

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 8
HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT
VIA TELECONFERENCE

March 9, 2022
1:30 o'clock, P.M.

The Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 8 of Los Angeles County met in regular session via teleconference.

There were present: Lula Davis-Holmes, Director from Carson
Emma Sharif, Director from Compton
Robert Garcia, Director from Long Beach
Janice Hahn, Alternate Director from Los Angeles County
Joe Buscaino, Chairperson, Alternate Director from Los Angeles City

Absent: None

Also present: Kimberly S. Christensen, Secretary to the Board
Wes Beverlin, 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 Davis-Holmes, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the minutes of the regular meeting held February 9, 2022, were approved.

RE: DISTRICT EXPENSES The following expenses for the month of December 2021 were presented and upon motion of Director Davis-Holmes, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, were approved:

Local District Expenses:

Operations & Maintenance (O & M)	\$ 194,245.78
Capital	547,123.80

Allocated Expenses:

Joint Administration	143,355.02
Technical Support	304,375.05
Joint Outfall	<u>606,747.91</u>

Total Expenses	<u>\$1,795,847.56</u>
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RE: RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY ON MARCH 4, 2020 BY CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY - ADOPT

A proposed *Resolution of the Board of Directors of the County Sanitation District No. 8 of Los Angeles County Proclaiming a Local Emergency, Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020 by California Governor and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Body*, was presented. Remote teleconferenced meetings, during the continued existence of the Governor's proclaimed state of

COVID-19 emergency, will be conducted under the provisions of AB 361 which added California Government Code Section 54953(e), to the Brown Act. Under the provisions of AB 361, Government Code Section 54953(e), at their first next meeting, each District must adopt, by majority vote, a resolution making certain findings about the continuing COVID state of emergency and health and safety risks of conducting their meeting in person. By statute, this Resolution and its referenced findings, are only legally valid for 30 days. The Resolution was attached to the agenda. A recommendation was made to adopt the Resolution.

Upon motion of Director Davis-Holmes, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 8 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION
OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY ON MARCH 4, 2020
BY CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM AND AUTHORIZING
REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES
OF THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 8 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

WHEREAS, County Sanitation District No. 8 of Los Angeles County (“District”) is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the District’s Board of Directors and committees; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the District’s Board of Directors are open and public, pursuant to the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Sections 54950-54963) (the “Brown Act”), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, observe and watch the District’s Board of Directors conduct business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Section 54953(e), allows for conducting and participating in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of the Brown Act Section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, a required condition under the Brown Act Section 54953(e) is the declaration of a state of emergency by the Governor pursuant to California Government Code Section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within California caused by the conditions outlined and described in California Government Code Section 8558; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation of a state of emergency is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the jurisdictions that are within the District’s boundaries, caused by natural, technological, or human-induced disasters; and

WHEREAS, it is further required that the state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or the Board of Directors of the District have held a meeting where it considered and determined that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, such conditions now exist in the District as Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020 as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control, in its publication “How to Protect Yourself & Others” updated August 13, 2021, have recommended social distancing practices, including staying 6 feet away from others and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces in order to protect individuals and others from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health Order of the Health Officer issued September 17, 2021 (the “County Order”) includes a finding that the existing community transmission of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County remains high and continues to present a high risk of infection and harm to the health of those who are not and cannot be vaccinated against COVID-19 especially when there is an absence of capacity limits and physical distancing requirements for both indoor and outdoor settings. The County Order further finds that COVID-19 infection remains a significant health hazard to all residents; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Directors does hereby find that the ongoing and significant risks associated with COVID-19 infection, especially in the absence of capacity limits and physical distancing requirements for indoor activities, on those who are not and cannot be vaccinated, and that COVID-19 infection remains a significant health hazard to all residents, has caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of peril to the safety of persons within the District that are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the District, and desires to proclaim a local emergency and ratify the proclamation of a state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California, and further, ratify the County Order findings related to the ongoing health hazards of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the declared state of emergency and the local emergency, the Board of Directors of the District does hereby find that the District shall continue to conduct its meetings in accordance with the provisions and requirements of the Brown Act Section 54953(e), and that the legislative bodies of the District shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to, and an opportunity to comment

at all meetings of the District's legislative bodies in accordance with the requirements of the Brown Act Section 54953(e)(2); and

WHEREAS, the District will continue its practice of live streaming its meetings via the Zoom software platform which allows members of the public to observe and participate in the meetings via video or call-in options, and will continue to offer members of the public an opportunity to make oral comments during the meetings and/or submit written comments before the meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 8 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true, correct, and are incorporated in this Resolution by reference.

