

# Minutes of the Special Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday January 30, 2025, 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 the internet at

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9832268568?pwd=nlt8jNgA5DOkwx950nKL4h0nmahQbj.1&omn=87244691 635 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 G. ROBINSON CALLED THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER AT 3:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS PRESENT JOLENE COLOMY

JOHN FRANKLIN TRICIA PRICE GARY ROBINSON

JAMES WITMER

ABSENT -

OTHERS PRESENT DAVID LEWIS Operations Manager

MARJON (Mar) SOUZA Administrative Manager

ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

ALISON LECHOWICZ Rate Study Consultant

MICHAEL COLANTUONO Legal Consultant- Rate Making

## II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President G. Robinson 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. No members of the public were present at the meeting location and via Zoom.

#### V. ITEMS DISCUSSED

A. Presentation of Draft Rate Tables for the 2025 Rate Study Technical Report [Action Item]

The Board received a presentation from Alison Lechowicz from Lechowicz + Tseng Municipal Consultants for the Draft Rate Tables and legal advice was provided by Mr. Michael Cuolantuono.

The PowerPoint Presentation and the Rate Table Document that were included in the board packet were reviewed. The board discussed the recommended targets. The board selected Target Option 3: "5 years of \$150,000 accumulated each year into a partial sinking fund for upcoming Capital Projects depending on Study Outcome", since the Coastal Hazard Monitoring Plan Phase One (Coastal Hazard Monitoring Plan) and Phase Two (Life Expectancy Analysis) Study needs to be completed, as required by the State Water Resources Control Board. The Study results will determine if the District can move forward, or not, with the replacement or rehabilitation of the Ocean Outfall Pipeline, or if other efforts need to be considered. The Study results are expected to come in late April 2025.

For the Residential Equivalent Dwelling Unit Cost Allocation, the Board decided after discussing and recommendations that Table 7B was the most desirable option moving forward for the preparation of the ratemaking report.

A motion was made by Director J. Franklin to instruct the Rate Study Consultant to include Target Option 3 and Table 7B for the preparation of the Ratemaking Report. The motion was seconded by Director J. Witmer, and was carried by the following roll call vote:

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J. Colomy, J. Franklin, Tricia Price, G. Robinson, J. Witmer

NOES:

0 None

ABSENT:

None

ABSTAIN: 0 None

B. Discussion of the Timetable for the Rate Study [Non-Action Item] The Board reviewed the timetable and its upcoming actions.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jolene Colomy

**Board Secretary** 

Date: February 13, 2025

Minutes prepared by M. Souza