

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 5
HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT
VIA TELECONFERENCE

November 16, 2022
1:30 o'clock, P.M.

The Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 5 of Los Angeles County met in regular session via teleconference.

There were present: Chris Pimentel, Alternate Director from El Segundo
Tasha Cerda, Director from Gardena
Alex Monteiro, Alternate Director from Hawthorne
Robert Pullen-Miles, Director from Lawndale
James Gazeley, Alternate Director from Lomita
Steve Napolitano, Director from Manhattan Beach
David McGowan, Alternate Director from Palos Verdes Estates
Patrick Wilson, Alternate Director from Rolling Hills
Frank Zerunyan, Director from Rolling Hills Estates
George Chen, Director from Torrance
Janice Hahn, Alternate Director from Los Angeles County

Absent: Daniel Lee, Director from Culver City
James T. Butts, Director from Inglewood
Paul Krekorian, Director from Los Angeles City
David Bradley, Director from Rancho Palos Verdes
Bill Brand, Chairperson, Director from Redondo Beach

Also present: Denise Springer, Deputy Secretary to the Board
Wes Beverlin, District Counsel

Upon motion of Director McGowan, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, Director Zerunyan was elected Chairperson pro tem.

RE: PUBLIC COMMENT The Chairperson pro tem 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 Monteiro, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the minutes of the regular meeting held October 19, 2022, were approved.

RE: DISTRICT EXPENSES The following expenses for the month of August 2022 were presented and upon motion of Director Monteiro, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, were approved:

Local District Expenses:	
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 437.93
Allocated Expenses:	
Technical Support	(57.48)
Joint Facilities	(141,147.48)
Total Expenses	<u><u>\$(140,767.03)</u></u>

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
of COVID-19 emergency, will be conducted under the provisions of AB 361 which added California

A proposed *Resolution of the Board of Directors of the County Sanitation District No. 5 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

Government Code Section 54953(e), to the Brown Act. Under the provisions of AB 361 and Government Code Section 54953(e), 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 Monteiro, 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. 5 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

WHEREAS, County Sanitation District No. 5 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 County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health Order of the Health Officer issued September 22, 2022 (the “County Order”) includes recommendations for the protection of person with elevated risk factors for severe health outcomes due to COVID-19 infection; 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 individuals with underlying health conditions that make them susceptible to severe COVID-19 illness and individuals who are not and cannot be vaccinated, and that COVID-19 infection remains a significant health hazard to all residents, , 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. 5 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, recommendations from health officers include ongoing masking, and social distancing practices especially indoor settings and particularly for individuals who, due to vaccine status or underlying health conditions, continue to be at risk for severe illness, 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 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. 5 of Los Angeles County this 16th day of November 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: Eleven (11)

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Five (5)

RE: ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
GARDENA PUMPING PLANT FACILITY
REPLACEMENT - AUTHORIZE
SUPPLEMENTAL PURCHASE ORDER TO
ALDEN RESEARCH LABORATORY, INC.

The Gardena Pumping Plant Facility Replacement (Project) will construct a new pumping plant to replace the existing Gardena Pumping Plant, which was originally constructed in 1928, last renovated in 1970, and is approaching the end of its useful life. The Project is located within the City of Gardena as shown on the

map which was attached to the agenda. On December 15, 2021, the Board authorized issuance of a purchase order to Alden Research Laboratory, Inc. (Alden), to provide physical modeling and hydraulic analysis to support design of the Project. During preliminary design, the original operational parameters used as a basis for design of the proposed lift station were changed to improve efficiency and overall performance. This modification resulted in a more complex design that will require additional physical modeling which is beyond the original scope of work issued to Alden. Alden submitted a cost proposal for the additional physical modeling required to support design of the Project. Staff has reviewed the cost proposal and determined it was reasonable, cost effective and in accordance with industry standards. Staff has determined that the activities described herein do 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. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness). A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a supplemental purchase order to Alden Research Laboratory, Inc., to provide additional hydraulic analysis and physical modeling for the Gardena Pumping Plant Facility Replacement, at a cost of approximately \$200,000.

