



Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, November 16, 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 3:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS PRESENT

JOLENE COLOMY
JOHN FRANKLIN
GARY ROBINSON
JAMES WITMER
MARTIN TUCKER

ABSENT

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OTHERS PRESENT

DAVID LEWIS
MARJON (MAR) SOUZA
JANET MCGINNIS

Operations Manager
Administrative Manager
Legal Counsel

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. No members of the public were present at the meeting location or via Zoom.

V. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

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

President J. Colomy announced that the Board went into closed session at 3:05 p.m. for item A.

The Board reconvened into open session at 3:39 p.m.

President J. Colomy announced that information was exchanged, and the Board authorized and gave legal counsel direction.

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- B. Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Government Code, § 54957(b)(1)
Title: Operations Manager

President J. Colomy announced that the Board went into closed session at 3:41 p.m. for item B and requested staff to excuse themselves for this item.

The Board reconvened into open session at 3:54 p.m.

President J. Colomy announced the following action was taken; the performance review form was signed by the Board and the Board gave direction to staff to present a contract renewal for Mr. D. Lewis at the next regular board meeting.

The performance review form was signed for acceptance by Mr. D. Lewis.

President J. Colomy expressed that the Board was pleased with the outstanding performance of Mr. Lewis.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 12, 2023 [Action Item]

Director J. Franklin made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 12, 2023. 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

VII. APPROVAL OF THE MONTHLY EXPENSES FOR OCTOBER 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. Franklin made a motion to approve the monthly expenses, including payroll and petty cash totaling \$77,369 for Fund 5215 and \$4,472 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

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Finance Committee Report
Did not meet.

- B. Administration, Operations & Personnel (AOP) Committee
The AOP-Committee met on October 24, 2023, with Operations Manager Mr. D. Lewis for the Performance Evaluation, and reported under Closed Session item B.

- C. Ad-Hoc Strategic Committee
The Ad-Hoc Strategic Committee met twice this week. On Tuesday, November 14th the Committee and Management met with the Carpinteria Sanitary District's Strategic

Committee and General Manager (GM). The outcome of the County Potable Feasibility Study towards CSD was discussed and a possible further exploration. CSD Committee and GM's response was as long as it doesn't cost the Carpinteria Sanitary District's ratepayers anything, they would be open to further exploration. Both parties found the connection cost estimates from the Study extremely high. The recommendation made by the Ad Hoc Committee is to place further exploration on hold for now.

The Ad Hoc Committee also met on Wednesday, November 15th with the Ad-Hoc Strategic Committees from Montecito Sanitary District (MSD) and Montecito Water District (MWD) and their GMs. The meeting was experienced as positive, and it seems that all parties want to explore what's best for the Montecito and Summerland communities overall. The GM from MWD said that the water reuse water project from MWD has received a substantial grant.

A foreseen benefit of the exploration to connect to MSD facilities is that the flow equalization basin will be built on the MSD site, unlike at the SSD site, which was suggested with the Study for CSD, which is a huge expenditure saver and will free up the SSD property for possible resale/reuse. The facility connection distance to MSD might be a lot shorter since nearby CSD collection pipelines and lift stations are not designed to take on the extra SSD sewer flow. Therefore, the SSD facility connection has to be extended about 4 miles, which was a huge expenditure item in the study.

The SSD Strategic Committee recommended including the agenda item "Consideration of Approval of the Expansion of the County Potable Reuse Study towards MSD with \$30,000" at the next board meeting.

Once both studies are completed, with cost estimates, plus a rough estimate cost to replace the District's ocean outfall is already known, then the board can make an informed decision to choose what direction could be best for the Summerland Rate Payers and the facility in the future.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Countywide Potable Reuse Study – Summerland Sanitary District Potable Reuse Evaluation Study- Final Study Report October 2023. [Action Item]

The Board received a copy of the Countywide Potable Reuse Study Report of the sections that pertain to the Summerland Sanitary District facilities connecting to the Carpinteria Sanitary District's facilities and reviewed the Operations Manager's staff report.

A motion was made by Director G. Robinsons to accept and file the Countywide Potable Reuse Study. 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

- B. Call for Nominations for and Notice of Election for LAFCO Regular and Alternate Special District Members. [Action Item]

LAFCO sent out a call for nominations for one Regular and one Alternate Special District Member to serve as the special district members on LAFCO with a term of office from March 2024 until March 2028.

The Board discussed the topic and nomination request; no nominations were made.

IX. FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT – OCTOBER 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. Colomy to accept the financial status report for October 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, J. Witmer, M. Tucker
NOES:	0	None
ABSENT:	0	None
ABSTAIN:	0	None

X. OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT

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

XI. ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER REPORT

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


IX. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

- A. None.
- B. Items for future Board meetings: Expansion of the County Potable Reuse Study towards MSD with \$30,000.
- C. The next regular board meeting is Thursday, December 14, 2023.

X. ADJOURNMENT

President J. Colomy adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Gary Robinson
Secretary

Date: December 14, 2023

Minutes prepared by M. Souza