

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 15
HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT
VIA TELECONFERENCE

February 22, 2023
1:30 o'clock, P.M.

The Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 15 of Los Angeles County met in regular session via teleconference.

There were present: Paul Cheng, Director from Arcadia
Margaret Finlay, Alternate Director from Duarte
Jessica Ancona, Director from El Monte
Cory C. Moss, Director from Industry
H. Manuel Ortiz, Director from Irwindale
Charlie Klinakis, Director from La Puente
Becky Shevlin, Director from Monrovia
David Torres, Director from Montebello
Victor Gordo, Director from Pasadena
Sean Dang, Director from Rosemead
Tony Ding, Director from San Gabriel
Steve Talt, Director from San Marino
Edward Garcia, Director from Sierra Madre
Gloria Olmos, Director from South El Monte
Cynthia Sternquist, Director from Temple City
Rosario Diaz, Alternate Director from West Covina
Cathy Warner, Alternate Director from Whittier
Janice Hahn, Director from Los Angeles County

Absent: Emmanuel J. Estrada, Director from Baldwin Park
Jose Sanchez, Director from Monterey Park
Richard Barakat, Chairperson, Alternate Director from Bradbury

Also present: Kimberly S. Christensen Secretary to the Board
Wes Beverlin, District Counsel

Upon motion of Director Shevlin, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, Director Finlay was elected Chairperson pro tem.

RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chairperson pro tem 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 DUARTE

A certificate from the City Clerk of the City of Duarte was presented to the Secretary stating that at a meeting of the City Council held January 10, 2023, Ms. Jody

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

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

RE: ALTERNATE DIRECTOR
FROM CITY OF DUARTE

A copy of an action taken by the City Council of the City of Duarte at a meeting held January 10, 2023, was presented to the Secretary stating that Ms. Margaret

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

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

RE: DIRECTOR FROM
CITY OF MONTEBELLO

A certificate from the Senior Deputy City Clerk of the City of Montebello was presented to the Secretary stating that at a meeting of the City Council held

January 11, 2023, Mr. David Torres was elected Mayor of the City of Montebello, which is the designation of the presiding officer of the governing body of that city and automatically places Mr. Torres on this Board.

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

RE: ALTERNATE DIRECTOR
FROM CITY OF MONTEBELLO

A copy of an action taken by the City Council of the City of Montebello at a meeting held January 11, 2023, was presented to the Secretary stating that Ms. Angie

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

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

RE: DIRECTOR FROM
CITY OF MONTEREY PARK

A certificate from the City Clerk of the City of Monterey Park was presented to the Secretary stating that at a meeting of the City Council held January 18, 2023,

Mr. Jose Sanchez was elected Mayor of the City of Monterey Park, which is the designation of the presiding officer of the governing body of that city and automatically places Mr. Sanchez on this Board.

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

RE: ALTERNATE DIRECTOR
FROM CITY OF MONTEREY PARK

A copy of an action taken by the City Council of the City of Monterey Park at a meeting held January 18, 2023, was presented to the Secretary stating that Mr. Thomas

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

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

RE: ALTERNATE DIRECTOR
FROM CITY OF PASADENA

A copy of an action taken by the City Council of the City of Pasadena at a meeting held January 23, 2023, was presented to the Secretary stating that Ms. Felicia

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

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

RE: DIRECTOR FROM
CITY OF SAN MARINO

A certificate from the City Clerk of the City of San Marino was presented to the Secretary stating that at a meeting of the City Council held January 11, 2023,

Mr. Steve Talt was elected Mayor of the City of San Marino, which is the designation of the presiding officer of the governing body of that city and automatically places Mr. Talt on this Board.

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

RE: ALTERNATE DIRECTOR
FROM CITY OF SAN MARNIO

A copy of an action taken by the City Council of the City of San Marino at a meeting held January 11, 2023, was presented to the Secretary stating that Mr. Calvin Lo, a

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

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

RE: MINUTES

of the regular meeting held January 25, 2023, were approved.

Upon motion of the Chairperson pro tem, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the minutes

RE: DISTRICT EXPENSES

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

The following expenses for the month of November 2022, were presented and upon motion of the Chairperson pro

Local District Expenses:

Operations & Maintenance

\$5,956.58

Total Expenses

\$5,956.58

RE: RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY ON MARCH 4, 2020 BY CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY - ADOPT

A proposed *A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the County Sanitation District No. 15 of Los Angeles County Proclaiming a Local Emergency, Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020 by California Governor and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Body*, was presented. Remote teleconference meetings, during the continued existence of the Governor’s proclaimed state of COVID-

19 emergency, will be conducted under the provisions of AB 361 which added California Government Code Section 54953(e), to the Brown Act. Under the provisions of AB 361 and Government Code Section 54953(e), each District must adopt, by majority vote, a resolution making certain findings about the continuing COVID state of emergency and health and safety risks of conducting their meeting in person. By statute, this Resolution and its referenced findings, are only legally valid for 30 days. The Resolution was attached to the agenda. A recommendation was made to adopt the Resolution.

