

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

April 26, 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.

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, Alternate Director from San Gabriel
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
Richard Barakat, Chairperson, Alternate Director from Bradbury

Absent: Emmanuel J. Estrada, Director from Baldwin Park
Jose Sanchez, Director from Monterey Park
Steve Talt, Director from San Marino
Edward Garcia, Director from Sierra Madre
Janice Hahn, Director from Los Angeles County

Also present: Kimberly S. Christensen Secretary to the Board
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 SAN GABRIEL A certificate from the Chief City Clerk of the City of San Gabriel was presented to the Secretary stating that at a meeting of the City Council held April 4, 2023, Mr. John Harrington was elected Mayor of the City of San Gabriel, which is the designation of the presiding officer of the governing body of that city and automatically places Mr. Harrington on this Board.

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

RE: ALTERNATE DIRECTOR FROM CITY OF SAN GABRIEL A copy of an action taken by the City Council of the City of San Gabriel at a meeting held April 4, 2023, was presented to the Secretary stating that Mr. Tony Ding, a member of the City Council of the City of San Gabriel, was appointed to serve as alternate Director from the city.

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

RE: MINUTES Upon motion of Director Ancona, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting held March 22, 2023, were approved.

RE: DISTRICT EXPENSES

The following expenses for the month of January 2023, were presented and upon motion of Director Ancona, duly

seconded and unanimously carried, were approved:

Local District Expenses:

Operations & Maintenance
Total Expenses

\$5,838.49
\$5,838.49

RE: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 15 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ADOPTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR PROVIDING PRIORITY SERVICE TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS - ADOPT

A proposed *Resolution of the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 15 of Los Angeles County Adopting Policies and Procedures for Providing Priority Service to Affordable Housing Projects* (Resolution) was presented. California Government Code Section 65589.7 requires public agencies that provide water or sewer services to adopt written policies and procedures with

specific objective standards for providing priority service to housing projects that include lower income units. The proposed Resolution would establish the required policies and procedures in accordance with the requirements of the law. Once adopted, these policies and procedures must be updated and approved by the Board every five years. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to continual improvement. A copy of the proposed Resolution was attached to the agenda. A recommendation was made to adopt the Resolution.

Upon motion of Director Ancona, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 15 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ADOPTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR PROVIDING PRIORITY SERVICE TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS
(California Government Code Section 65589.7)

WHEREAS, the California legislature has declared that the lack of affordable housing is a matter of vital statewide importance; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 65589.7 enhances the priority granted to lower-income housing by requiring that public agencies that provide water or sewer services shall adopt written policies and procedures with specific objective standards for providing priority service to housing projects that include lower income units; and

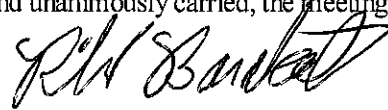
WHEREAS, the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County are continually evaluating system requirements and capacity, monitoring planned and proposed project development, and working to ensure there is adequate capacity for future development throughout the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County service areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following guidelines are hereby adopted by the Board of Directors of District No. 15 of Los Angeles County ("District") with respect to providing priority service to housing projects that include lower income units:

- (1) The District shall devote its best efforts to plan for and, to a reasonable degree (as determined on a case by case basis), prioritize providing sewer connections to residential housing projects that include lower income units as specified in the housing element of a general plan adopted by the legislative body of a county or city within the District's boundaries;
- (2) Development projects that include lower income housing units shall not be denied approval of an application for service, nor shall conditions be imposed thereon or services reduced which are applied for, unless the District makes specific findings that the denial, condition, or reduction is necessary due to the existence of one or more of the following:
 - a. Insufficient water supply or insufficient water treatment or distribution capacity;
 - b. A State Department of Health Services order prohibiting new water connections;
 - c. Insufficient sewer treatment or collection capacity;
 - d. A Regional Water Quality Control Board order prohibiting new sewer connections; or

- e. The applicant has failed to agree to reasonable terms and conditions.
- (3) Areas with Available Capacity – In times where the District has available capacity in its wastewater collection, treatment and disposal facilities, the provision of public sewer service to residential housing developments will be on an income-neutral basis.
 - (4) Areas with Limitations in Capacity – In times where the District experiences service limitations due to capacity or regulatory constraints, service priority shall be given to planned developments that include housing units affordable to lower income households in accordance with Government Code Section 65589.7 and the limitations set therein.
 - (5) Procedure – Whenever housing units affordable to lower income households are identified in a city or county housing element, or amendment thereto, from any city or county within the service area of the District, and a developer where the District is the local sewer agency applies for a connection permit, the District will give highest priority to the provision of services to that development and particularly to the affordable housing units contained therein.
 - (6) At least once every five (5) years, the District shall update and approve the provisions of this Resolution by subsequent Resolution.

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



RICHARD BARAKAT
Chairperson

ATTEST:



KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN
Secretary

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