

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

February 25, 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: Rene Trevino, Director from Artesia  
Frank Yokoyama, Director from Cerritos  
Horacio Ortiz, Alternate Director from Downey  
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, Alternate Director from Whittier  
Janice Hahn, Alternate Director from Los Angeles County, via teleconference at the Office of Supervisor Hahn  
Sonny Santa Ines, Chairperson, Director from Bellflower

Absent: Cory C. Moss, Director from Industry  
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

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 LA HABRA HEIGHTS A certificate from the Administrative Assistant of the City of La Habra Heights was presented to the Secretary stating that at a meeting of the City Council held December 8, 2025, Mr. Brian Bergman was elected Mayor of the City of La Habra Heights, which is the designation of the presiding officer of the governing body of that city and automatically places Mr. Bergman on this Board.

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

RE: DIRECTOR FROM CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS A certificate from the City Manager's Office of the City of Santa Fe Springs was presented to the Secretary stating that at a meeting of the City Council held January 13, 2026, Mr. Joe Zamora was elected Mayor of the City of Santa Fe Springs, which is the designation of the presiding officer of the governing body of that city and automatically places Mr. Zamora on this Board.

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

RE: MINUTES Upon motion of Director Garcia, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the minutes of the regular meeting held January 28, 2026, were approved.

RE: DISTRICT EXPENSES The following expenses for the month of November 2025, were presented and upon motion of Director Garcia, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, were approved:

Local District Expenses:  
Operations & Maintenance  
Total Expenses

\$7,160  
\$7,160

RE: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL  
REPORT - RECEIVE AND ORDER FILED

Prior to meeting in regular session, matters pertaining to the *Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)* were discussed as recorded in the Status Report presented to the Boards on this date. The Districts'

ACFR for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, which includes the annual audit required by state and federal laws, has been previously distributed to the Directors. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship; and to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs. A recommendation was made to receive and order filed the ACFR for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Upon motion of Director Garcia, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Board of Directors received and ordered filed the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

RE: SERVICE CHARGE REPORT  
RECEIVE AND ORDER FILED - SET PUBLIC  
HEARING FOR MAY 27, 2026, AND GIVE  
REQUIRED NOTICE - INTRODUCE AN  
ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE SERVICE  
CHARGE RATE AND MEAN LOADINGS PER  
UNIT OF USAGE FOR COUNTY SANITATION  
DISTRICT NO. 18 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY,  
AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING INDUSTRIAL  
WASTEWATER SURCHARGE RATES FOR  
COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 18 OF  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AN ORDINANCE  
PRESCRIBING THE CONNECTION FEE RATE  
AND MEAN LOADINGS PER UNIT OF USAGE  
FOR COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 18  
OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Prior to meeting in regular session, the Chief Engineer and General Manager and Mr. Andrew Hall, Department Head of Financial Management Department, updated the Directors on the Districts' wastewater rates for the various Boards meeting today, as recorded in the Status Report presented on this date.

In regular session, a report titled *County Sanitation District No. 18 Service Charge Report for Fiscal Year 2026-27*, prepared in accordance with Section 5473 of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California and which establishes the formula for the calculation of a sewage unit that represents the average daily quantity of sewage flow and strength from a single-family home (SFH) was presented.

A letter describing the required Board actions together with copies of the Service Charge Report, preliminary budget, and the proposed service charge rate, industrial wastewater surcharge rate, and connection fee rate ordinances accompanied the agenda. The actions will initiate the new rates and will allow the wastewater service charge to continue to be collected on the property tax roll. The current service charge rate per SFH is \$16.17 per month (\$194 per year). The proposed rates for fiscal years 2026-27, 2027-28, 2028-29, 2029-30, and 2030-31 are \$18.83 per month (\$226 per year), \$21.50 per month (\$258 per year), \$24.17 per month (\$290 per year), \$26.83 per month (\$322 per year), and \$29.50 per month (\$354 per year), respectively. Owners of multiple dwelling units and commercial properties are charged in proportion to their use compared to an SFH. 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.

*An Ordinance Prescribing the Service Charge Rate and Mean Loadings per Unit of Usage for County Sanitation District No. 18 of Los Angeles County* was presented and introduction of said ordinance was recommended.

*An Ordinance Prescribing Industrial Wastewater Surcharge Rates for County Sanitation District No. 18 of Los Angeles County* was presented and introduction of said ordinance was recommended.

*An Ordinance Prescribing the Connection Fee Rate and Mean Loadings per Unit of Usage for County Sanitation District No. 18 of Los Angeles County* was presented and introduction of said ordinance was recommended.

A recommendation was made that, in accordance with Section 5473 of the Health and Safety Code, the Board instruct the District Clerk to publish newspaper notices to inform the public of the date, time, and place for a public hearing on the Service Charge Report, and that a combined public hearing be set for May 27, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in the District's Board Room at the Joint Administration Office, 1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, California, for the purpose of public discussion of the proposed service charge rates, industrial wastewater surcharge rates, connection fee rates and its collection on the property tax roll. After the public hearing is closed,

the Board must consider adoption of the Service Charge Report and adoption of ordinances establishing the service charge, industrial wastewater surcharge, and connection fee rates for all five fiscal years and providing for the collection of the service charge on the property tax roll. Adoption of the ordinances, which requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors (8 affirmative votes), is proposed for May 13, 2026.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby fix May 27, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. as the date and time, and in the District's Board Room at the Joint Administration Office, 1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, California, as the place for a public hearing on *County Sanitation District No. 18 Service Charge Report for Fiscal Year 2026-27*, the proposed service charge, industrial wastewater surcharge, and connection fee rates, and the collection of the service charge on the property tax roll.

The Clerk of this Board shall cause notice of the filing of the Service Charge Report and the time and place of the public hearing to be published once a week for two successive weeks in the *Whittier Daily News*, a daily newspaper printed and published within the District, and in such other publications as are deemed appropriate by the Chief Engineer and General Manager.

Upon motion of Director Garcia, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the *County Sanitation District No. 18 Service Charge Report for Fiscal Year 2026-27* was ordered filed with the Clerk of the District. Furthermore, *An Ordinance Prescribing the Service Charge Rate and Mean Loadings per Unit of Usage for County Sanitation District No. 18 of Los Angeles County*, *An Ordinance Prescribing Industrial Wastewater Surcharge Rates for County Sanitation District No. 18 of Los Angeles County*, *An Ordinance Prescribing the Connection Fee Rate and Mean Loadings per Unit of Usage for County Sanitation District No. 18 of Los Angeles County* were introduced, and after a reading of the titles thereof, further reading of said ordinances were waived.

Upon motion of Director Trevino, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

SONNY SANTA INES  
Chairperson

KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN  
Secretary

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