Upon motion of the Chairperson pro tem, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the following Resolution was adopted:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 15 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY ON MARCH 4, 2020 BY CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY

WHEREAS, the County Sanitation District No. 15 of Los Angeles County (“District”) is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the District’s Board of Directors and committees; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the District’s Board of Directors are open and public, pursuant to the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Sections 54950-54963) (the “Brown Act”), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, observe and watch the District’s Board of Directors conduct business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Section 54953(e), allows for conducting and participating in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of the Brown Act Section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, a required condition under the Brown Act Section 54953(e) is the declaration of a state of emergency by the Governor pursuant to California Government Code Section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within California caused by the conditions outlined and described in California Government Code Section 8558; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation of a state of emergency is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the jurisdictions that are within the District’s boundaries, caused by natural, technological, or human-induced disasters; and

WHEREAS, it is further required that the state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or the Board of Directors of the District have held a meeting where it considered and determined that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, such conditions now exist in the District as Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020 as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health Order of the Health Officer issued September 22, 2022 (the “County Order”) includes recommendations for the protection of persons with elevated risk factors for severe health outcomes due to COVID-19 infection; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Directors does hereby find that the ongoing and significant risks associated with COVID-19 infection, especially in the absence of capacity limits and physical distancing requirements for indoor activities, on those individuals with underlying health conditions that make them susceptible to severe COVID-19 illness and individuals who are not and cannot be vaccinated, that COVID-19 infection remains a significant health hazard to all residents, and desires to proclaim a local emergency and ratify the proclamation of a state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California, and further, ratify the County Order findings related to the ongoing health hazards of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the declared state of emergency and the local emergency, the Board of Directors of the District does hereby find that the District shall continue to conduct its meetings in accordance with the provisions and requirements of the Brown Act Section 54953(e), and that the legislative bodies of the District shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to, and an opportunity to comment at all meetings of the District’s legislative bodies in accordance with the requirements of the Brown Act Section 54953(e)(2); and

WHEREAS, the District will continue its practice of live streaming its meetings via the Zoom software platform which allows members of the public to observe and participate in the meetings via video or call-in options and will continue to offer members of the public an opportunity to make oral comments during the meetings and/or submit written comments before the meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 15 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true, correct, and are incorporated in this Resolution by reference.

Section 2. Proclamation of Local Emergency. The Board of Directors of the District does hereby proclaim that a local emergency now exists throughout the territory of the District and, as described in the County Order, recommendations from health officers include ongoing masking, and social distancing practices especially for indoor settings and particularly for individuals who, due to vaccine status or underlying health conditions, continue to be at risk for severe illness, and COVID-19 infection remains a significant health hazard to all residents of the District.

Section 3. Ratification of Governor’s Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The District’s Board of Directors hereby ratifies the Governor of the State of California’s Proclamation of a State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of March 4, 2020.

Section 4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The Chief Engineer and General Manager, staff and legislative bodies are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, without limitation, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with the Brown Act Section 54953(e) and all other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 5. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of 30 days after the date of this resolution, or such time that the District’s Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with the Brown Act Section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the legislative bodies of the District may continue to teleconference without compliance with the requirements of the Brown Act Section 54953(b)(3).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 15 of Los Angeles County this 22nd day of February 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: Eighteen (18)

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Three (3)

RE: ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022
RECEIVE AND ORDER FILED

Prior to the meeting in regular session, the Chief Engineer and General Manager advised that the Districts' Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, which includes the annual audit required by state and federal

laws, was previously distributed to the Directors, and was attached to the agenda. He stated that the first several pages in the ACFR include a management summary that discusses the Districts' capital projects, goals, status of current projects, and upcoming major projects. The ACFR provides an overview of the Districts' operations and financial position. The ACFR was reviewed by an independent Certified Public Accounting firm and there were no findings. 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 Districts' ACFR for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

Upon motion of the Chairperson pro tem, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, which includes the annual audit required by state and federal laws, and was previously mailed to the Directors, was accepted and ordered filed.

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



MARGARET FINLAY
Chairperson pro tem

ATTEST:



KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN
Secretary

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