

**VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

April 4, 2023

A meeting of the Valley Sanitary District (VSD) Operations Committee was held at 45-500 Van Buren Street in Indio, California, on Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ron Buchwald, Interim General Manager, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

Committee Member Jacky Barnum

Committee Member William Teague

Staff Present:

Ron Buchwald, Interim General Manager, and Holly Gould, Clerk of the Board

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the time set aside for public comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. Please notify the Secretary before the meeting if you wish to speak on a non-hearing item.

None.

5. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Approve Minutes for the February 7, 2023, Operations Committee

Committee member Teague motioned to approve the minutes of the Operations Committee held on February 7, 2023. Chairperson Barnum seconded the motion.

5.2 Discuss Update on Capital Improvement Projects and Schedule

Ron Buchwald, Interim General Manager, gave an update on the Capital Improvement Projects. The sewer main bypass for the Influent Pump Station Rehabilitation Project is set to operate through the second week of April 2023. The project should be completed by the end of the month. The Indio Downtown District Sewer Improvement Project was awarded to GRBCON, Inc. Preliminary cleaning and CCTV of the sewer mains are underway. The rehabilitation of the sewer mains will begin the first week of April. The Recycled Water Project

– Phase 1 is under construction. The contractor is installing a 12" PDR pipe from the North Pond Cell to the Headworks. The backfilling, compaction, and shoring for the installation of the new digester is complete. The anticipated completion date for this project is May 2025. The ASP Plant Watermain Replacement Project – Phase 2 was awarded to the Van Dyke Corporation in March 2023. The bonds and insurance documents have been received, and staff is scheduling a preconstruction meeting that will include Dudek, who will assist and provide inspection during the project. Lastly, the Westward Ho Sewer Siphon Replacement Project is on hold. Staff is waiting for the final review from FEMA. The review was expected in February 2023. The project cannot move forward without it.

5.3 Operations Committee Tour of the Plant to Provide an Update on Two Construction Projects

Ron Buchwald, Interim General Manager, conducted a tour of the Capital Improvement Projects occurring onsite at the treatment plant. The Operations Committee saw the progress of the Influent Pump Station Rehabilitation Project and the Recycled Water Project – Phase 1.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m. The next regular committee meeting will be on June 6, 2023.

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