

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 3
HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT
AND AT THE SIGNAL HILL CITY HALL
VIA TELECONFERENCE

May 10, 2023
1:30 o'clock, P.M.

The Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 3 of Los Angeles County met in regular session via teleconference.

There were present: Sonny Santa Ines, Director from Bellflower
Bruce Barrows, Director from Cerritos
Suely Saro, Alternate Director from Long Beach
Tim McOsker, Alternate Director from Los Angeles City
Tina Hansen, Director from Signal Hill, via teleconference
Steve Croft, Chairperson, Director from Lakewood

Absent: 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: MINUTES Upon motion of Director Santa Ines, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the minutes of the regular meeting held April 12, 2023, were approved.

RE: DISTRICT EXPENSES The following expenses for the month of February 2023 were presented and upon motion of Director Santa Ines, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, were approved:

Local District Expenses:
Operations & Maintenance
Total Expenses

\$2,525
\$2,525

RE: FACILITIES PLANNING
FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE
AGREEMENT - CITY OF LONG BEACH
CONTRACT NO. 3970A - APPROVE

In 2003, the Districts leased a vacant 0.14-acre parcel traversed by two Districts' sewers to the City of Long Beach (City) for development of a park for the local community. The lease expires on May 13, 2023, and the City desires to extend the term. The Districts does not have an immediate need for the property, and the City's use is compatible with the Districts' operations. The proposed *First Amendment to Lease Agreement* (Amendment) extends the term of the lease by 20 years and requires the City to make a one-time rent payment of \$1,000, which staff has determined to be just compensation. On January 11, 2023, the Board of Directors of District No. 2 declared the property to be "exempt surplus land," pursuant to the provisions of the California Surplus Land Act, allowing the Districts to lease the property for use as a public park. Staff has determined that approval of the Amendment is exempt or otherwise not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21084 and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") Section 15301. As fee title holder of the property, District No. 3 must approve the Amendment, and District No. 2, as the administrative District, must approve the action by District No. 3. 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 the Amendment with the City for Districts' property utilized as Loma Vista Park.

Upon motion of Director Santa Ines, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, an amendment to the agreement entered into with the City of Long Beach, Contract No. 3970 dated May 14, 2003, providing for an extension of the term of the lease, as set forth therein, was approved. All the terms and conditions of the *First Amendment to Lease Agreement*, Contract No. 3970A, dated May 10, 2023, were accepted

and approved, and the Chairperson and Secretary were authorized to execute the Amendment on behalf of the District.

RE: SERVICE CHARGE PROGRAM
HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON
SERVICE CHARGE REPORT, AND
COLLECTION ON TAX ROLL

The Chief Engineer and General Manager announced that today the Board would hold a public hearing, and the proposed rate increases associated with the service charge, industrial wastewater surcharge, and connection fee rates, and the collection of the service charge on the

property tax roll were presented. Holding a public hearing and then adopting the Service Charge Report is required each year to collect the wastewater service charge on the property tax roll. The current service charge rate per single-family home is \$15.33 per month (\$184 per year). The rate for fiscal year 2023-24, as previously adopted by the Board of Directors, is \$16.08 per month (\$1893 per year). A letter discussing this matter, together with the Service Charge Report, the preliminary budget, and a budget explanation and glossary, accompanies 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-term and long-term needs to minimize the need for significant rate increases.

In accordance with Section 5473 of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California, the *County Sanitation District No. 3 Service Charge Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24*, was filed on March 8, 2023, and publication of two newspaper notices for today's public hearing were published in the *Press Telegram*, a daily newspaper. The Service Charge Report addresses the continued collection of the service charge for the District on the tax roll. These charges are needed to supplement the District's existing revenue sources for the forthcoming fiscal year, as discussed in the letter to the Boards, dated February 3, 2023.

The Chairperson opened a public hearing on the Service Charge Report for County Sanitation District No. 3 of Los Angeles County. In response to the Chairperson's question, the Secretary reported that the District has received no correspondence or telephone calls on the Service Charge Report.

There being no further comments, the Chairperson closed the public hearing.

RE: SERVICE CHARGE PROGRAM
ADOPT SERVICE CHARGE REPORT

Following the public hearing, upon motion of Director Santa Ines, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Board of Directors of County Sanitation

District No. 3 of Los Angeles County approved and adopted the *County Sanitation District No. 3 Service Charge Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24*, which was filed with the Clerk of the Board on March 8, 2023.

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


STEVE CROWT
Chairperson

ATTEST:



KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN
Secretary

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