

VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 27, 2019

A regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board of Valley Sanitary District (VSD) was held at the District offices, 45-500 Van Buren Street, Indio, California, on Tuesday, August 27, 2019.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Mike Duran called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

a. Roll Call

Directors Present: Mike Duran, William Teague, Dennis Coleman, Debra Canero and Scott Sear

Staff Present: Beverli A. Marshall, General Manager, Holly Gould, and Ron Buchwald

b. Pledge of Allegiance

2. CONSENT ITEMS

a. Consideration of the August 13, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

b. Approval of Expenditures for August 8, 2019 to August 21, 2019

c. Summary of Cash and Investments for June 2019 (Final) and July 2019

d. Authorize Payment of \$19,700 to City of Indio for Raising Sewer Manholes as Part of the Highway 111 Street Improvement Project

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION: Vice President Teague made a motion to approve consent calendar as presented. Secretary Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following vote: 5 ayes

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2019-2934

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

4. NON-HEARING ITEMS

a. Authorize Payment of \$92,521.56 to Borden Excavating, Inc. for Emergency Replacement of Two 24-Inch Valves Feeding the Ponds

Borden Excavating, Inc. was brought in to replace two 24-inch valves feeding the ponds from the Primary Clarifier. Due to the angle of one of the sewer mains additional parts were needed to tie the two mains together causing an increase in the original amount of \$84,500, approved by the Board at the July 16, 2019 board meeting. It is recommended to pay Borden Excavating, Inc. for a final invoice amount of \$92,521.56.

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION: Vice President Teague made a motion to authorize payment to Borden Excavating, Inc. for \$92,521.56 for the replacement of two (2) 24-inch valves feeding the ponds. Director Canero seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2019-2935

AYES: Canero, Coleman, Duran, Sear, Teague
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

b. CalPERS Health Insurance Rate Increase

The District contracts with the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) for the purpose of providing employees with medical insurance benefits. In 2018 the District implemented a policy whereby the District adds the percentage of increase (decrease) in all plans offered by CalPERS and divides by number of plans. This percentage is 2.23% for 2020. VSD can offer six (6) of the nine (9) plans currently offered by CalPERS with no cost to employees enrolled in those plans. If an employee chooses a higher priced plan, the employee pays the difference. Director Canero asked if the District negotiates with the insurance companies on the plans offered. Ms. Marshall explained that CalPERS negotiates with the different insurance companies every couple of years and then as a member of CalPERS the District chooses from the offered plans. The District does however decide the percentage the employer and employee will contribute.

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION: Secretary Coleman made a motion to approve the CalPERS Medical Insurance coverage paid by the employer for calendar year 2020 with a 2.23% increase over 2019 rates. Vice President Teague seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2019-2936

AYES: Canero, Coleman, Duran, Sear, Teague
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

c. Staff Notes

Carollo Engineering is nearing completion on the Arc Flash report update. Vice President Teague inquired about the bid documents that Harris and Associates are working on. Mr. Buchwald informed him that it is for the CCTV inspection that will need to be done on the large diameter sewer mains for the Collection System Rehabilitation Project. Ms. Marshall thanked the Board for allowing her to attend and present at the CASA Conference. Ms. Marshall informed the Board that phone interviews with Martin Rausch will be set up with each member for the Strategic Planning Project.

5. DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

Director's items not listed are for discussion only; no action will be taken without an urgency vote pursuant to State law.

The Directors that attended the CASA Conference stated that it was a very good conference with a lot of good information. President Duran stated that he got a lot of good feedback regarding Ms. Marshall. President Duran asked Ms. Marshall if she had interest in serving on the executive board of CSRMA. She stated that she has served on the board of a risk pool before and would be open to looking at their schedule of meetings. Vice President Teague asked for the Wellness Program to be placed in the agenda for a future meeting. Secretary Coleman inquired about bringing the District's Purchasing Policy before the Board for review. Director Canero asked that a summary of the District's information's system, regarding cyber security, be brought before the Board at a future meeting. President Duran asked Ms. Marshall if she could put together a presentation regarding sewer use rates. He'd like highlights of the previous report and would like more information on the necessity of an increase. Director Canero asked about the District contributing to scholarships.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m., and the next board meeting will be a Regular Meeting held September 10, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Gould

Holly Gould, Clerk of the Board
Valley Sanitary District