



Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 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) Meeting Code ID: 983 226 8568 Passcode 123 or through the internet at

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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 G. ROBINSON CALLED THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER AT 3:02 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS PRESENT

JOLENE COLOMY
JOHN FRANKLIN
TRICIA PRICE
GARY ROBINSON
JAMES WITMER

ABSENT

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OTHERS PRESENT

DAVID LEWIS	Operations Manager
MARJON (MAR) SOUZA	Administrative Manager
JANET MCGINNIS	Legal Counsel

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 or changes and announced that New Business Item IX, A will be discussed first after the approval of the minutes to accommodate the Zoom participants Ms. Lechowicz, and Mr. Colantuono.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT [Non-Agenda Items]

President G. Robinson asked the Clerk of the Board M. Souza if there were any public comments. No public comments were submitted in advance and no members of the public that were present provided any public comments.

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2025, AND SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2025 [Action Item]

Director J. Franklin made a motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of February 13,

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2025. The motion was seconded by Director J. Colomy.

Director J. Colomy made a motion to approve the special board meeting minutes of March 6, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director J. Witmer.

The motions were carried by the following roll call vote:

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

IX NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Consideration for Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Sewer Service Charges Adjustments per July 1, 2025 [Action Item]

The Board was requested to consider the following:

- I. To set a date for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Sewer Service Charges Adjustment based on the analysis provided in the Sewer Cost-of-Service Study.
- II. To instruct the Administrative Manager to send out Prop. 218 Notices to the Ratepayers at least 45 days before the public hearing date.

Director J. Colomy made a motion to set the date for a Public Hearing on June 12, 2025, at 3:00 p.m., at the Church Meeting Hall, on the Proposed Sewer Service Charges Adjustment based on the analysis provided in the Sewer Cost-of-Service Study. And, to send out the Prop. 218 Notices to all Ratepayers at least 45 days before the June 12th Hearing date. The motion was seconded by Director J. Witmer and was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MONTHLY EXPENDITURES FOR FEBRUARY 2025, 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 expenditures, including payroll and petty cash totaling \$78,261 from Operations Fund 5215 and \$7,084 from Capital Expenditure Fund 5217. The motion was seconded by Director J. Colomy, and was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee Report

The committee did not meet.

B. Administration, Operations & Personnel (AOP) Committee

The committee did not meet.

C. Ad-Hoc Strategic Committee

The committee did not meet but is scheduled to meet with the Montecito Sanitary District Board of Directors tomorrow March 19, 2025, to discuss the Carollo Study Results and possible future collaboration projects.

D. Ad-Hoc Rate Study Committee

The committee did not meet.

VIII. **CLOSED SESSION**

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation [Gov. Code, § 54956.9(d)(4)] – one case (Summerland Sanitary District v. Ryszard and Maria Stawiecki/owner of 121 Hollister Street)

President G. Robinson announced that the Board was scheduled to go into the closed session with legal counsel and staff. He announced that the Board received a letter, by email, on March 17, 2025, from Coastal River Terrace LLC. The letter was received after the 72-hour posting of the agenda and board meeting package and will be discussed during the closed session and will be added to the board meeting package as an addendum. President G. Robinson asked if there were any public comments regarding the closed session item. There were none.

Board President G. Robinson announced at 3:20 p.m. that the Board, Legal Counsel, and staff entered into closed session. The Board reconvened into open session at 3:35 p.m.

Director J. Franklin made a motion to authorize Legal Counsel to file a complaint seeking immediate injunctive relief through orders requiring Stawiecki to repair and connect their faulty sewer lateral or to construct and connect a new lateral. The motion was seconded by J. Colomy and passed with the following roll call vote:

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

X. **FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT – FEBRUARY 2025 [Action Item]**

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

Director J. Colomy made a motion to accept the Financial Status Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Director J. Witmer and was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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XI. OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT

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

XII. ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER REPORT

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

IX. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

A. Board Communications:

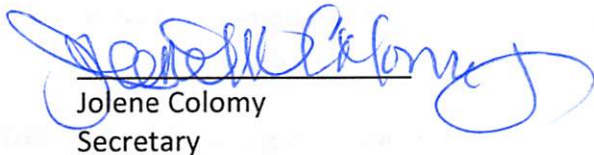
B. Items for future Board meetings:

C. Next regular board meeting: Thursday, April 10, 2025.

X. ADJOURNMENT

President G. Robinson adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Jolene Colomy
Secretary

Date: April 10, 2025

Minutes prepared by M. Souza