



Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 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.

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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 3:01 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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President G. Robinson asked if there were any modifications or changes. Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved as submitted.

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 MARCH 18, 2025 [Action Item]

Director J. Colomy made a motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of March 18, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director J. Franklin.

The motion 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 MARCH 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 \$93,594 from Operations Fund 5215. 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

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 met with the Montecito Sanitary District Board of Directors on March 19, 2025, to discuss the Carollo Study Results and possible future collaboration projects. The Committee and Board agreed to explore future collaboration possibilities together and asked MSD legal counsel Aleks Giragosian to prepare a presentation with options. Mr. Giragosian will provide a PowerPoint presentation under the new business item A.

D. Ad-Hoc Rate Study Committee

The committee did not meet.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Consideration of Consolidation, Dissolution & Annexation, and/or Contract Services [Action Items]

The Board was introduced to Mr. Aleks Giragosian Esq. Mr. Giragosian shared information about his role at Montecito Sanitary District, his experience with LAFCO, and the services that can be provided to SSD. The board was presented with an agreement contract to consider and approve to retain a joint Montecito Sanitary District (MSD) -Summerland Sanitary District legal counsel representation by Mr. Aleks Giragosian, Esq. concerning possible consolidation, annexation & dissolution, or contract services.

Director J. Colomy made a motion to approve retaining Mr. Aleks Giragosian as legal counsel for potential consolidation, annexation, and/or contracting services. 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

President G. Robinson signed the retaining letter that was included in the board meeting packet. At this point, the Board received a presentation by Mr. A. Giragosian concerning options for consolidation, annexation & dissolution, or contract services. Mr. Giragosian answered board questions regarding the options, the LAFCO requirements, and the process for each of these options.

After the SSD Strategic Committee met with the MSD Board at a subsequent meeting on March 28, 2025, a motion was approved to start the process of consolidation with the Montecito Water District and it was requested the SSD Board consider joining these efforts.

The current SSD board agenda includes consideration of authorizing Legal Counsel to begin the process with LAFCO and to prepare the Resolution of Application for consolidation, or dissolution & annexation with Montecito Water District. President G. Robinson said that he believed it was too early in the process to consider this. He spoke to the Board President Ken Coates of Montecito Water District (MWD) and their board has not discussed these possibilities yet. The MWD Board is scheduled to meet on April 22nd. The board agreed with this opinion.

Mr. Giragosian advised to consider the SSD board's intention for consolidation or annexation & dissolution with MWD. The Board discussed that they had a preference towards consolidation since with this process Summerland will be represented on the board if a new agency would be created.

The Ad Hoc Committee has been scheduled to meet with the full MSD board on April 16th to discuss these items. The Board agreed that the committee members can inform the MSD that the SSD board is open to exploring all options, including contract services, and has a preference to move forward to consolidation if the MWD is open to exploring this option.

VIII. **CLOSED SESSION**

Public Employment (§54957)

Title: District Administrative Manager

Board President G. Robinson said that the Board received the resignation letter from Mar Souza and that this upcoming vacant position will be discussed during the closed session. Public Comments were requested if there were any, there were none.

The Board and the Administrative Manager went into a closed session at 4:08 p.m. and reconvened into an open session at 4:30 p.m. The following action was taken:

Director Tricia Price made a motion to approve the recruitment for a Business Manager with a compensation range between \$12,000 - \$15,000, a month, depending on experience. 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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X. FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT – MARCH 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. Franklin 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

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: Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

X. ADJOURNMENT

President G. Robinson adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Jolene Colomy
Secretary

Date: May 6, 2025

Minutes prepared by M. Souza