financial analyses and left a good impression with the interviews that were conducted by staff. The Board of Directors was requested to approve the

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Proposal received from Ridgeline M.S. dated June 7, 2023, and the Board agreed with this choice.

The Ad-Hoc Committee and District Management received an email from the General Manager of Carpinteria Sanitary District (CSD) this morning. CSD's Ad-Hoc Committee met Wednesday, July 9, 2023, and they reviewed the three proposals as well. CSD's Ad-Hoc Committee was comfortable with Ridgeline as the selected firm to perform the feasibility study. Due to a comment and questions that were communicated in the email, the board decided to table the feasibility analysis proposal to the next regular board meeting and directed the SSD Ad-Hoc Committee to meet with the CSD Ad-Hoc Committee for a discussion. The Ad-Hoc Committee will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Director J. Franklin to table the approval of the Ridgeline Municipal Strategies' Annexation & Dissolution Feasibility Analysis Proposal. 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, J. Witmer, M. Tucker
NOES:	0	None
ABSENT:	0	None
ABSTAIN:	0	None

IX. FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT – June 2023 [Action Item]

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

The report was accepted as submitted.

X. OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT

Operations Manager D. Lewis provided a written report and answered Board questions.

XI. ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER REPORT

Administrative Manager M. Souza provided a written report and answered Board questions.

IX. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

A. Board communications: None

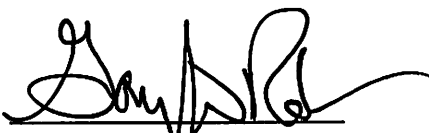
B. Items for future Board meetings: Approval of the Annexation and Dissolution Feasibility Analysis Proposal of Ridgeline M.S.

C. The next regular board meeting is Thursday, August 10, 2023.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Director J. Witmer to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 4:58 p.m. and was seconded by Director J. Franklin and carried by five ayes.

Respectfully submitted:



Gary Robinson
Secretary

Date: August 10, 2023

Minutes prepared by M. Souza