

**VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

February 11, 2020

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, 2020.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Mike Duran called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1.1 Roll Call

Directors Present:

Mike Duran, William Teague, Dennis Coleman, Debra Canero, Scott Sear

Staff Present:

Beverli A. Marshall, General Manager, Holly Gould, Joanne Padgham, Ron Buchwald, Ian Wilson, Anna Bell, Ryan Williams, Ivan Monroy, Tito Moreno, Brian Sprueill, Ed Luna, Lorraine Shinnette

Guests:

Robert Hargreaves, Best Best & Krieger

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 February Employee Anniversaries

- Tito Moreno 15 years
- Kenny Kepley 14 Years
- Brian Sprueill 8 years

The Board congratulated Tito Moreno, Kenny Kepley, and Brian Sprueill on their years of service and thanked them for their continued hard work and dedication. They also congratulated Ian and the entire staff on receiving the Plant of the Year Award for medium sized plant from CWEA/CORBS. Anna Bell was congratulated on receiving the CWEA/CORBS Laboratory Person of the Year Award. Both recipients will now move on to the state level. The Board also welcomed the District's new staff, Lorraine Shinnette, Laboratory Technician, and Eduardo Luna, Maintenance Technician.

4.1 Presentation from Ivan Monroy, Environmental Compliance Technician, on the P3S Conference

To accommodate staff this item was moved up on the agenda. Ivan Monroy, Environmental Compliance Technician gave a report of the P3S Conference he attended in Long Beach. The conference focused on pretreatment pollution prevention and stormwater. Ivan thanked the Board for believing in training. He stated the conference gave him the opportunity to learn from US EPA instructors with more than

thirty (30) years' experience. It also gave him the opportunity to network with others in his field and share knowledge. Ivan shared that the District has developed a proactive pretreatment program, working closely with the Collections Department, Laboratory Department and Operations. Director Teague stated that the Board fully supports training and the importance of continuing to gain knowledge.

4.6 Discussion of Valley Sanitary District's Front Lawn and Maintenance

To accommodate staff this item was moved up on the agenda. Ian Wilson gave the Board a brief history of the front lawn. He explained that during the drought a few years ago, it was decided to turn off the sprinklers and not re-seed to conserve water. Combined with that and staffing issues within the maintenance department it was something that has not been revisited. There has been some discussion of what to do with that space and whether to contract out for landscaping services. President Duran suggested that the General Manager and staff come up with an idea of how to utilize that space. Vice President Sear suggested reaching out to the schools to see if there are any agriculture clubs or programs that could help. Director Coleman suggested looking into rebates for conservation programs.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

This is the time set aside for public comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. Please notify the Secretary in advance of the meeting if you wish to speak on a non-hearing item.

None.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

3.1 Approve January 28, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

3.2 Approve Warrants for January 23, 2020 to February 5, 2020

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION: Director Teague made a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented. Director Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following vote: 5 ayes
MINUTE ORDER NO. 2020-2982

4. **NON-HEARING ITEMS**

4.2 Continuing Disclosure Annual Reports for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019

Joanne Padgham presented the reports to the Board. Pursuant to the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, the annual reports are due no later than February 15 each year. The reports show that the District is very financially healthy.

ACTION TAKEN:**MOTION:**

Director Teague made a motion to receive and file the Continuing Disclosure Annual Reports for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019. Director Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Canero, Coleman, Duran, Sear, Teague

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2020-2083

4.3 Award of Contract to Denali Water Solutions for Biosolids Removal, Hauling and Disposal

The District's current biosolids removal, hauling and disposal contract expired in October 2019. The bid for the new five-year contract is based on 1000 tons of Class A biosolids. The actual cost will vary each year based on the amount disposed and the quality of the biosolids. After reviewing the three bid packages for completeness, staff believes the lowest responsible bidder is Denali Water Solutions, LLC. Denali Water Solutions has been the biosolids hauler contractor for VSD for the past 10 years. They have performed this service to District standards and meet our expectations.

ACTION TAKEN:**MOTION:**

Secretary Canero made a motion to award the biosolids removal, hauling and disposing service contract to Denali Water Solutions and authorize the General Manager to execute a construction contract based on the rates provided on their bid sheet. Director Teague seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Canero, Coleman, Duran, Sear, Teague

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2020-2084

4.4 Nominate Representative to CSDA Board of Directors – Seat B

Vice President Sear nominated Director Dennis Coleman as a candidate for the California Special District Association Board of Directors Vacancy – Seat B Southern Network. Secretary Canero seconded the nomination.

ACTION TAKEN:**MOTION:**

Vice President Sear made a motion to nominate Director Dennis Coleman as a candidate for the California Special District Association Board of Directors Vacancy – Seat B Southern Network. Secretary Canero seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Canero, Coleman, Duran, Sear, Teague

NOES: None

ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
MINUTE ORDER NO. 2020-2085

4.5 Reschedule the Regular Board Meeting of February 25, 2020

Due to the attendance of the directors at the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) DC Forum in Washington D.C. February 24-26, 2020, the February 25, 2020 Regular Board Meeting will be rescheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION: Director Teague made a motion to reschedule the February 25, 2020 Regular Board Meeting for March 4, 2020. Vice President Sear seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Canero, Coleman, Duran, Sear, Teague

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2020-2086

4.7 Staff Updates

Ms. Marshall wanted to clarify with the Board the mix up of the tuition reimbursement for the General Manager. She stated her intention of following her contract and district policies.

5. 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.

None.

6. CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

6.1 Pursuant to Government Code Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Valley Sanitary District v. One Stop Shoppe

6.2 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.5 Public Employee Performance
Evaluation - Title: General Manager

The board adjourned to closed session at 1:48 p.m.

7. CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to open session at 2:52 p.m. President Duran stated that there was nothing to report.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m. The next special board meeting will be held March 4, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Gould

Holly Gould, Clerk of the Board
Valley Sanitary District