

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

June 25, 2025
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: Frank Yokoyama, Director from Cerritos
Dorothy Pemberton, Alternate Director from Downey
Cory C. Moss, Director from Industry
Carol Engelhardt, Alternate Director from La Habra Heights
Rick Ramirez, Alternate Director from Norwalk
John Garcia, Director from Pico Rivera
William Rounds, Director from Santa Fe Springs
Cathy Warner, Alternate Director from Whittier
Kathryn Barger, Director from Los Angeles County
Ali Sajjad Taj, Chairperson, Director from Artesia

Absent: Ray Dunton, Director from Bellflower
John Lewis, Director from La Mirada

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 to Board on any matters.

RE: MINUTES
Upon motion of Director Barger, duly seconded and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting held May 28, 2025, were approved.

RE: DISTRICT EXPENSES
The following expenses for the month of March 2025, were presented and upon motion of Director Barger, duly seconded and unanimously carried, were approved:

Local District Expenses:	
Operations & Maintenance	<u>\$4,031</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$4,031</u>

RE: APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 ESTABLISH AND ADOPT
A letter discussing the 2025-26 fiscal year budget matters and a report on the Joint Outfall System Capital Improvement Program accompanied the agenda. The Government Code requires the governing body of each local jurisdiction to establish, by resolution, an appropriations limit for each fiscal year. The documentation used in the determination of the appropriations limits must be available 15 days prior to this action being taken. The method by which the Districts' appropriations limits were calculated has been available to the public at the Districts' Joint Administration Office since May 21, 2025, and was provided to the Directors with the letter of June 5, 2025, mailed with 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 and long term needs to minimize the need for significant rate increases.

The appropriations limit for fiscal year 2025-26 has been determined by adjusting the previous fiscal year's limits using the factors specified in the Government Code. The appropriations limit has also been adjusted to include mandated costs, all in accordance with the procedures outlined in Article XIII B of the Constitution and Section 7910 of the Government Code. A recommendation was made that, in order to comply with legal requirements, this Board adopt an appropriations limit of \$21,613,167 for fiscal year 2025-26.

Upon motion of Director Barger, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 7910 of the Government Code of the State of California, the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 18 of Los Angeles County does hereby establish and adopt an appropriations limit of \$21,613,167 for fiscal year 2025-26, utilizing the population change and the change in the personal per capita income.

RE: BUDGET 2025-26
OPERATING FUND

In a letter dated June 5, 2025, to the Board, matters were discussed pertaining to the budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year. A sewerage system final budget for the 2025-26

fiscal year was presented and a recommendation was made that the budget be adopted.

Upon motion of Director Barger, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the sewerage system final budget for 2025-26 was approved, adopted, and ordered filed.

RE: TAX LEVY
OPERATING FUND

Data for the tax levy necessary for the Operating Fund was presented and a recommendation was made that the tax levy be requested in accordance therewith.

Upon motion of Director Barger, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT HEREBY DETERMINED, RESOLVED, AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

That pursuant to the provisions of Article 6, Section 4815 of the County Sanitation District Act (Chapter 3, Part 3, Division V, of the Health & Safety Code of the State of California), the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 18 of Los Angeles County does hereby find and declare that the sum of \$7,345,000 is and will be the amount necessary to maintain, operate, extend, or repair any work or improvements of the District for the collection, treatment, and disposal of sewage, and to defray all other expenses incidental to the exercise of any of the District's powers, except the amounts necessary to acquire, construct, maintain, and operate a refuse transfer or disposal system, or both, and any other expenses incidental to the operation of the system during the ensuing year and prior to the annual levy of taxes for the fiscal year 2026-27, and the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County is hereby requested to cause to be levied and collected at the same time and in the same manner as the next general tax levy for the County a tax upon the real property in the District, in an amount sufficient to raise the required amount, to wit: \$7,345,000, to be paid into the County Treasury to the credit of the Operating Fund of the District.

The Secretary is hereby instructed to furnish a copy of this resolution and statement to the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County at least fifteen (15) days before the first day of September 2025.

RE: APPROPRIATIONS
OPERATING FUND 2025-26

Upon motion of Director Barger, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the appropriations from the Operating Fund for Fiscal Year 2025-26 were ordered

made as shown in the Operating Fund Final Wastewater Budget that was attached to the agenda.

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

ALI SAJJAD TAJ
Chairperson

ATTEST:

KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN
Secretary

/ee