

HOME GARDENS SANITARY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JULY 25, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Home Gardens Sanitary District was called to order by President, Salvador Cacho at 7:32 p.m. at the office of the District, 13538 Magnolia Ave., Corona, CA 92879.

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

Public Comment:

Patrons Alfonso Nuñez, Rosa Barron and Laura Castillo, appeared before the Board requesting more information regarding the sewer rate increase. They asked if it was approved, how much is the increase and if the District has a representative. Lastly, they wanted to know where they could go for complaints.

Public Hearing to Consider Increase in the Sewer Capacity Fee:

A motion was made by Director Barajas, seconded by Director Serrato, and unanimously carried to approve moving the Hearing to August 22, 2023, to allow for the Report to be revised.

Hearing for Delinquent Accounts:

The Meeting was called to public hearing at 7:47 p.m. District Counsel Alan Burns presented an overview of the hearing, which was presided over by the President, Salvador Cacho. 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 Garrison, seconded by Director Samson Runion and unanimously carried to disconnect those properties in the "Notice of Hearing" from the sewer system on or after August 16, 2023. This hearing concluded at 7:48 p.m.

Minutes of the regular meeting of June 27, 2023 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Director Garrison,

seconded by Director Serrato, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as presented.

Expenditures for the month of July 2023 were presented and discussed. Motion was made by Director Barajas, 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 June 29th General Manager LaBonte submitted a request to Caltrans to possibly have another curb painted green for our Patrons.
2. The District's neighbor has been leaving parking open across the street and our Patrons have been utilizing it.
3. On July 3rd, Tania Duarte, Administrative Assistant, emailed the Home Gardens Sanitary District Annual Budget 2023/2024 to Riverside County Auditor-Controller as required.
4. On Thursday, July 20th, General Manager LaBonte was walking back to the file room and noticed water in the hallway. It seemed to be coming up from the floor. Plumbing Concepts was called and when they arrived, it was determined that

the water was coming from the furnace closet. General Manager LaBonte then called Dragonfly Heating and Cooling. They came out and discovered that the condensation line was clogged. They installed a Jones Valve and then cleared the line. They will also provide an estimate to replace the black insulation liner underneath where the leak was.

5. On Monday, July 24th staff called Riverside Insurance Agency to inform them of the flood and to get guidance on the process of filing an insurance claim if needed.
6. On Monday, July 24th General Manager LaBonte called Service Master a Water Restoration Company to get a second opinion on the possible water damage.
7. On Tuesday, July 25th Service Master came out to access the water damage and will provide an invoice for the work that needs to be done.

No WRCRWA Committee Meeting to report.

Items for Discussion and Consideration:

1. The Board Discussed June's Monthly Status Report from G & G Environmental Compliance.
2. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Serrato, seconded by Director Barajas, and unanimously carried to

deny Rafaela Lira Lira's request for refund since June 2017.

3. A motion was made by Director Garrison, seconded by Director Samson Runion and unanimously carried to approve Pedro Navarro's request to keep billing off for 3945 ½ Davidson St. for 3 more months.
4. A motion was made by Director Serrato, seconded by Director Samson Runion and unanimously carried to approve Eileen Hernandez's request to issue her a check in the amount of \$551.85 for overpayment on her account.
5. The Board discussed scheduling the WRCRWA Treatment Plant Tour.
6. The Final Audit for Home Gardens Sanitary District Pension Plan from Smith Marion & Company was distributed.
7. Signatures were acquired for the Semi-Annual Campaign Disclosure.
8. A Motion was made by Director Barajas, 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.
9. A motion was made by Director Garrison, seconded by Director Serrato and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 519, A Resolution of the Board of

Directors of the Home Gardens Sanitary District Certifying to the Board of Supervisors and County Auditor a Statement of Delinquent and Unpaid Charges for Sewer and Other Services and Requesting Collection with the Annual Taxes and Imposing a Lien therefor.

10. A motion was made by Director Serrato, seconded by Director Barajas and unanimously carried to approve the Yellow Prototype signage for Delinquent Patrons.
11. The Board discussed Delinquent Accounts more than 6 months past due.
12. The Board discussed Delinquent Accounts more than 12 months past due.
13. A Motion was made by Director Samson Runion, seconded by Director Serrato, 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 2023/2024 is Efrain Barajas, and Secretary/Treasurer is Grady Garrison.

