

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 18
HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT

May 22, 2024
1:30 o'clock, P.M.

The Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 18 of Los Angeles County met in regular session.

There were present: Dan Koops, Director from Bellflower
Bruce Barrows, Alternate Director from Cerritos
Mario Trujillo, Director from Downey
Carol Engelhardt, Director from La Habra Heights
Steve De Ruse, Director from La Mirada
Rick Ramirez, Alternate Director from Norwalk
Lindsey Horvath, Director from Los Angeles County
Ali Sajjad Taj, Chairperson, Alternate Director from Artesia

Absent: Cory C. Moss, Director from Industry
Andrew Lara, Director from Pico Rivera
Jay Sarno, Director from Santa Fe Springs
Joe Vinatieri, Director from Whittier

Also present: Kimberly S. Christensen, Secretary to the Board
Jessica Lienau, District Counsel

RE: PUBLIC COMMENT The Chairperson announced this was the time for any questions or comments by members of the public. There were no public comments or questions to address the Board on any matters.

RE: DIRECTOR FROM CITY OF CERRITOS A certificate from the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos was presented to the Secretary stating that at a meeting of the City Council held April 29, 2024, Mr. Naresh Solanki was elected Mayor of the City of Cerritos, which is the designation of the presiding officer of the governing body of that city and automatically places Mr. Solanki on this Board.

Upon motion of Director De Ruse, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the certificate was accepted and ordered filed.

RE: ALTERNATE DIRECTOR FROM CITY OF CERRITOS A copy of an action taken by the City Council of the City of Cerritos at a meeting held April 29, 2024, was presented to the Secretary stating that Mr. Bruce Barrows, a member of the City Council of the City of Cerritos, was appointed to serve as alternate Director from the city.

Upon motion of Director De Ruse, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the action was accepted and ordered filed.

RE: MINUTES Upon motion of Director De Ruse, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting held April 24, 2024, were approved.

RE: DISTRICT EXPENSES The following expenses for the month of February 2024, were presented and upon motion of Director De Ruse, duly seconded and unanimously carried, were approved:

Local District Expenses:
Operations & Maintenance \$6,202
Total Expenses \$6,202

RE: SERVICE CHARGE PROGRAM
HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON
SERVICE CHARGE REPORT, AND
COLLECTION ON TAX ROLL

The Chief Engineer and General Manager announced that today the Board would hold a public hearing regarding collection of the service charge on the property tax roll. There is no new rate ordinance being proposed. Holding a public hearing and then adopting the Service

Charge Report is required each year to collect the wastewater service charge on the property tax roll. The current service charge rate per single-family home is \$15.67 per month (\$188 per year). The rate for fiscal year 2024-25, as previously adopted by the Board of Directors, is \$15.92 per month (\$191 per year). A letter discussing this matter, together with the Service Charge Report, the preliminary budget, and a budget explanation and glossary, accompanied the agenda. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship; and to plan for both short-term and long-term needs to minimize the need for significant rate increases.

In accordance with Section 5473 of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California, the *County Sanitation District No. 18 Service Charge Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25* was filed on March 27, 2024, and publication of two newspaper notices for today's public hearing were published in the *Whittier Daily News*, a daily newspaper. The Service Charge Report addresses the continued collection of the service charge for the District on the property tax roll. These charges are needed to supplement the District's existing revenue sources for the forthcoming fiscal year, as discussed in the letter to the Boards, dated February 9, 2024.

The Chairperson opened a public hearing on the Service Charge Report for County Sanitation District No. 18 of Los Angeles County. In response to the Chairperson's question, the Secretary reported that the District has received no protests, correspondence, or telephone calls on the Service Charge Report.

There being no further comments, the Chairperson closed the public hearing.


RE: SERVICE CHARGE PROGRAM
ADOPT SERVICE CHARGE REPORT


Following the public hearing, upon motion of Director De Ruse, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 18

of Los Angeles County approved and adopted the *County Sanitation District No. 18 Service Charge Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25*, which was filed with the Clerk of the Board on March 27, 2024.

Upon motion of Director Horvath, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN
Secretary


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Chairperson

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