

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

June 22, 2021

*Valley Sanitary District conducted this meeting in accordance with California Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-29-20 and COVID-19 protocols.*

A regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board of Valley Sanitary District (VSD) was held via videoconference, on Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**1.1 Roll Call**

Directors Present:

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

Staff Present:

Beverli Marshall, General Manager, Holly Gould, Jeanette Juarez, Ron Buchwald, Anna Bell, and Robert Hargreaves, Best Best & Krieger

**1.2 Pledge of Allegiance**

**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.*

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None.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

3.1 Approve June 8, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes

3.2 Approve Warrants for June 3 through June 17, 2021

3.3 Accept Monthly Financial Report for Period Ending May 31, 2021

3.4 Accept Credit Card Report for Period Ending May 31, 2021

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**MOTION:** Director Duran a motion to approve the consent calendar items as presented. Secretary Canero seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.  
**MINUTE ORDER NO. 2021-3109**

**4. NON-HEARING ITEMS**

4.1 Approve Carryover list from Fiscal Year 2020/21 to 2021/22

It is a common occurrence to have services, supplies, and projects initiated but not completed within a fiscal year. To have enough funds to pay for these items once they are complete and avoid negatively affecting the new fiscal year's budgeted expenditures, it is necessary to carry over the approved funds from one fiscal year to another. The requested amount to be carried over to fiscal year 2021/22 is \$2,156,900.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**MOTION:** Director Teague made a motion to approve the requested carryover items from Fiscal Year 2020/21 to Fiscal Year 2021/22. Director Duran seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Canero, Coleman, Duran, Sear, Teague

NOES: None

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 2021-3110**

- 4.2 Adopt Resolution No. 2021-1147 Declaring Valley Sanitary District's Intention to Order the Dissolution of Certain Property from Indio Sanitary District Assessment District No. 2 (Indio Terrace) and City of Indio Assessment District No. 90-1 (Shadow Hills)

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**"RESOLUTION OF THE VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER THE DISSOLUTION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM INDIO SANITARY DISTRICT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2 (INDIO TERRACE) AND CITY OF INDIO ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 90-1 (SHADOW HILLS)"**

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**MOTION:** Director Duran made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-1147 declaring the District's intention to order the dissolution of certain Property from Indio Sanitary District Assessment No. 2 (Indio Terrace) and City of Indio Assessment District No. 90-1 (Shadow Hills) and set a Public Hearing for July 13, 2021. Vice President Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Canero, Coleman, Duran, Sear, Teague

NOES: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1147**

- 4.3 Discuss and Set Public Hearing Date for New Compensation Rate for Directors of the Valley Sanitary District Board

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The Board President requested that staff prepare an agenda item to discuss the rate of compensation for directors. The California Health & Safety Code §6489 and Water Code §20202 established the compensation rate cap of \$100 per day of service as of 1987. Each year the Board can increase the rate by no more than 5% on the calendar year. Based on the annual escalator, the allowable rate for the calendar year 2021 is \$525.33 for each day of service. The last time the directors' compensation was changed was January 2016 when the Board adopted Ordinance 2016-119 and increased the rate to \$250 per day of service. If the Board chooses to adopt a new rate of compensation, it will become effective 60 days from the date the ordinance is adopted. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to set the new rate of compensation at \$300 per day of service and to set a public hearing date for July 13, 2021.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**MOTION:**

Director Duran made a motion to approve a new rate of compensation at \$300 per day of service for directors and to set a public hearing date for July 13, 2021. Director Teague seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Canero, Coleman, Duran, Sear, Teague

NOES: None

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 2021-3111**

**5. GENERAL MANAGER'S ITEMS**

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Ms. Marshall informed the Board that she will be on vacation from June 26 to July 6, 2021. Ron Buchwald will be acting General Manager during her absence. She gave an update on the Covid-19 regulations stating that fully vaccinated employees no longer have to wear masks, social distance, or participate in temperature checks. The District is back to full staff on-site and beginning in July Board will go back to in-person meetings. The CASA and CSDA Conferences will be coming up in August. Ms. Marshall informed the board that she will be sworn in as President of the Sunrise Rotary Club as of July 1, 2021.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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There is an EVRA meeting scheduled for June 29, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

**7. DIRECTOR'S ITEMS**

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It was requested that Mr. Buchwald email the sketch of the proposed parking lot to the directors.

**8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

8.1 Clerk of the Board Job Description for the Board's Information

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The Board thanked Jeanette Juarez for providing the job description and the hard work she put into it.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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None.

**10. CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION**

*Items discussed in Closed Session comply with the Ralph M. Brown Act.*

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

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The Board adjourned to a closed session at 1:57 p.m.

**11. CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

*Report out on Closed Session items*

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The Board reconvened to open session at 2:10 p.m. President Sear stated there was nothing to report.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held on July 13, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Gould, Clerk of the Board  
Valley Sanitary District