Closed Session: None.

Directors Comments: None.

There being no further business, President Efrain Barajas adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.



Grady Garrison, 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 22, 2023.

Signed:



Efrain Barajas, President



Grady Garrison, Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 519

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOME GARDENS SANITARY DISTRICT CERTIFYING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND COUNTY AUDITOR A STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT AND UNPAID CHARGES FOR SEWER AND OTHER SERVICES AND REQUESTING COLLECTION WITH THE ANNUAL TAXES AND IMPOSING A LIEN THEREFOR

WHEREAS, the Home Gardens Sanitary District is a sanitary district established pursuant to the Sanitary District Act of 1923 (Cal. Health and Safety Code § 6400 *et seq.*);

WHEREAS, the Home Gardens Sanitary District provides sewer waste collection services within its territory;

WHEREAS, The Home Gardens Sanitary District charges for such services pursuant to a charge established in accordance with the procedures set forth in California Constitution Art. 13D and Health and Safety Code § 6520.10;

WHEREAS, the Home Gardens Sanitary District has identified properties that have been receiving sewer service without payment therefor and has provided notice to those properties that those unpaid sums are due and payable;

WHEREAS, all of the properties have been notified of the unpaid charges for in excess of 60 days and have continued to accept service without paying for it, and the amounts due in the attached Exhibit A are overdue more than 60 days;

WHEREAS, the Board does hereby desire to certify those properties to the Board of Supervisors and the County Auditor for collection on the annual tax roll pursuant to Health and Safety code § 6520.10 and other laws; and

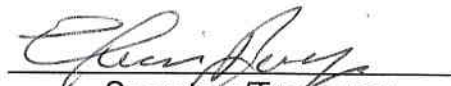
WHEREAS, this legal authority is in addition to that provided by Health and Safety Code § 5473.11 and 5474.6.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Home Gardens Sanitary District does hereby CERTIFY and RESOLVE that:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. The attached Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the list of properties that have not paid sewer or solid waste charges.

3. That all of the properties attached in Exhibit A have accepted sewer waste collection services but have not paid for the same.
4. That all of the properties in Exhibit A have been provided with in excess of 60 days' notice of the charges due.
5. That the Board does hereby request that the County Auditor include these charges on the annual taxes levied upon the property for which the services were provided and shall constitute a lien on the property pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 6520.10.
6. That the District has notified the assessee shown on the last equalized assessment roll that the delinquent and unpaid charges for sewer and other services have been unpaid for 60 days, pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 6520.11.
7. That it is hereby requested that those charges be secured on the property by way of a lien, and this Resolution certifies as true and correct the attached Exhibit which specifies the amount of the charges and the person and address of the persons liable therefor, pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 6520.12.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 25th day of July 2023.


Secretary/Treasurer


President

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


District Counsel

EXHIBIT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOT/BLOCK</u>	<u>TOTAL DUE</u>
DORIS ARMIJO 3722 BROTHERTON ST. CORONA, CA 92879	LOT 21, BLOCK T	\$243.00
JUSTIN & JENNA HARDMAN 3436 ANDOVER ST. CORONA, CA 92879	LOT 49, TRACT 2443	\$822.50
MODESTO AVILA 3849 DAVIDSON ST. CORONA, CA 92879	LOT 12, BLOCK I	\$513.00
ARCELIA & TONY MEJIA 13360 KAY DR. CORONA, CA 92879	LOT 3, TRACT 2443	\$1717.00
MARIO HERNANDEZ 3546 MAPLELEAF DR. RIVERSIDE, CA 92503	LOT 19, TRACT 3223	\$385.00
JOSE & SANTIAGO MARIN 12670 HOLLYGLEN CIR. RIVERSIDE, CA 92503	LOT 41, TRACT 3223	\$294.19
JULIA & JOSE ROJAS 4047 DAVIDSON ST. CORONA, CA 92879	LOT 2, BLOCK 8	\$499.50