

**VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 11, 2014**

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, February 11, 2014.

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

1. PRESIDENT YORK called the meeting to order at 12:30 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, Ron Buchwald, Brian Sprueill, Paul Kemp, Kenneth Kepley, and Heberto Moreno
- GUESTS: Bob Hargreaves, Best, Best & Krieger, Antonio Blua, and Tony Blua

MINUTES

2. Consideration of the January 28, 2014 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
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ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION: DIRECTOR FRIESTAD made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held January 28, 2014. DIRECTOR DURAN seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following vote: 5 yes

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2014-2247

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

EMPLOYEE PRESENTATION

3. Presentation of Employee Anniversary Pins
- Brian Sprueill – 2 years
 - Paul Kemp – 4 years
 - Kenneth Kepley – 8 years
 - Heberto Moreno – 9 years

The Board of Directors presented Brian, Paul, Kenneth and Heberto with their anniversary pins and thanked them for their contribution and years of service to the District.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

4. The board shall adjourn to closed session to consider Potential Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 549569 (b) for Juan and Aurora Blua and Beazer Homes.
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The Board adjourned to closed session at 12:32 p.m. to consider Potential Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54569 (b) for Antonio and Aurora Blua and Beazer Homes.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to open session at 1:27 p.m. MR. HARGREAVES stated that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

NON-HEARING ITEMS

5. Consideration of Refund to Antonio and Aurora Blua
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MR. GLOWITZ reported that Antonio and Aurora Blua are seeking a refund of sewer use assessment charges prior to 2010. He stated that adjustments were made to the property's tax assessment changing the Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDU) from six to two for tax years 2010 to present. The statute of limitations allows the District to go back no more than 4 years. A supplemental tax bill will be mailed to the Bluas. It was explained to Mr. Blua that the property was originally permitted for six EDUs. Due to the fact that there is no way to monitor the sewer, it is the obligation of the property owner to notify the District if there is a change.

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION:

DIRECTOR TEAGUE made a motion to deny a refund to Antonio and Aurora Blua, for the sewer use assessments prior to 2010. DIRECTOR WISEMAN seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following vote: 5 yes

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2014-2248

6. Gasoline Fuel Tank Upgrade to Meet AQMD Phase I Requirements
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MR. GLOWTIZ reported that the District's 1,000 gallon aboveground fuel tank needs to be upgraded to meet the new AQMD Vapor requirements. Without this update the tank will have to be taken out of service.

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION:

DIRECTOR DURAN made a motion to approve the repairs needed to meet the AQMD Vapor requirements from Western Pump, Inc. for \$7050. DIRECTOR FRIESTAD seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote: 5 yes

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2014-2249

7. Purchase of Laboratory Muffle Furnace

Due to the extensive daily maintenance requirements, potential low accuracy and precision in laboratory results due to malfunction and the replacement parts becoming non-existent, it is recommended that the Laboratory Muffler Furnace be replaced.

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION: DIRECTOR TEAGUE made a motion to authorize the replacement of the Laboratory Muffler Furnace from Cole Parmer for \$2,009.58. DIRECTOR DURAN seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following vote: 5 yes

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2014-2250

8. Manager's Notes

MR. GLOWTIZ reported that the District won the Collections System of the Year and Mark Lemus won Operator of the Year at this year's CWEA/CORBS Awards Banquet. The manhole rehabilitation project is underway. Development is continuing to move forward. MR. GLOWTIZ also mentioned he will be calling in to the next meeting due to his attendance at the CASA Conference in Washington D.C.

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.

DIRECTOR TEAGUE informed the Board that he will be absent at the next board meeting due to knee surgery.

CONSENT ITEMS

9. Approval of Expenditures for January 23, 2014 to February 5, 2014.

Check numbers 30989 to 31033 totaling \$110,422.43 and electronic funds transfer for \$175,927.50 were issued. Payroll checks numbers 8677 to 8690 totaling \$9,192.90 and payroll transfers of \$143,429.30 were also issued.

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION:

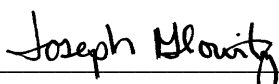
DIRECTOR WISEMAN made a motion to pay the disbursement items as presented. DIRECTOR TEAGUE seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote: 5 yes.

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2014-2251

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m., and the next Regular Board Meeting will be held February 25, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph Glowitz, General Manager
Valley Sanitary District