

VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
June 20, 2023

A Special Board Meeting of the Governing Board of Valley Sanitary District (VSD) was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 45-500 Van Buren St., Indio, CA 92201.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Canero called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

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

Staff Present:

Jason Dafforn, General Manager; Ron Buchwald, District Engineer; Dave Commons, Chief Operating Officer; Holly Gould, Clerk of the Board; and Craig Hayes, Best Best & Krieger

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. NON-HEARING ITEMS

4.1 Discuss and Give Direction to the General Manager on District Priorities and Goals

Jason Dafforn, General Manager, summarized what his first few days have been like at the District. He stated that the Staff has been very welcoming, and he is trying to absorb everything. Mr. Dafforn and the Board discussed communication preferences, work schedule, and the strategic plan. The Board's current priority for Mr. Dafforn is to take the time to get to know Staff and the organization. They would then like Mr. Dafforn to bring forth topics or issues that he sees as priorities for the District. The Board discussed and gave direction on the General Manager's weekly update. Mr. Dafforn requested guidance from the Board on attending the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Awards (GCVCC) and Installation Dinner on June 29, 2023. He feels this is an excellent opportunity for some District exposure. Except for Secretary/Treasurer Sear, the consensus of the Board was to attend as a Community Sponsor for a cost of \$850. Due to past sponsorship issues with the GCVCC, Secretary/Treasurer Sear stated his preference is to attend at the individual rate. Vice President Duran suggested that Mr. Dafforn save the dates for the CASA and CSDA conferences in August.

4.2 Planning and Preparation for the 100-year Celebration of the Valley Sanitary District

The Board discussed with Mr. Dafforn their ideas for the District's 100th-anniversary celebration. They

talked about the importance of a budget, venue, guest lists, types of events, the possibility of vendor sponsorships, and how to get the word out. The Board would like the Community Engagement Committee to take the lead for this event/s.

4.3 Review the 2023/24 20-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Ron Buchwald, District Engineer, presented the 2023/24 20-year Capital Improvement Plan. He stated that this is a living document and is revised as needed. He also informed the Board that the Lystek update would likely be presented in July. Secretary/Treasurer Sear requested that the Board be updated on the car mandate. Mr. Buchwald also informed the Board that Eric O'Donnell from Townsend Public Affairs would be at the District on August 22, 2023.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be on June 27, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Gould, Clerk of the Board
Valley Sanitary District