Section 2. Proclamation of Local Emergency. The Board of Directors of the District does hereby proclaim that a local emergency now exists throughout the territory of the District and, as described in the County Order, there remains evidence of sustained and high community transmission rates of COVID-19 resulting in high risks of infection and harm to the health of those who are not and cannot be vaccinated against COVID-19, especially when there is an absence of capacity limits and physical distancing requirements for both indoor and outdoor settings, and COVID-19 infection remains a significant health hazard to all residents of the District.

Section 3. Ratification of Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The District's Board of Directors hereby ratifies the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of a State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of March 4, 2020.

Section 4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The Chief Engineer and General Manager, staff and legislative bodies are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, without limitation, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with the Brown Act Section 54953(e) and all other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 5. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) 30 days after the date of this resolution, or such time that the District's Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with the Brown Act Section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the legislative bodies of the District may continue to teleconference without compliance with the requirements of the Brown Act Section 54953(b)(3).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 8 of Los Angeles County this 9th day of March 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: Five (5)

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RE: FACILITIES PLANNING - FIRST AMENDMENT TO LICENSE AGREEMENT FRIENDS OF WILMINGTON SPORTS COMPLEX, LLC - CONTRACT NO. 5422A APPROVE

The Chief Engineer and General Manager stated that Districts Nos. 2 and 8 have agenda items regarding a license agreement to operate the Wilmington Athletic Complex (WAC) on an interim basis while the Districts negotiates a long-term lease agreement with the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

(RAP). The WAC is dedicated to be used by the community and the previous operator allowed the property to go into disrepair. District No. 8 will be considering approval of the action by District No. 2 to approve the amendment to the license agreement, which provides for a four-month extension. The amended license agreement will provide for the Districts to subsidize \$7,500 per month for continued operation of the interim operator during the extension period. He stated that the interim operator has already made several improvements. The Wilmington Athletic Complex (WAC) is located adjacent to the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) on approximately 18 acres of Districts' property in the Wilmington neighborhood of the City of Los Angeles. In the 1960s, the Districts purchased the vacant land to act as buffer for JWPCP and support a potential plant expansion. In July 2021, the Board authorized the Chief Engineer and General Manager to enter into a license agreement with Friends of Wilmington Sports Complex, LLC, (FWSC) (License Agreement) to operate

the WAC on an interim basis while the Districts negotiates a long-term lease agreement with the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP). The License Agreement was set to expire on March 2, 2022; however, staff is still working with RAP on the long-term lease agreement. Additionally, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, revenue from users of the WAC has been lower than anticipated and the costs to manage the WAC have been greater than expected. On February 17, 2022, the Chief Engineer executed the Amendment, which extends the term of the License Agreement through June 30, 2022, in order to allow additional time to finalize the long-term lease agreement with RAP during which the Districts will provide \$7,500 per month, from March through June 2022, to support FWSC and its designated operator, the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor, for continued operation of the WAC during the extension period. Staff has determined that approval of the Amendment does not constitute a “Project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21065 and Title 14 of the California Code of regulations (“CEQA Guidelines”) Section 15378. As fee title holder of the WAC, District No. 8 must approve the action and District No. 2, as the administrative District, must approve the action by District No. 8. This item is consistent with the Districts’ Guiding Principle to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs. A recommendation was made to confirm approval of a *First Amendment to License Agreement* (Amendment) with the Friends of Wilmington Sports Complex, LLC, for interim operation of the Wilmington Athletic Complex.

Upon motion of Director Taj, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, an amendment to the agreement entered into with Friends of Wilmington Sports Complex, LLC, Contract No. 5422 dated September 3, 2021, providing for Interim Operation of the Wilmington Athletic Complex, as set forth therein, was approved. All the terms and conditions of the *First Amendment to License Agreement*, Contract No. 5422A, dated March 9, 2022, were accepted and approved, and the Chairperson and Secretary were authorized to execute the Amendment on behalf of the District.

Upon motion of Director Davis-Holmes, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

JOE BUSCAINO
Chairperson

ATTEST:

KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN
Secretary

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