

**VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 22, 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, October 22, 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, Ian Wilson, and Grant Fournier

Guests: Robert Hargreaves, Best Best & Krieger

b. Pledge of Allegiance

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Ian Wilson introduced Grant Fournier to the Board. Grant has joined Valley Sanitary District as a Collection Systems Maintenance Technician.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Consideration of the October 8, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 - b. Approval of Expenditures for October 3, 2019 to October 16, 2019
 - c. Approval of Summary of Cash and Investments for September 2019
 - d. Adopt Resolution 2019-1123 Establishing Designation of Valley Sanitary District's Authorized Agents – CalOES Form 130
 - e. Designate Identified Items as Surplus Equipment and Authority Disposition as Appropriate
 - f. Cancel Board Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, November 26, 2019 Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday
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ACTION TAKEN:

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

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2019-2951

4. NON-HEARING ITEMS

- a. Authorize the Purchase of a Ford F750 Dump Truck from Fiesta Ford in an Amount not to Exceed \$92,845

Staff has identified one (1) dump truck that needs to be replaced due to age, mileage and overall service cost. The dump truck is a needed asset in the sludge drying process at the District. The 2000 Ford F750 will be sold through GovDeals. The estimated surplus value is \$4,500 to \$7,500. Procurement is with Government concession pricing and will be purchased from Fiesta Ford for an amount not to exceed \$92,845.

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION: Vice President Teague made a motion to authorize the General Manager to purchase one (1) Ford F750 Dump Truck in the amount of \$92,844.65. Director Sear seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2019-2952

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

- b. Authorize the Purchase of a Ford F450 Flatbed Truck from Fiesta Ford in an Amount not to Exceed \$61,673

Staff has identified one (1) flatbed truck that needs to be replaced due to age, mileage and overall service cost. The flatbed truck with tilt bed is used by multiple departments within the District. The flatbed truck is used and equipped for both transporting large oversized equipment and towing necessary equipment to and from the job site. The flatbed truck's lightbar satisfies the City of Indio Traffic Control Standards within the District's service area. The 1994 Ford F350 will be sold through GovDeals. The estimated surplus value is \$2,500 to \$6,000. Procurement is with Government concession pricing and will be purchased from Fiesta Ford for an amount not to exceed \$61,673.

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION: Director Sear made a motion to authorize the General Manager to purchase one (1) Ford F450 Flatbed Truck in the amount of 61,672.21. Director Canero seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2019-2953

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

- c. Adopt Resolution 2019-1124 Indicating intent to Convert from At-Large to By-Ward Election System

“RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO TRANSITION FROM AT-LARGE TO BY-WARD ELECTIONS AND SETTING FORTH THE PROCESS FOR TRANSITIONING TO BY-WARD ELECTIONS”

The California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) was enacted in 2001 to address disparities between ethnic demographics and elected officials. The CVRA prohibits special districts like VSD from using the “at-large” method of election that may impair the ability of a protected class from electing candidates of its choice or influencing the outcome of an election to their benefit. To date, over 300 cities and special districts have changed to ward-based elections. AB 350 established the steps to transition in order to proceed. Adoption of a resolution indicating the District’s intent to move At-Large to By-Ward elections is the first official step in the process.

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION:

Secretary Coleman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-1124 indicating the District’s intention to transition from At-Large to By-Ward elections. Vice President Teague seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-2954

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

- d. Staff Notes

Ms. Marshall recognized Holly Gould’s ten-year anniversary with Valley Sanitary District. Staff in all departments are moving forward with day to day operations. Ms. Marshall reported that the newly implemented mentoring program is proving successful with current staff and new employees both feeling the benefits.

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.

There was a discussion of the upcoming EVRA meeting that is scheduled for Monday, October 28, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at Valley Sanitary District. Vice President Teague commented that both Beverli Marshall and Trish Raye, General Manager of Indio Water Authority, are a breath of fresh air for the two agencies working together. Secretary Coleman commented that the CSDA Conference the

board attended in September was fantastic. Director Sear gave a report of the Joshua Tree Water Basin Open House he attended. Ms. Marshall reminded the Board of the upcoming Strategic Plan Workshop on November 8, 2019. It will be held at the District from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm. Secretary Coleman informed the board that he will be unable to attend the November 12, 2019 board meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m. in remembrance of Wilma Jean Hamel, grandmother of Ian Wilson, Chief Plant Operator. The next board meeting will be a Regular Meeting held November 12, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Gould

Holly Gould, Clerk of the Board
Valley Sanitary District