

Salton Community Services District
REGULAR MEETING *Minutes*

June 19, 2024

Closed Session 1:00 p.m.

Open Session 2:00 p.m.

1209 Van Buren Ave.

Salton City, CA 92275

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Michelle Gilmore, President
Michael Friese, Vice President
Manuel Ramos, Director
Lidia A. Sierra, Director
Dale Johnson, Director

STAFF:

Emmanuel Ramos, Interim General Manager
Thania Garcia, Board Secretary
Christina Sutton, Finance Officer
Oracio Lemus, Field Foreman
Pascual Muniz, Park Supervisor
Robert Patterson, Legal Counsel

1. CALL TO ORDER: 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Michelle Gilmore Present
Michael Friese Present
Manuel Ramos Present

Lidia A. Sierra Present
Dale Johnson Present

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54954.3, the public has the right to address the board regarding any closed session items listed on the **closed session agenda** prior to the board adjourning into closed session. Anyone who wishes to address the Board, please come to the microphone. Public comments are limited to (3) minutes for each person. Comments are not to be directed towards an individual or individuals but to the Board on a specific issue.

No public comments

4. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of case: DAVID DALE, Petitioner, vs. SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, and LIDIA A. SIERRA; CASE NO. ECU003178; SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL
No reportable action

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of case: SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, a California special district, Plaintiff, vs. MITCHELL EDWARD MANSFIELD, an individual; and DOES 1-50, inclusive (Imperial County Superior Court Case # ECU002875

No reportable action

C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (One case: Demand for Health Benefits by employee Steven Prager)

The case was settled before the meeting this afternoon.

D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9:(One potential case)

Mrs. Sierra did not attend the close session. However, the other directors instructed Patterson to place item D in the next close session for the next meeting.

5. **OPEN SESSION: 2:00 pm**

6. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Michelle Gilmore, President

7. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS:**

8. **PUBLIC PRESENTATION:**

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54954.3 members of the public may address the Board at this time on any items of public interest that are within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. The Ralph M. Brown Act, however, prohibits the Board from taking action on any matter not appearing on the agenda. Those who wish to address the Board should come to the microphone. Members of the public will be given three (3) minutes to address the board on any items of public interest. Comments are not to be directed towards an individual or individuals but to the Board on a specific issue.

No public comments

10. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

President Gilmore- Community announcements regarding a cooling station.

Vice President Friese- No comment

Director Ramos- No comment

Director Sierra- She is concerned about an email from the Interim General Manager a year ago regarding the urgency of trees at a Wastewater Treatment Facility. She also stated that he met with CalFire and United for Justice regarding a tree grant and mentioned that he would work on the grant himself directly with CalFire. She said that it was not brought to the board's attention for a decision. Michael Friese and Emmanuel Ramos mentioned that it was brought to a meeting for discussion. Michael Friese stated there was a pushback from the board because of the area's lack of an irrigation system.

Director Johnson- No Comment

11. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

Consent calendar items are expected to be routine and non-controversial, to be acted upon by the board of directors at one time without discussion. If any board member requests that an item be removed from the consent calendar, it will be removed so that it may be acted upon separately.

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2024.

B. Approve demands for the month of May 2024.

Vice President Friese motioned to approve items A and B. Director Ramos seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Gilmore Yes

Director Sierra Yes

Vice President Friese Yes

Director Johnson Yes

Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passed 5-0

C. Slovak, Baron, Empey, Murphy, & Pinkney (\$13,185.64)

Vice President Friese motioned to approve item C. Director Ramos seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Gilmore Yes

Director Sierra No

Vice President Friese Yes

Director Johnson Yes

Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passed 4-1

12. REPORTS:

A. Interim General Manager's report [Emmanuel Ramos]

B. Finance Officer's report [Christina Sutton]

C. Field Foreman's report [Oracio Lemus]

D. Park Supervisor's report [Pascual Muñoz]

13. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD REPORTS: STANDING COMMITTEE:

A. Architectural Committee Report [Thania Garcia]

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

15. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion and Approval for the Proposed Budget FY 2024-2025.

Vice President Friese motioned to approve the Proposed Budget FY 2024-2025. Director Ramos seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Gilmore Yes

Director Sierra No

Vice President Friese Yes

Director Johnson Yes

Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passed 4-1

B. Discussion and Approval for Resolution 2024-06-19-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT APPROVING THE 2024-2025 PARCEL FEES ON LAND LOCATED IN THE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE GENERATED FROM RESIDENTIAL USE OF SUCH PARCELS AND OPT-OUT PROGRAM FOR THE DISTRICT AND ITS CONSTITUENTS.

Vice President motioned to approve Resolution 2024-06-19-01. Director Ramos seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Gilmore Yes

Director Sierra No

Vice President Friese Yes

Director Johnson Yes

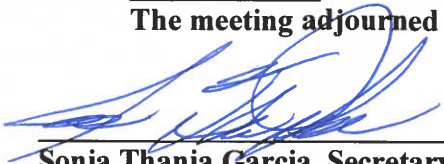
Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passed 4-1

Lidia Sierra- Requested information from Mike Veto about the waste being transported from Riverside County to the Salton City Landfill. She inquired about the quantity of waste measured in tons that was being delivered to the landfill. In response, Mr. Veto said he would investigate and provide the necessary details. She then mentioned that she has observed a substantial number of trucks transporting Riverside County trash to the landfill and has documented evidence of this activity. Finally, she expressed her interest in the total tonnage of waste brought into Salton City from other cities.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 pm.



Sonia Thania Garcia, Secretary of the Board



Michelle Gilmore, President of the Board

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