

HOME GARDENS SANITARY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 28, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Home Gardens Sanitary District was called to order by the President, Grady Garrison, at 7:31 p.m. at the Office of the District, 13538 Magnolia Ave., Corona, CA 92879.

Directors present were: Garrison, Samson Runion, Serrato, Cacho and Barajas. Also present were: Alexandra Halfman, District Counsel; Tracey LaBonte, General Manager; Tania Duarte, Administrative Assistant; Paul Torres, Representative for G & G Environmental Compliance, Inc.

Items for Discussion and Consideration:

1. Paul Torres from G & G Environmental Compliance, Inc. presented the Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) Audit Findings and Recommendations.

President Garrison moved back to Item IV on the agenda.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 17, 2024 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Director Barajas, seconded by Director Cacho, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as presented.

Expenditures for the month of January 2025 were presented and discussed. Motion was made by Director Samson Runion, seconded by Director Serrato, and unanimously carried to approve the monthly expenditures as presented.

Manager LaBonte presented the Budget Efficiency and Income/Revenue reports. Discussion followed.

Staff Report:

1. On December 31st, 2024, General Manager LaBonte was involved in a small car accident on Magnolia Avenue in the District's vehicle. Because of the holiday the accident was unable to be reported to the insurance company until January 2nd. An Independent Appraiser came out on January 6th and estimated the damages to be \$5,019.01. On January 16th the vehicle was towed to Ben Cylmer's The Body Shop to assess the repairs needed. Ben Cylmer's assessed the damage and submitted an estimate of \$14,838.34 to Glatfleter. On January 27th we were informed that the insurance company estimated the vehicles value to be \$17,444.00 and deemed the District vehicle as a total loss because it was over the 75% threshold.
2. On January 16th the construction company that is doing the work for the County of Riverside Transportation Department for Project No. D2-0022, C6-0080 dropped off the manholes at the District office that were replaced with round

manholes on Harlow Avenue.

WRCRWA Committee Report: None.

President Garrison moved back to Item II on the agenda.

Public Comment: None.

Hearing for Delinquent Accounts:

The Meeting was called to public hearing at 7:56 p.m. District Counsel Alexandra Halfman presented an overview of the hearing, which was presided over by the President, Grady Garrison. The hearing was being held pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 6523.2. No persons notified of this hearing appeared to present evidence of why they should not be disconnected from the public sewer system. The General Manager was called to present the status of the accounts. Tracey LaBonte testified that the status of accounts as presented in the attached "Notice of Hearing" was accurate and that all persons on the list had been duly notified of the hearing. Motion was made by Director Barajas, seconded by Director Cacho, and unanimously carried to disconnect those properties in the "Notice of Hearing" from the sewer system on or after February 18, 2025. This hearing concluded at 7:58 p.m.

Items for discussion and consideration:

2. The Board discussed December's Monthly Status Report by G & G Environmental Compliance.

3. Consideration of Late Fee Waivers:

A. After consideration for Owen Wongvaravipat's request to waive a late fee in the amount of \$16.88, a motion was made by Director Cacho, seconded by Director Serrato and unanimously carried to approve waiving the late fee one time.

B. After consideration for Wendy Moses's request to waive a late fee in the amount of \$15.00, a motion was made by Director Cacho, seconded by Director Serrato and unanimously carried to approve waiving the late fee one time.

C. After consideration for Amber Fulton's request to waive a late fee in the amount of \$16.88, a motion was made by Director Cacho, seconded by Director Serrato and unanimously carried to approve waiving the late fee one time.

D. After consideration for Maria Cruz's request to waive a late fee in the amount of \$16.88, a motion was made by Director Cacho, seconded by Director Serrato and unanimously carried to approve waiving the late fee one time.

4. A motion was made by Director Serrato, seconded by Director Barajas and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No.

529, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of The Home Gardens Sanitary District Declaring and Determining that Ordinance No. 528 has been Posted in Accordance with the Law.

5. District Counsel Alexandra Halfman gave an overview of the New Laws for 2025.

Closed Session: None.

Directors Comments: None.

There being no further business, President Grady Garrison adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.



Karen Samson Runion, Secretary

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of Directors of the Home Gardens Sanitary District at the regularly scheduled meeting of said Board February 25, 2025.



Signed: _____

Grady Garrison, President



Karen Samson Runion, Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 529

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE HOME GARDENS SANITARY DISTRICT DECLARING
AND DETERMINING THAT ORDINANCE NO. 528
HAS BEEN POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW**

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code Section 6491.3 declares that ORDINANCE of the Board of Directors shall be posted in three public places for one week within the District since a newspaper is not published within this District; and

WHEREAS, previously-adopted ORDINANCE No. 528 has been posted for one week in three public places; and


WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code Section 6491.3 states that a subsequent order of the board that posting has been made is conclusive evidence of proper posting.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Home Gardens Sanitary District does hereby **RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE** and **ORDER** that said posting has been made

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this 28th day of January 2025.



President



Secretary