

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

September 13, 2022

A regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board of Valley Sanitary District (VSD) was held on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at 45-500 Van Buren St., Indio, CA 92201.

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, Holly Gould, Jeanette Juarez, Ron Buchwald, Dave Commons, Anna Bell, Carlos Acevedo, Scott Graham, Craig Hayes, Best Best & Krieger, and Bob Hargreaves, Best Best & Krieger

Guest Present:

Jim Dunbar, Lystek International

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 September Employee Anniversaries

- Scott Graham, Wastewater Operator II – 32 Years
- Carlos Acevedo, Collection System Technician I – 1 Year

The Board of Directors thanked Scott and Carlos for their years of service and dedication to the District.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Please notify the Secretary in advance of the meeting if you wish to speak on a non-hearing item or any item not appearing on the agenda.

Jim Dunbar of the CASA Scholarship Committee thanked the District for participating in the Scholarship Program. He announced that CASA was able to give out four scholarships this year.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approve Minutes for August 30, 2022, Special Meeting

- 3.2 Approve Warrants for August 25, 2022, through September 6, 2022
- 3.3 Quarterly Investment Report for Period Ending June 30, 2022
- 3.4 Cancel Regular Community Engagement Committee Meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, Due to Committee Members Attending the Special District Leadership Academy in Napa, CA

Jeanette Juarez, Chief Administrative Officer, gave an update on the Quarterly Investment Report.

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION: Director Duran motioned to approve the consent calendar as presented. Director Teague seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:
AYES: Canero, Coleman, Duran, Sear, Teague
NOES: None
MINUTE ORDER NO. 2022-3227

4. NON-HEARING ITEMS

- 4.1 Presentation by Lystek on Potential Biosolids Management Project

Jim Dunbar of Lystek International gave a presentation to the Board about what Lystek does and how it could benefit the District with its biosolids management and disposal. Currently, VSD budgeted \$200,000 for hauling dewatered biosolids to Arizona. The Lystek system reduces those costs by converting wastewater biosolids into high-value, nutrient-rich biofertilizer. Mr. Dunbar explained what a VSD-Lystek partnership would look like including marketing and land application services, infrastructure, and timeline. The Board directed staff to bring more information, including cost analysis, so they could continue to discuss the project.

- 4.2 Adopt Resolution No. 2022-1169 Adopting the Valley Sanitary District Investment Policy and Rescinding Resolution No. 2021-1151

California Government Code Section 53646 requires that all public agencies adopt an investment policy and that the policy be reviewed and approved annually. On August 16, 2022, the Board approved Resolution No. 2022-1167. Due to a duplication in the resolution number, this item needs to be readopted with Resolution No. 2022-1169.

“A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT ADOPTING THE DISTRICT’S INVESTMENT POLICY AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1151”

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION:

Vice President Canero motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2022-1169, amending the Valley Sanitary District Investment Policy and rescinding Resolution No. 2021-1151. Director Teague seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Canero, Coleman, Duran, Sear, Teague

NOES: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-1167

- 4.3 Consideration of Proposed Sewer Construction and Use Ordinance No. 2022-121; Rescission of Sewer Construction and Use Ordinance No. 2010-118 and Setting a Public Hearing Date to Receive and Consider Public Comments

The Board set a public hearing date for September 27, 2022, to consider the proposed Sewer Construction and Use Ordinance No. 2022-121 and rescind Ordinance No. 2010-118.

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION:

Vice President Coleman motioned to set a public hearing date for September 27, 2022, to consider the proposed Sewer Construction and Use Ordinance No. 2022-121 and rescind Ordinance No. 2010-118. Director Duran seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Canero, Coleman, Duran, Sear, Teague

NOES: None

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2022-3229

- 4.4 Approve Third Amendment to the Employment Agreement with Beverli A. Marshall, General Manager, Increasing the General Manager's Salary to Reflect the Cost-of-Living Adjustment Pursuant to Section 3 of the Agreement

This item continued to the next board meeting on September 27, 2022.

- 4.5 Adopt Resolution No. 2022-1170 Amending the Valley Sanitary Wage Schedule Effective July 1, 2022, and Rescind Resolution No. 2022-1163

This item continued to the next board meeting on September 27, 2022.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S ITEMS

- 5.1 Monthly General Manager's Report – July 2022

Beverli gave an update on the rain event on September 9, 2022. The plant reached a peak flow of 13.5 MGD, which the plant handled well. The rain affected the thermocouple on the flare that the staff

resolved. The Barrymore lift station also gave a high water alarm. By the time staff arrived, the water had receded without incident.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 EVRA Board Meeting – September 6, 2022

Secretary/Treasurer Coleman reported on the East Valley Reclamation Authority meeting on September 6, 2022. He stated that the Board approved three professional services agreements. One with Todd Groundwater to Complete a Groundwater Model Under and Around Valley Sanitary District, one with Carollo Engineers, Inc. to Complete An Updated Comprehensive Recycled Water Master Plan, and one with CA Consulting Services LLC to Provide Recycled Water Program Management Services. The EVRA Board also passed a resolution to expand EVRA's operational activities to include a food waste diversion program.

6.2 Budget & Finance Committee Meeting – September 6, 2022

Secretary/Treasurer Coleman reported on the Budget & Finance Committee meeting on September 6, 2022. He stated that the Committee received an update on the audit and discussed the staff's recommendation of an additional laboratory staff member.

7. DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

Vice President Canero and Secretary/Treasurer Coleman said they would be remotely attending the September 27, 2022, board meeting.

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8.1 Update on Downtown Collection System Rehabilitation Project

Ron Buchwald, District Engineer, gave an update on the Downtown Collection System Rehabilitation Project. He stated that Phase 3 was out to bid, and the pre-bid meeting was completed.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Please notify the Clerk of the Board in advance of the meeting if you wish to speak on an item to be discussed in Closed Session.

None.

President Sear called for a short recess at 2:29 p.m. The Board of Directors reconvened at 3:08 p.m. Roll call was taken, and all Directors were present.

10. CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

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

10.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

Title: General Manager

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 3:08 p.m.

11. CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Report out on Closed Session items

The Board reconvened in open session at 3:55 p.m. President Sear stated nothing to report.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be on September 27, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Gould, Clerk of the Board
Valley Sanitary District