

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-120**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT  
SETTING BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION**

**WHEREAS**, Valley Sanitary District (VSD) is a sanitary district formed pursuant to the provisions of the Sanitary District Act of 1923, California Health and Safety Code §6489 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, California Health & Safety Code §6489, California Government Code §53232 et seq. and Water Code §20201 and §20202 set forth provisions governing compensation of the members (Directors) of the District Board of Directors (Board); and the Water Code permits a compensation increase of up to five percent (5%) for each calendar year following the operative date of the last adjustment of the compensation that is received when the ordinance is adopted; and

**WHEREAS**, the Health and Safety Code limits board Member compensation to no more than six (6) days' service in a calendar month; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of Valley Sanitary District last adjusted its compensation in January, 2016, raising it to \$250 per meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, since no adjustments were made in subsequent years, the Board may approve an increase of up to five percent (5%) for each year an increase was not taken, to capture the permitted increases not taken in 2017-2021; and

**WHEREAS**, any such increase shall not be effective for at least sixty (60) days from the date of final passage.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Directors of Valley Sanitary District **ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS**:

**1. Compensation**

- a. **Board Meeting/Board Committee Meeting/Day of Service.** Each Director of the District Board of Directors shall receive compensation in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300) for each regular or special meeting of the Board or Board Committee attended by the Director or for each Day of Service rendered by the Director at the request of the Board.
- b. **Limitations.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Ordinance, the total compensation paid to a Board Director in a calendar month for attending regular or special meetings of the Board or a Board Committee and for rendering Days of Service shall not exceed one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1,800), which is the equivalent of six (6) times the Board Meeting/Board Committee Meeting/Day of Service compensation set forth in Section 1a. above. Payments for attending Board or Board Committee meetings or rendering Days of Service in one calendar month shall not be transferred to another calendar month to avoid this limitation.
- c. **Increase.** The Board of Directors shall review their compensation each July to determine whether it should be increased in accordance with California Health and Safety Code §6489 et seq. A five percent (5%) increase will be added to the compensation annually in September, only after review and approval from the Board of Directors.

- 2. Day of Service at Request of the Board.** For purposes of this Ordinance, a Director renders a Day of Service at the request of the Board when the Director attends a meeting, conference, or seminar pursuant to either a formal action taken by the Board or a Standing Day of Service Request, as defined in Section 3, below. In addition, a travel day shall constitute a separate Day of Service requested by the Board, provided (i) the travel is undertaken during normal business hours on the day preceding or following a

Day of Service for the purpose of arriving at or departing from the location of that Day of Service and (ii) such travel exceeds one hundred and twenty-five (125) miles one way.

**3. Standing Day of Service Request**

- a. Each Director of the Board is hereby requested to attend scheduled meetings of any of the organizations on the following list:
- 1) California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA)
  - 2) California Sanitation Risk Management Authority (CSRMA)
  - 3) California Special Districts Association (CSDA)
  - 4) Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)
  - 5) Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board
- b. Attendance at any meeting, conference, or seminar listed above is subject to each Director's personal availability and any limitations posed by individual schedules.

4. **Repeal of Ordinance No. 2016-119.** Ordinance No. 2016-119 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

5. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect September 11, 2021, sixty (60) days from adoption of this Ordinance by the Board of Directors.


**ADOPTED, SIGNED, AND APPROVED** this 13 day of July, 2021, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Canero, Coleman, Duran, Sear, Teague

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

  
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Scott Sear, President

ATTEST:

  
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Debra Canero, Secretary-Treasurer