

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

December 16, 2024
1:30 o'clock, P.M.

The Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 18 of Los Angeles County met pursuant to adjournment as ordered by this Board of Directors at the adjourned regular meeting held November 18, 2024. The Secretary reported that a copy of the Order of Adjournment was posted as required by law and that proper affidavits of the posting are on file in the Secretary's office.

There were present: Ray Dunton, 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
John Garcia, Director from Pico Rivera
William Rounds, Director from Santa Fe Springs
Cathy Warner, Alternate Director from Whittier
Janice Hahn, Alternate Director from Los Angeles County
Ali Sajjad Taj, Chairperson, Alternate Director from Artesia

Absent: Cory C. Moss, Director from Industry
Margarita Rios, Director from Norwalk

Also present: Kimberly S. Christensen, Secretary to the Board
Martha Tremblay, Assistant Chief Engineer and Assistant 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 CITY OF BELLFLOWER A certificate from the City Clerk's Office of the City of Bellflower was presented to the Secretary stating that at a meeting of the City Council held December 9, 2024, Mr. Ray Dunton was elected Mayor of the City of Bellflower, which is the designation of the presiding officer of the governing body of that city and automatically places Mr. Dunton on this Board.

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

RE: ALTERNATE DIRECTOR FROM CITY OF BELLFLOWER A copy of an action taken by the City Council of the City of Bellflower at a meeting held December 9, 2024, was presented to the Secretary stating that Mr. Sonny Santa Ines, a member of the City Council of the City of Bellflower, was appointed to serve as alternate Director from the city.

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

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 Dunton, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the certificate was accepted and ordered filed.

RE: MINUTES
meeting held November 18, 2024, were approved.

Upon motion of Director Dunton, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes of the adjourned regular

RE: DISTRICT EXPENSES
seconded and unanimously carried, were approved:

The following expenses for the month of September 2024, were presented and upon motion of Director Dunton, duly

Local District Expenses:

Operations & Maintenance	<u>\$8,439</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$8,439</u>

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. 18 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. 18 of Los Angeles County*, publication of two newspaper notices for today's public hearing were published in the *Whittier Daily News*, 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
ADOPT

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

of Los Angeles County approved and adopted *An Ordinance Providing for Members of the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 18 of Los Angeles County*.

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

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Chairperson

ATTEST:

KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN
Secretary

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