

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 18
HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT;
AT THE ARTESIA CITY HALL AND
AT THE OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR HAHN
VIA TELECONFERENCE

January 28, 2026
1:30 o'clock, P.M.

The Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 18 of Los Angeles County met in regular session both in person and via teleconference.

There were present: Melissa Ramoso, Alternate Director from Artesia, via teleconference at Artesia City Hall
Frank Yokoyama, Director from Cerritos, via Just Cause-Business Travel teleconference
Horacio Ortiz, Alternate Director from Downey
Cory C. Moss, Director from Industry
Carol Engelhardt, Alternate Director from La Habra Heights
Steve DeRuse, Alternate Director from La Mirada
Rick Ramirez, Alternate Director from Norwalk
John Garcia, Alternate Director from Pico Rivera
Cathy Warner, Director from Whittier
Janice Hahn, Alternate Director from Los Angeles County, via teleconference at the Office of Supervisor Hahn
Sonny Santa Ines, Director from Bellflower

Absent: Joe Zamora, Director from Santa Fe Springs

Also present: Kimberly S. Christensen, Secretary to the Board
Robert Ferrante, Chief Engineer and General Manager
Jessica Lienau, District Counsel

In response to the Secretary, Director Yokoyama stated that he was attending remotely in accordance with Just Cause-Business Travel, and there was one person over the age of 18 present: Rideshare driver.

RE: CHAIRPERSON
ELECTION OF Upon motion of Director Yokoyama, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, Director Santa Ines was elected Chairperson of this Board.

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: DIRECTOR FROM
CITY OF ARTESIA A certificate from the City Clerk of the City of Artesia was presented to the Secretary stating that at a meeting of the City Council held December 8, 2025, Mr. Rene Trevino was elected Mayor of the City of Artesia, which is the designation of the presiding officer of the governing body of that city and automatically places Mr. Trevino on this Board.

Upon motion of Director DeRuse, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the certificate was accepted and ordered filed.

RE: ALTERNATE DIRECTOR
FROM CITY OF ARTESIA A copy of an action taken by the City Council of the City of Artesia at a meeting held January 12, 2026, was presented to the Secretary stating that Ms. Melissa Ramoso, a member of the City Council of the City of Artesia, was appointed to serve as alternate Director from the city.

Upon motion of Director DeRuse, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the action was accepted and ordered filed.

RE: DIRECTOR FROM
CITY OF DOWNEY

A certificate from the City Clerk of the City of Downey was presented to the Secretary stating that at a meeting of the City Council held December 9, 2025, Ms. Claudia

Frometa was elected Mayor of the City of Downey, which is the designation of the presiding officer of the governing body of that city and automatically places Ms. Frometa on this Board.

Upon motion of Director DeRuse, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the certificate was accepted and ordered filed.

RE: ALTERNATE DIRECTOR
FROM CITY OF DOWNEY

A copy of an action taken by the City Council of the City of Downey at a meeting held January 13, 2026, was presented to the Secretary stating that Mr. Horacio Ortiz,

a member of the City Council of the City of Downey, was appointed to serve as alternate Director from the city.

Upon motion of Director DeRuse, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the action was accepted and ordered filed.

RE: DIRECTOR FROM
CITY OF NORWALK

A certificate from the City Clerk of the City of Norwalk was presented to the Secretary stating that at a meeting of the City Council held December 9, 2025, Ms. Jennifer

Perez was elected Mayor of the City of Norwalk, which is the designation of the presiding officer of the governing body of that city and automatically places Ms. Perez on this Board.

Upon motion of Director DeRuse, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the certificate was accepted and ordered filed.

RE: DIRECTOR FROM
CITY OF PICO RIVERA

A certificate from the City Clerk of the City of Pico Rivera was presented to the Secretary stating that at a meeting of the City Council held December 9, 2025,

Mr. Gustavo Camacho was elected Mayor of the City of Pico Rivera, which is the designation of the presiding officer of the governing body of that city and automatically places Mr. Camacho on this Board.

Upon motion of Director DeRuse, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the certificate was accepted and ordered filed.

RE: ALTERNATE DIRECTOR
FROM CITY OF PICO RIVERA

A copy of an action taken by the City Council of the City of Pico Rivera at a meeting held January 27, 2026, was presented to the Secretary stating that Mr. John Garcia,

a member of the City Council of the City of Pico Rivera, was appointed to serve as alternate Director from the city.

Upon motion of Director DeRuse, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the action was accepted and ordered filed.

RE: MINUTES

Upon motion of Director DeRuse, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the minutes of the

adjourned regular meeting held December 15, 2025, were approved.

RE: DISTRICT EXPENSES

The following expenses for the month of October 2025, were presented and upon motion of Director DeRuse,

duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, were approved:

Local District Expenses:

Operations & Maintenance

\$7,196

Total Expenses

\$7,196

RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT
ARAKELIAN ENTERPRISES, INC., DBA ATHENS
SERVICES - CONTRACT NOS. 5455A - APPROVE

In 2022, the Districts leased a portion of the Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility (PHMRF) to Arakelian Enterprises, Inc., dba Athens Services (Athens Services) for waste processing and recycling recovery of "blue bin" materials. The *First Amendment to Lease*

Agreement (Amendment) will allow Athens Services to also process "black bin" materials. The Amendment provides that the Districts will load, transport, and dispose of waste for Athens Services. Athens Services will pay the Districts \$78 per ton of disposed material, with a minimum commitment of 8,000 tons per month. As fee

title holder of the PHMRF property, District No. 18 must approve the Amendment, and District No. 2, as the administrative District, must approve the action by District No. 18. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle to maximize use of our assets and resources (recycled water, recyclables, and energy). A recommendation was made to approve and order Executed an Amendment with Athens Services for the PHMRF sorting line.

Upon motion of Director DeRuse, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, an amendment to the agreement entered into with Arakelian Enterprises, Inc., dba Athens Services, Contract No. 5455, dated June 22, 2022, providing for the processing of "black bin" materials, as set forth therein, was approved. All the terms and conditions of the *First Amendment to Lease Agreement*, Contract No. 5455A, dated January 28, 2026, were accepted and approved, and the Chairperson and Secretary were authorized to execute the Amendment on behalf of the District.

RE: AMENDED CONFLICT OF INTEREST
AND DISCLOSURE CODE - ADOPT

At its meetings of November 19 and December 9, 2025, the Districts' code reviewing body, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, adopted the amended

Conflict of Interest Codes and Disclosure Categories for the Districts. The amendments consist of the deletion of one position from the code as it no longer exists in the agency, changes to five position titles, the addition of six positions to the code, revisions to the "Place of Filing Statement," and clarification on the "Officials who manage Public Investments" language. Pursuant to Government Code 8306, each District Board is required to adopt the consolidated amended code, which was attached to the agenda. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles of commitment to ethical, respectful, and honest behavior in all interactions; and commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship. A recommendation was made to adopt the amended Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Code.

Upon motion of Director DeRuse, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 18 of Los Angeles County adopted an amended Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Code, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the District and all the provisions of which are incorporated herein as though fully set forth. The amended code supersedes the Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Code previously adopted by this Board.

Upon motion of Director Ortiz, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

SONNY SANTA INES
Chairperson

KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN
Secretary

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