

**VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
March 7, 2023**

A special Board Meeting of the Governing Board of Valley Sanitary District (VSD) was held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 45-500 Van Buren St., Indio, CA 92201.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ROLL CALL**

Directors Present:

Jacky Barnum, Debra Canero, Mike Duran, Scott Sear, William Teague

Staff Present:

Beverli Marshall, Holly Gould, Ron Buchwald, Jeanette Juarez, Dave Commons, and Robert Hargreaves, Best Best & Krieger

Guests Present:

Alice Bou, NBS

Allen Highstreet, NBS

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

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None.

**5. NON-HEARING ITEMS**

5.1 Discuss the Draft Recycled Water Feasibility Study Report prepared by Carollo Engineers, Inc.

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At the September 6, 2022, East Valley Reclamation Authority (EVRA) meeting, the Board of Directors authorized Valley Sanitary District's General Manager to execute a contract with Carollo Engineers, Inc. to complete an updated Comprehensive Recycled Water Master Plan. The first step of the process was to conduct a feasibility study utilizing existing data, updated information, and a hydrogeologic groundwater model for injection wells. Based on the analysis, the consultants concluded that there are several feasible options for non-potable water (NPW), indirect potable water (IPW), and direct potable

water (DPW) reuse. Valley Sanitary District staff will continue working with Carollo to refine these options and seek funding for the NPW and IPW project options. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with Recycled water and to build the non-potable water (purple pipe) option into the Valley Sanitary District rate model.

## 5.2 Discuss Proposed 5-Year Sewer Rates and Provide Direction to Staff

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At the October 25, 2022, meeting, the Board authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with NBS to perform a Comprehensive Wastewater Rate Study. As part of the study, NBS was tasked to create a financial plan that includes all revenue sources, expenditures, reserves, capital improvement costs, repair and replacement costs, and net revenue requirements. NBS prepared a financial plan presentation that addresses three key issues; develop net revenue requirements from Fiscal Year 2022-23 to Fiscal Year 2041-42, establish and maintain reserve funds and targets, and fund the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). To meet all three targets, NBS developed three Financial Plan Alternatives for District staff and the Board of Director to consider; Alternative 1, full funding of CIP with no debt; alternative 2, full funding of CIP entering into \$57 million in debt, and Alternative 3 full funding of CIP entering into \$1.14 million debt. Alice Bou of NBS presented three bill comparisons that coincide with the three alternatives. Ron Buchwald, District Engineer, went over the CIP in detail. The Board stated the importance of public engagement and outreach relating to a rate increase. Staff explained why the District has to adopt a 5-year rate adjustment as opposed to a single year.

## 5.3 Adopt Resolution No. 2023-1174 Honoring Dr. Beverli A. Marshall for Her Dedication and Service to the Valley Sanitary District

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The Board of Directors thanked Beverli for her time, efforts, and accomplishments as the Valley Sanitary District General Manager during the past three years.

### **“A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT HONORING DR. BEVERLI A. MARSHALL”**

#### **ACTION TAKEN:**

**MOTION:** Secretary/Treasurer Sear motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2023-1174, Honoring Dr. Beverli A. Marshall. Director Teague seconded the motion. Motioned carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnum, Canero, Duran, Sear, Teague

NOES: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-1174**

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Please notify the Clerk of the Board before the meeting if you wish to discuss an item to discuss in Closed Session.

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None.

**President Canero called for a short recess at 3:07 p.m. The Board of Directors reconvened at 3:12 p.m. Roll call was taken. Directors Barnum, Canero, Duran, Sear, and Teague were present.**

**7. CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION**

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

- 7.1 Public Employment Recruitment Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957  
Title: General Manager
- 7.2 Conference with Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 –  
Unrepresented Employee: Interim General Manager

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The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 3:12 p.m.

**8. CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

Report out on Closed Session items.

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The Board reconvened in open session at 3:26 p.m. District Counsel stated no reportable action was taken.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be on March 14, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Gould, Clerk of the Board  
Valley Sanitary District