

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 23
HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT;
AND AT THE VERNON CITY HALL
VIA TELECONFERENCE

May 8, 2024
1:30 o'clock, P.M.

The Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 23 of Los Angeles County met in regular session both in person and via teleconference.

There were present: Leticia Lopez, Director from Vernon, via teleconference
Melissa Ybarra, Director from Vernon, via teleconference
Judith Merlo, Chairperson, Director from Vernon, via teleconference

Absent: Crystal Larios, Director from Vernon
Jesus Rivera, Director from Vernon

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 the Director Ybarra, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the minutes of the regular meeting held April 10, 2024, were approved.

RE: DISTRICT EXPENSES The following expenses for the month of February 2024 were presented and upon motion of the Director Ybarra, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, were approved:

Local District Expenses:	
Operations & Maintenance	<u>\$644</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$644</u>

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 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 \$0 per month (\$0 per year and no change to this rate is being proposed, filing of a Service Charge Report is recommended per the adopted ordinance. A letter discussing this matter, together with the Service Charge Report, the preliminary budget, and a budget explanation and glossary, accompanied 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. 23 Service Charge Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25* was filed on March 13, 2024, and publication of two newspaper notices for today's public hearing were published in the *La Opinion*, 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 9, 2024.

The Chairperson opened a public hearing on the Service Charge Report for County Sanitation District No. 23 of Los Angeles County. In response to the Chairperson's question, the Secretary reported that the District has received no protests, 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 Ybarra, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Board of Directors of County

Sanitation District No. 23 of Los Angeles County approved and adopted the *County Sanitation District No. 23 Service Charge Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25*, which was filed with the Clerk of the Board on March 13, 2024.

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

ATTEST:

JUDITH MERLO
Chairperson

KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN
Secretary

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