

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 18  
HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT

May 24, 2023  
1:30 o'clock, P.M.

The Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 18 of Los Angeles County met in regular session.

There were present: Sonny Santa Ines, Director from Bellflower  
Bruce Barrows, Director from Cerritos  
Claudia Frometa, Director from Downey  
Cory C. Moss, Director from Industry  
Norm Zezula, Director from La Habra Heights  
Steve De Ruse, Alternate Director from La Mirada  
Jennifer Perez, Alternate Director from Norwalk  
Juanita Martin, Director from Santa Fe Springs  
Cathy Warner, Alternate Director from Whittier  
Ali Sajjad Taj, Chairperson, Alternate Director from Artesia

Absent: Erik Lutz, Director from Pico Rivera  
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 De Ruse, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting held April 26, 2023, were approved.

RE: DISTRICT EXPENSES The following expenses for the month of February 2023, were presented and upon motion of Director De Ruse, duly seconded and unanimously carried, were approved:

Local District Expenses:  
Operations & Maintenance \$3,439  
Total Expenses \$3,439

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT SAK Construction, LLC, has completed the work in connection with Contract No. 5388 for construction of the *South Whittier Outfall Relief Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 5* (Project) within the time allowed by the contract, and in accordance with its terms. The Project consisted of the rehabilitation of approximately 13,682 feet of 24-inch to 54-inch-diameter corroded reinforced concrete pipe and appurtenant structures. The work was located in the City of Norwalk and unincorporated Los Angeles County. Four change orders totaling \$1,213,857.30 were approved for this Project. A recommendation was made to accept this work.

Upon motion of Director De Ruse, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the work in connection with Contract No. 5388, entered into by SAK Construction, LLC, on November 12, 2021, for construction of the *South Whittier Outfall Relief Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 5*, was approved and accepted by this Board of Directors; the Chief Engineer and General Manager was directed to execute and record a Notice of Completion with respect to this work of improvement; and final payment of \$7,801,450.80 was authorized in accordance with the terms of the contract.

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 \$15.42 per month (\$185 per year). The rate for fiscal year 2023-24, as previously adopted by the Board of Directors, is \$15.67 per month (\$188 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. 18 Service Charge Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24*, was filed on March 22, 2023, and publication of two newspaper notices for today's public hearing were published in the *Whittier Daily News*, 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. 18 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 DeRuse, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 18

of Los Angeles County approved and adopted the *County Sanitation District No. 18 Service Charge Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24*, which was filed with the Clerk of the Board on March 22, 2023.

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

  
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Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN  
Secretary

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