Upon motion of Director Monteiro, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, was authorized to issue a supplemental purchase order to Alden Research Laboratory, Inc., to provide for additional hydraulic analysis and physical modeling for Gardena Pumping Plant facility replacement, at a cost of approximately \$200,000.

RE: FACILITIES PLANNING
INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE
PRESCRIBING FEES FOR THE
ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY

A proposed *An Ordinance Prescribing Fees for the Annexation of Territory to County Sanitation District No. 5 of Los Angeles County* (Ordinance) was presented to the Board for consideration and introduction. Properties outside the jurisdictional boundary of the District

must be annexed to the District before sewerage service can be provided. The cost of processing the annexation application is borne by the applicant pursuant to the District's existing Master Annexation Fee Ordinance and Annexation Fee Rate Ordinance (Existing Ordinances), which were both adopted in 2007. The current method of calculating the fee is a tiered acreage-based approach. However, this method results in inequities in certain circumstances. Furthermore, the cost to process an annexation application does not vary significantly between a large or small property. The proposed ordinance, which is attached, supersedes the Existing Ordinances and establishes a flat fee of \$2,000 per annexation application, which is more equitable and representative of the actual cost to process each annexation. In October 2022, the Personnel Committee, comprised of the Chairs of all active Districts, unanimously endorsed the proposed ordinance. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles of commitment to continual improvement; and commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship. A copy of the Ordinance accompanied the agenda. A recommendation was made to waive the reading of the Ordinance in its entirety.

In response to Director Hahn, the Chief Engineer and General Manager stated that the proposed annexation fee would apply to a city that applies for annexation.

Upon motion of Director Monteiro, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, *An Ordinance Prescribing Fees for the Annexation of Territory to County Sanitation District No. 5 of Los Angeles County* (Ordinance) was introduced, and after reading of the title thereof, further reading of the Ordinance was waived.

RE: JOINT ADMINISTRATION
PURCHASING POLICY, INVESTMENT
POLICY, DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY,
WASTEWATER FINANCIAL RESERVE
POLICY, AND JOINT OUTFALL SYSTEM
RESERVE POLICY - ADOPT

Prior to meeting in regular session, the Purchasing Policy, Investment Policy, Debt Management Policy, Wastewater Financial Reserve Policy, and the Joint Outfall System Reserve Policy were discussed with the boards as recorded in the Status Report presented on this date. As part of the continuing effort to ensure the Districts follow best practices as it relates to financial matters, revisions to

certain policies are being recommended. First, sound Investment, Debt Management, and Financial Reserve Policies are crucial to maintaining the Districts' financial stability, and changes are being proposed to the existing policies to ensure consistency across the Districts, ensure transparency in Districts' finances, and improve the Districts' investment performance. Second, the Districts' Purchasing Policy establishes rules for purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, services, and construction projects. Proposed revisions to the policy clarify certain provisions, ensure current practices are incorporated into the policy, and add provisions for related business practices. In October 2022, the Personnel Committee, comprised of the Chairs of all of the active Districts, unanimously endorsed the proposed revisions. A letter summarizing these proposed changes was attached to the agenda. Links to the policies showing the proposed revisions can be found on the posted agenda on the Districts' website (www.lacsd.org). 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. A recommendation was made that the Purchasing Policy, Investment Policy, Debt Management Policy, Wastewater Financial Reserve Policy, and the Joint Outfall System Reserve Policy be approved and adopted.

In response to Director Hahn, Mr. Matt Eaton, Deputy Assistant Chief Engineer, read the added language in the Debt Management Policy regarding selection of underwriting firms.

Director Hahn stated that she approved of the added language and will vote in favor of the item.

Upon motion of Director Monteiro, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Policy, Investment Policy, Debt Management Policy, Wastewater Financial Reserve Policy, and the Joint Outfall System Reserve Policy were considered, approved, and adopted.

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

FRANK ZERUNYAN
Chairperson pro tem

ATTEST:

DENISE R. SPRINGER
Deputy Secretary

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