



Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

These are the minutes of the Summerland Sanitary District Governing Board meeting 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 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.

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	Operations Manager
MARJON (MAR) SOUZA	Administrative Manager

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT [Non-Agenda Items]

No public comments were submitted in advance. One member of the public was present at the meeting location.

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

[Action Item]

Director J. Franklin made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 14, 2023. 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

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MONTHLY EXPENSES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023, INCLUDING PAYROLL AND PETTY CASH [Action Item]

District Management answered the Board's questions and clarified information about the payout of bills. Director J. Witmer made a motion to approve the monthly expenses, including payroll and petty cash totaling \$108,625 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, M. Tucker, J. Witmer
NOES:	0	None
ABSENT:	0	None
ABSTAIN:	0	None

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee Report
Did not meet.

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

C. Ad-Hoc Committee Annexation and Dissolution
The Ad-Hoc Committee did meet on October 5th and 12th and will provide a report under the New Business Agenda Item A.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS ITEM

A. Request from the Montecito Water District to Approve Funding up to \$30,000 for a Cost Proposal for a Summerland Sanitary District (SSD) Collection System and Flow Equalization Analysis to the Montecito Sanitary District (MSD) [Action Item]

The Board received an SSD-MSD Collection System and Flow Equalization Analysis Cost Proposal totaling \$136,347. The proposal is intended to provide an expansion of the current feasibility study of the SSD wastewater system connection toward Carpinteria and will mirror this study toward the Montecito Sanitary District. The Board was requested to approve funding of this cost proposal up to \$30,000.

The Ad Hoc Committee expressed previously to the MWD Strategic Committee, when they met, that SSD most likely would be open to the connection study, but wanted to hold off for now until the results were in from the County Reuse/Connection Study towards Carpinteria Sanitary District. The Committee received preliminary results and the connection itself is very expensive, and results will need to be discussed with the Carpinteria Sanitary District Ad Hoc Committee and staff. The Committee said they still have many questions about the connection study towards MSD and advised the Board that it is premature to approve the expenditure for the study at this point. Staff have been directed to organize a joint meeting between the SSD Committee, the MWD, and MSD Strategic Committees to start a dialogue between the agencies.

Public Comment: Mr. David Novis requested to put the following on record: The Summerland Citizens will not benefit from combining services with MSD and will lose out. Mr. Novis objected to moving forward with such an endeavor.

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Director J. Franklin made a motion to defer approving funding up to \$30,000 for the new cost proposal for a collection system and flow equalization analysis from SSD to MSD until more information and communication have occurred between the three agencies and the point that the Ad Hoc Committee will provide a positive recommendation to the Board for moving forward conducting the study. 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

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

The Board received Financial Status and Cash balance 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 for September 2023. 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, J. Witmer, M. Tucker
NOES:	0	None
ABSENT:	0	None
ABSTAIN:	0	None

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.

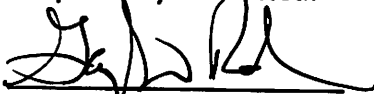
IX. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Board communications: President Colomy said that she requested a name change for the Ad Hoc Committee Dissolution & Annexation into Strategic Committee. The Board is considering all possible options to find out what is best for the District's future and its ratepayers, and the committee is not only focusing on the possibility of dissolution and annexation but has a broader scope. The Directors agreed with this name change.
- B. Items for future Board meetings: none
- C. The next regular board meeting is Thursday, November 9, 2023.

X. ADJOURNMENT

President J. Colomy adjourned the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Gary Robinson
Secretary

Date: November 9, 2023

Minutes prepared by M. Souza