

**VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 11, 2020**

*******SPECIAL NOTICE – Telephonic Accessibility*******

Pursuant to Paragraph 11 of Executive Order N-25-20, executed by the Governor of California on March 12, 2020, as a response to mitigating the spread of coronavirus known as COVID-19, during the August 11, 2020 regular meeting of Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors, members of the public will be allowed to attend and address the Board of Directors during the open session of the meeting telephonically.

Members of the public wanting to listen to the open session of the meeting were able to do so by calling (425) 436-6376 and when prompted, enter access code 166514. Members of the public wanting to address the Board, either during public comment or for a specific agenda item, or both, were requested to send an email notification no later than 12:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting to the Valley Sanitary District's Clerk of the Board at hgould@valley-sanitary.org.

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, August 11, 2020.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

1.1 Roll Call

Directors Present:

Debra Canero (via telephone), Dennis Coleman (via telephone), Mike Duran, Scott Sear, William Teague

Staff Present:

Beverli Marshall, General Manager, Holly Gould, Branden Rodriguez
Via Telephone: Ron Buchwald, Jeanette Juarez, Robert Hargreaves, Best Best & Krieger

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 August Employee Anniversaries

- Joey McElrone, Collection Systems Tech II – 2 years
- Branden Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant – 2 years

The Board congratulated Branden on his hard work and dedication to the district.

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 July 28, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 3.2 Approve Warrants for July 23 to August 5, 2020
- 3.3 Authorize Tuition Reimbursement for Beverli A. Marshall, General Manger, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,000
- 3.4 Declare Surplus Equipment and Authorize Disposition of Surplus Items

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION: Director Teague a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented. Vice President Sear seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2020-3031

4. NON-HEARING ITEMS

- 4.1 Receive CalPERS Health Insurance Rates Effective January 1, 2021, and Give Direction

Ms. Marshall presented the new health insurance rates for 2021. There is no fiscal impact to the District based on the new medical plan premiums. On May 26, 2020, the VSD Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2020-1130. This resolution established the District's contributions toward employees' health premiums (medical, dental, vision) each month. For calendar year 2021, the total District contribution will be up to \$1,943 per month. If an employee chooses a plan that is more than the District's total contributions, the additional amount will be deducted from the employee's paycheck each month. It was discussed about opening up the health benefits to the board of directors. This item will be brought back before the board in September. This is an information only item.

- 4.2 Nominate Alternate Member of the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for a Term Ending May 6, 2024

It was the consensus of the board to nominate Secretary Canero as a nominee for the position of Alternate Special District Member of the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission.

- 4.3 Review and Reaffirm VSD Investment Policy per California Government Code 53646

The board requested that the VSD Investment Policy be sent to legal for review and that the item be brought back before the board.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S ITEMS

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

Jeanette Juarez, Business Services Manager, gave an update regarding the audit. Ron Buchwald, District Engineer, gave an update on the Downtown Rehabilitation Project and the Arc Flash Study. It was decided to form a standing Budget and Finance Committee. Ms. Marshall will work with legal and bring the item back to the Board.

6. 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.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be held August 25, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Gould, Clerk of the Board
Valley Sanitary District