

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 19
HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT

December 11, 2024
1:30 o'clock, P.M.

The Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 19 of Los Angeles County met in regular session.

There were present: Bruce Barrows, Alternate Director from Cerritos
Todd Rogers, Director from Lakewood
Suely Saro, Alternate Director from Long Beach
Janice Hahn, Alternate Director from Los Angeles County
Ali Sajjad Taj, Chairperson, Alternate Director from Artesia

Absent: Victor Farfan, Director from Hawaiian Gardens

Also present: Kimberly S. Christensen, Secretary to the Board
Robert Ferrante, Chief Engineer and General Manager
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
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

A certificate from the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles was presented to the Secretary certifying that pursuant to Section 7 of the Rules of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Kathryn Barger assumed the Office of Chairmanship of the Board of Supervisors at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, to serve in such capacity until December 2, 2025, or until the election or succession of her successor, which automatically places Supervisor Barger on the Board of Directors of this District.

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

RE: MINUTES

Upon motion of Director Rogers, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting held November 13, 2024, were approved.

RE: DISTRICT EXPENSES

The following expenses for the month of September 2024 were presented and upon motion of Director Rogers, duly seconded and unanimously carried, were approved:

Local District Expenses:

Operations & Maintenance
Total Expenses

\$1,370
\$1,370

RE: DIRECTOR COMPENSATION ORDINANCE
HOLD PUBLIC HEARING

Prior to meeting in regular session, matters pertaining to the proposed Director Compensation Ordinance (Ordinance) was discussed as recorded in the status report presented to the Boards on this date. In November 2024, a new Ordinance was introduced as the stipend has not changed since 2001. The proposed Ordinance, which was attached to the agenda, would increase compensation to \$175 per meeting, which is equivalent to a 1.7 percent annual increase since the last compensation increase. For Directors attending multiple meetings on the same day, they would be compensated at \$125 per meeting, which is unchanged from the existing stipend. Additionally, the proposed Ordinance institutes an annual increase in the stipend based on inflation, not to exceed 5 percent per year. A public hearing must be held prior to adoption of the Ordinance, and it will become effective 60 days after adoption. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship.

The Chairperson opened a public hearing scheduled at this time and place on the Ordinance for County Sanitation District No. 19 of Los Angeles County.

In accordance with Section 5473 of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California, *An Ordinance Providing for Members of the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 19 of Los Angeles County*, publication of two newspaper notices for today's public hearing were published in the *Press Telegram*, a daily newspaper.

The Chairperson announced this was the time for any questions or comments by members of the public.

There being none, the Chairperson closed the public hearing.

RE: DIRECTOR COMPENSATION ORDINANCE Following the public hearing, upon motion of Director Rogers, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the ADOPT Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 19 of Los Angeles County approved and adopted *An Ordinance Providing for Members of the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 19 of Los Angeles County*.

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

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Chairperson

ATTEST:

KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN
Secretary

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