

HOME GARDENS SANITARY DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JULY 27, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Home Gardens Sanitary District was called to order by President, Karen Samson Runion at 7:30 p.m. at the office of the District, 13538 Magnolia Ave., Corona, California.

Directors present were: Samson Runion, Serrato, Cacho, Barajas and Garrison. Also present were Alan Burns, District Counsel, Tracey LaBonte, General Manager and Tania Duarte, Administrative Assistant.

Minutes of the regular meeting of June 22, 2021 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Director Serrato, seconded by Director Barajas, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as presented.

Expenditures for the month of July 2021 were presented and discussed. Motion was made by Director ~~Grady~~<sup>Garrison</sup>, seconded by Director Cacho, and unanimously carried to approve the monthly expenditures as presented.

Budget Efficiency/Income Revenue Reports:

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

President Samson Runion then moved to Item II on the agenda.

Public Comment: None.

Hearing for Delinquent Accounts:

The Meeting was called to public hearing at 7:38 p.m. District Counsel Alan Burns presented an overview of the hearing, which was presided over by the President, Karen Samson Runion. 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 Serrato and unanimously carried to disconnect those properties in the

"Notice of Hearing" from the sewer system on or after August 16, 2021. This hearing concluded at 7:40 p.m.

Staff Report:

1. On July 1, 2021, Staff emailed the Home Gardens Sanitary District Annual Budget 2021/2022 to Riverside County Auditor-Controller as required.
2. On July 15, 2021, Paychex confirmed to us that the federal and state returns for the first quarter had been filed and that the payroll taxes had been paid. Paychex also added the Taxpay service on our account to resolve the issue and they will continue to file and pay payroll taxes accordingly.
3. On July 26, 2021, Pacifica Foods paid Invoice for the annual required sampling.

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority, June 30, 2021:

1. The Executive Committee made a motion to follow the order of succession for Election of Officers. Catherine Aleman, City of Norco-Chair, Fauzia Rizvi, Western Municipal Water District-Vice Chair, and Tom Moody, City of Corona-Secretary/Treasurer.

Updates: Chlorine shortage should be hopefully returning to normal within 3-5 weeks.

## 2. Staff Comments

A.1 Books close in September and we should be under budget.

A.2. Western Community Energy (WCE) filed bankruptcy and de-registered as an electric provider. All WCE's customers will be returning to Southern California Edison (SCE) including WRCRWA.

A.3. There were only 2 odor complaints in June which is great compared to last year. The Odor Control project is ready to go to bid, they are just waiting on the permit from AQMD (Air Quality Management District).

B. Manager Gress announced her retirement and introduced Tracey LaBonte as the new General Manager of Home Gardens Sanitary District.

## 3. Closed Session:

A. Public Employment, General Legal Counsel

B. Existing Litigation - W.M. Lyles V. WRCRWA Regarding  
Cor-Ray Painting

The Board re-convened out of Closed Session back into open session with no reportable action.

HGSD Items for Discussion and Consideration:

1. The Board Discussed June's Monthly Status Report from G & G Environmental Compliance.
2. The Final Audit for Home Gardens Sanitary District Pension Plan from Smith Marion & Company was distributed.
3. Signatures were acquired for the Semi-Annual Campaign Disclosure.
4. A Motion was made by Director Garrison, seconded by Director Serrato and unanimously carried to review the District's Investment Policy. After consideration, the Board determined to continue with its practice of maintaining most of its funds in LAIF, and some in certificates of deposit with Citizens Business Bank.
5. General Manager LaBonte gave a Status update on Patron's accounts with payment plans.
6. Motion was made by Director Barajas, seconded by Director Cacho, and unanimously carried for the election of Officers to be on the rotation basis, as provided for in the by-laws of the Home Gardens Sanitary District. The new president for fiscal year 2021/2022 is Miguel Serrato, and Secretary/Treasurer is Salvador Cacho.

Closed Session: None.


Directors Comments: None.

There being no further business, President Miguel Serrato adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.



Salvador Cacho, 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 August 24, 2021.

Signed: 

Miguel Serrato, President



Salvador Cacho, Secretary