

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

July 14, 2021
12:00 o'clock, P.M.

Pursuant to the call of the Chairperson and upon written notice of the Secretary setting the time and place of a special meeting and mailed to each Director at least 24 hours before the meeting, a special meeting of the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 15 of Los Angeles County was held at the office of the District, 1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, California, on July 14, 2021, at 12:00 p.m., for the purpose of:

1. Public Comment
2. JOINT CLOSED SESSION with Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 29, and South Bay Cities Sanitation District – *Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)* – Existing Litigation, One Case – County of Los Angeles v. Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County et al., Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2020-01153422; Puente Hills Landfill Park Development

There were present: Sho Tay, Director from Arcadia
Margaret Finlay, Alternate Director from Duarte
Cory C. Moss, Director from Industry
H. Manuel Ortiz, Director from Irwindale
Charlie Klinakis, Director from La Puente
Tom Adams, Director from Monrovia
Kimberly Ann Cobos-Cawthorne, Director from Montebello
Victor Gordo, Director from Pasadena
Chin Ho Liao, Director from San Gabriel
Susan Jakubowski, Alternate Director from San Marino
Rechelle Arizmendi, Director from Sierra Madre
Gloria Olmos, Director from South El Monte
Letty Lopez-Viado, Director from West Covina
Cathy Warner, Alternate Director from Whittier
Richard G. Barakat, Chairperson, Alternate Director from Bradbury

Absent: Emmanuel J. Estrada, Director from Baldwin Park
Jessica Ancona, Director from El Monte
Yvonne Yiu, Director from Monterey Park
Polly Low, Director from Rosemead
Vincent Yu, Director from Temple City
Hilda Solis, Director from Los Angeles County

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

RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

were no public comments or questions to address the Board on any matters.

The Chairperson announced this was the time for any questions or comments by members of the public. There

RE: COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES V.
SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES
COUNTY - PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL PARK
DEVELOPMENT - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL
COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION - DISCUSS

met to discuss settlement of this case and tentative settlement terms have been drafted. The Chief Engineer and General Manager and Districts Counsel discussed this matter in closed session.

A dispute has arisen regarding the financial responsibility for development and maintenance of a park on the closed Puente Hills Landfill, as well as the permissible locations for park improvements. On February 27, 2020, the County filed a Complaint with the Court against the Districts. Representatives of the County and Districts have recently

District Counsel advised that it would be in the interest of the District to meet in joint closed session pursuant to Section 54956.9(d)(1) of the California Government Code *Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation* to confer on the matter of one case – County of Los Angeles v. Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County et al., Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2020-01153422; Puente Hills Landfill Park development.

Upon motion of the Chairperson, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 15 of Los Angeles County met in joint closed session with the Boards of Directors of County Sanitation Districts Nos. 2, 3, 5, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 29, and South Bay Cities Sanitation District of Los Angeles County at 12:10 p.m.

Upon motion of the Chairperson, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting reconvened in joint regular session at 1:22 p.m. District Counsel reported that while in joint closed session, the Boards of Directors endorsed staff's recommendation to work on a settlement agreement including terms discussed and bring the final agreement to District No. 2 for approval on behalf of all Solid Waste Districts.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson.

RICHARD G. BARAKAT
Chairperson

ATTEST:

KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN
Secretary

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