

**VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

January 16, 2024

A meeting of the Valley Sanitary District (VSD) Community Engagement Committee was held at 45-500 Van Buren Street in Indio, California, on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Sear called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

Chairperson Scott Sear, Committee Member Mike Duran

Staff Present:

Jason Dafforn, General Manager; and Holly Gould, Clerk of the Board

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

5. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Approve Minutes for November 21, 2023, Community Engagement Committee Meeting

Committee Member Duran motioned to approve the November 21, 2023, Community Engagement Committee Meeting minutes. Chairperson Sear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5.2 Select a Committee Chairperson

Committee Member Mike Duran nominated Scott Sear as the Community Engagement Committee Chairperson for 2024.

5.3 Community Engagement Topics of Discussion

Jason Dafforn, General Manager, gave an update on the community engagement events. He stated that he attended the grant presentation for the City of Coachella, and the District was a Title Sponsor for the 75th Rotary Celebration. The District received excellent placement in the event brochure. The District hosted Shayra Hernandez from Congressman Ruiz's office for a

visit. The Committee reviewed the December Communication Summary and the February and March Social Media Schedule. The Committee discussed upcoming events, including the Desert Recreation Foundation's Bowling Tournament, the CASA Winter Conference, Indio High School tours, and the CASA DC Forum. Mr. Dafforn stated his first General Manager Quarterly Report will be emailed soon. He also informed the Committee of a possible tenet for the Wild Bird Center property. He will bring more information on this at the next board meeting. The Committee reviewed the fact sheets for the Recycled Water Project, Biosolids Conversion Project, Laboratory Building Project, and Training Building Project. These sheets will be utilized as public outreach materials. The Committee discussed the date for the 100-Year Celebration. The date with the least number of conflicts is Thursday, November 20, 2025. The planning budget for this event will be included in the Fiscal Year 2024/25 budget, and the event will be budgeted in the 2025/26 budget. Chairperson Sear stated that he would like to explore expanding the Community Engagement Committee to include legislative updates and efforts.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The next regular committee meeting will be on March 19, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Gould, Clerk of the Board
Valley Sanitary District