

**VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
April 18, 2023**

A special Board Meeting of the Governing Board of Valley Sanitary District (VSD) was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 45-500 Van Buren St., Indio, CA 92201.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Canero called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

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

Staff Present:

Ron Buchwald, Holly Gould, Jeanette Juarez, and Dave Commons

Guests Present:

Synthia Salazar, Indio Resident

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Synthia Salazar gave public comment on her opposition to the proposed sewer rate increase.

5. NON-HEARING ITEMS

5.1 Review and Discussion of Valley Sanitary District Draft Fiscal Year 2023/24 Operating and Capital Budget

Jeanette Juarez, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the Draft FY24 Operating & Maintenance (O&M) and Capital Budget to the Board. The proposed operating and capital budget for the fiscal year 2023/24 is \$18,622,984 and \$61,477,331, respectively. The operating budget encompasses personnel, California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS), Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL), debt service, insurance premiums, and other overhead costs to run day-to-day operations. The capital budget incorporates key projects to advance the District's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). There are 22 capital projects requested in the fiscal year 2023/24. The CIP for the fiscal year 2023/24 includes the Recycled Water Project Phase I Design Build, the Influent Pump Station Rehabilitation Project, and the Collection System Sewer Main Rehabilitation and Replacement Program.

Ms. Juarez presented the draft operating budget and reviewed the variances budget department by department. Ms. Juarez informed the Board that she would bring the draft budget to the May 9th Board meeting for follow-up discussion before it is brought for final approval to the June 13, 2023, Board meeting. Ms. Juarez informed the Board that the draft operational budget was sound and that the cuts would come from the capital budget if the proposed rate increase was not passed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be on April 25, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Gould, Clerk of the Board
Valley Sanitary District