

**VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
October 8, 2013**

A regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board of Valley Sanitary District (VSD) was held at the District offices, 45-500 Van Buren Street, Indio, California, on Tuesday, October 8, 2013.

**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**

1. PRESIDENT YORK called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. Those in attendance were as follows:
- DIRECTORS PRESENT: Douglas A. York, Merritt Wiseman, Richard Friestad, Mike Duran, and William Teague
- DIRECTORS ABSENT: None
- STAFF PRESENT: Joseph Glowitz, General Manager, Holly Gould, and Ron Buchwald
- GUESTS: Robert Hargreaves, Best, Best & Krieger

**MINUTES**

2. Consideration of the September 24, 2013 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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PRESIDENT YORK made a correction to the September 24, 2013 minutes. DIRECTOR FRIESTAD called the meeting to order. PRESIDENT YORK and DIRECTOR DURAN abstained from the vote due to their absence at the September 24, 2013 meeting.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**MOTION:** DIRECTOR TEAGUE made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held September 24, 2013. DIRECTOR WISEMAN seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following vote: 3 yes, 2 abstentions.

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 2013-2206**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments or correspondence items to present to the Board.

**EMPLOYEE PRESENTATION**

3. Presentation of Employee Anniversary Pins
- Holly Gould – 4 years

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The Board of Directors presented Holly Gould with her anniversary pin and thanked her for her contribution and years of service to the District.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

4. CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFER WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b).

B. EMPLOYMENT AND PERSONNEL RELATED MATTERS RELATING TO DISCIPLINE, DISMISSAL OR RELEASE OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE  
Pursuant to Government Code 54957 (b).

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The Board adjourned to closed session at 12:34 p.m. to consider anticipated litigation and personnel related matters relating to discipline, dismissal or release of a public employee. Pursuant to Government Codes 54956.9(b) and 54957(b).

**RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened to open session at 1:36 p.m.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**MOTION:** No action taken in Closed Session.

**NON-HEARING ITEMS**

5. Approval of Purchase of Protective K-Rails Barriers for the District.

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Due to a recent theft of an AC Condenser Unit, it is recommended that the District purchase 20 ten foot long K-Rail barriers to place in vulnerable areas of the plant to deter from theft in the future.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**MOTION:**

DIRECTOR TEAGUE made a motion to authorize the General Manager to purchase 20 ten foot long K-Rail barriers from Jensen Precast for \$7,580.00. DIRECTOR DURAN seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote: 5 yes

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 2013-2207**

6. Approval of Task Authorization – HDR Engineering – Wetlands Operations Study.

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It is recommended that the Board approve a Wetlands Operations Study to be done. The cost/benefit of the wetlands is becoming increasingly more costly and less beneficial and the recovery time for the stabilization of the treatment efficacy after having the bulrush trimmed is taking much longer than usual. The system is currently under the Regional Board permit and the treatment operation is becoming less effective. The purpose of the Wetlands Operations Study is to determine the efficacy of the wetlands treatment system, provide a benefit/cost analysis, solutions for maintaining and rehabilitating the current system, and recommendations for use of the wetlands as an aquatic environment. PRESIDENT YORK abstained from the vote due to the fact he serves on the Board for the Wild Bird Center.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**MOTION:**

DIRECTOR TEAGUE made a motion to authorize the General Manager to execute a Task Authorization to HDR Engineering for a Wetlands Operations Study, not to exceed \$24,945.00. DIRECTOR FRIESTAD seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote: 4 yes

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 2013-2208**

7. Manager's Notes

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DIRECTOR TEAGUE excused himself from the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

**DIRECTOR'S ITEMS**

*Director's items not listed are for discussion only; no action will be taken without an urgency vote pursuant to State law.*

**CONSENT ITEMS**

8. Approval of Expenditures for September 19, 2013 to October 3, 2013

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Check numbers 30608 to 30645 totaling \$33,371.40 were issued. Payroll checks numbers 8623 to 8628 totaling \$16,398.34 and payroll transfers of \$87,908.87 were also issued.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**MOTION:**

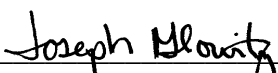
DIRECTOR WISEMAN made a motion to pay the disbursement items as presented.  
DIRECTOR FRIESTAD seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote: 4 yes

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 2013-2209**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m., and the next Regular Board Meeting will be held October 22, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Joseph Glowitz, General Manager  
Valley Sanitary District