

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

September 26, 2023

A regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board of Valley Sanitary District (VSD) was held on Tuesday, September 26, 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:

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

5.1 Approve the Minutes for the Board of Directors Regular Meeting held September 12, 2023

5.2 Approve Warrants for September 26, 2023

5.3 Receive and File Credit Card for August 31, 2023

5.4 Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending August 31, 2023

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION:

Vice President Duran motioned to approve the consent calendar as presented. Secretary/Treasurer Sear seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnum, Canero, Duran, Sear, Teague

NOES: None

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2023-3331

6. NON-HEARING ITEMS

- 6.1 Inform the Board of Directors that VSD Cannot Accept the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) Loan Invitation to Apply as Provided by the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)

On December 21, 2022, the District received a letter invitation from the USEPA to apply for a WIFIA loan for up to \$44,062,000, which is to be at most 49% of the total eligible project cost. The deadline to apply is December 31, 2023. Unfortunately, the District does not have a suitable project or the required debt/ratio to repay the loan. Staff will notify USEPA about the inability to apply for this loan. The Board thanked Staff for the time and hard work that was put into trying to secure these funds.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S ITEMS

Jason Dafforn, General Manager, informed the Board of the District's participation in the College of the Desert's Great Alumni Hunt. Staff have teamed up with a College of the District student to help him gain points and win a scholarship. Mr. Dafforn stated that the District's exhibit at the Coachella Valley History Museum is complete and ready for the Board to schedule a tour. On October 3, 2023, the District is participating in the Indio Police Department's National Night Out. The District will have a booth and the VSD camera van at the event.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 8.1 Draft Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee Meeting – September 19, 2023

Chairperson Scott Sear gave an update on the September 19, 2023 Community Engagement meeting. The Committee received an update on the Social Media and Public Relations Request for Proposals, the 100 Year Celebration, possible outreach opportunities with the UC Riverside STEM program, and National Night Out participation.

9. DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

Vice President Duran attended the JFK Memorial Luncheon. He stated they have very good keynote speakers and would like to see Staff attend next year.

10. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

CSDA Special District Leadership Foundation is held in Sonoma, California, on October 22-25, 2025.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:29 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be on October 10, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Gould, Clerk of the Board
Valley Sanitary District