

Salton Community Services District

REGULAR MEETING *Minutes*

June 18, 2025

Study Session 1:00 p.m.

Open Session 2:00 p.m.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Michael Friese, President
Oscar Ramirez, Vice President
Manuel Ramos, Director
Lidia A. Sierra, Director
David Reagle, Director

STAFF:

Emmanuel Ramos, General Manager
Thania Garcia, Board Secretary
Christina Sutton, Finance Officer
Jazmine Madrigal, Admin Assistant
Omar Ruiz, Interim Field Forman
Pascual Muniz, Park Supervisor
Robert Patterson, Legal Counsel

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

2. ROLL CALL:

Michael Friese Present David Reagle Present
Oscar Ramirez Present Lidia Sierra Late
Manuel Ramos Present

3. 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. Personal attacks on individuals, slanderous comments, or comments that may invade an individual's privacy are prohibited. 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. Public comments will be limited to a maximum of (30) thirty minutes per meeting. Comments are not to be directed towards an individual or individuals but to the Board on a specific issue.

No public comments

4. Study Session: (The public is invited to attend.)

A. Proposed Budget FY 2025-2026. (No vote taken.)
Study Session led by Christina Sutton, Finance Officer.

5. OPEN SESSION: 2:00 pm

6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Michael Friese, President

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Michelle Gilmore- Now that the Salton Community Services District can endorse the deed restrictions (CC&Rs), is there a plan to enforce these CC&Rs?

Emmanuel Ramos- In response to Mrs. Gilmore's question, our approach to enforcement involves issuing Notices of Violation after three occurrences. Following this, the matter is presented to the board to determine whether to pursue legal action.

President Friese- The SCS D enforces regulations primarily through the Architectural Committee, which convenes once a month to discuss relevant matters.

Director Sierra- The Government Code indicates that if the Board chooses to exercise its latent powers, it is essential to first obtain approval from LAFCO. When did we receive that authorization?

President Friese- To clarify that we do not require permission from LAFCO, as this authority has been conferred by the California Legislature as a Special Statutory Power.

Director Sierra- why isn't it in the SAP?

President Friese- We will be adding it to the SAP.

Kimberly White- Continued the same topic as Mrs. Gilmore. Added saying that people are living in RVs, not connected to a sewer. Mentioning 100 people on lots that are not connected and meaning that we could have had thousands of dollars that can be added to the budget.

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

President Friese- no comment

Vice President Ramirez- no comment

Director Ramos- no comment

Director Sierra- In Roni Hewitt's West Shores article, I want to clarify that Michelle Gilmore, Michael Friese, Dale Johnson, and Manuel Ramos voluntarily paid the legal fees. On June 26, 2023, I received a letter from them stating that I must hire my legal counsel for any future claims against me. The responsibility for the \$64,000 payment lies with them, and they should have considered a more affordable lawyer for this straightforward claim. I believe I could have resolved this baseless claim on my own.

Director Reagle- no comment

9. 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 Special Meeting of May 01, 2025.

President Friese motioned to approve the minutes for the special meeting of May 01, 2025. Director Ramos seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Friese Yes

Director Sierra Abstain

Vice President Ramires Abstain

Director Reagle Yes

Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passes 3-2 Abstain

B. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 21, 2025.

President Friese motioned to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of May 21, 2025. Vice President Ramirez seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Friese Yes

Director Sierra No

Vice President Ramires Abstain

Director Reagle Yes

Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passes 4-1

- C. Approve demands for the month of May 2025.
Director Ramos motioned to approve the demands for the month of May 2025.
President Friese seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Friese Yes Director Sierra Abstain
Vice President Ramirez Yes Director Reagle Yes
Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passes 4-1 Abstain

- D. Slovak, Baron, Empey, Murphy, & Pinkney May (\$4,024.00)
President Friese motioned to approve the \$4,024.00 for Slovak, Baron, Empey, Murphy, & Pinkney

Roll Call:

President Friese Yes Director Sierra No
Vice President Ramirez No Director Reagle Yes
Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passes 3-2

10. REPORTS:

- A. Field Foreman's report [Omar Ruiz]
- B. Park Supervisor's report [Omar Ruiz]
- C. General Manager's report [Emmanuel Ramos]
- D. Finance Officer's report [Christina Sutton]

11. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD REPORTS: STANDING COMMITTEE:

Architectural Committee Report
No Architectural Committee Meeting in May.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion and Approval for the Proposed Budget FY 2025-2026.
President Friese motioned to approve the Proposed Budget FY 2025-2026 with the following changes: Delete the expense 6-9399 of \$64,308 for the GIS Sewer Line Mapping-Desert Shores. Change account 1-400 from \$40,887 to \$122,661, so properties that no longer charge the sewer standby fee will be refunded this FY.
Vice President Ramirez seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Friese Yes Director Sierra Abstain
Vice President Ramirez Yes Director Reagle Yes
Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passes 4-1 Abstain

B. Resolution No. 2025-06-18-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT AMENDING THE DISTRICT CONSOLIDATED FISCAL POLICIES.

Roll Call:

President Friese Yes Director Sierra No
Vice President Ramirez Yes Director Reagle Yes
Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passes 4-1

14. Public Hearings:

A. Resolution No. 2025-06-18-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ADOPTING THE REPORT OF THE ANNUAL SEWER STANDBY CHARGE AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT TO FILE SAID REPORT WITH THE IMPERIAL COUNTY AUDITOR AND REQUEST THE AUDITOR TO PLACE THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 SEWER STANDBY CHARGE ON THE TAX ROLL.

President Friese motions to approve and waive the reading for Resolution No. 2025-06-18-02. Vice President Ramirez seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Friese Yes Director Sierra Abstain
Vice President Ramirez Yes Director Reagle Yes
Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passes 4-1 Abstain

B. Resolution No. 2025-06-18-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ADOPTING THE REPORT OF THE ANNUAL SEWER MAINTENANCE STANDBY CHARGE AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT TO FILE SAID REPORT WITH THE IMPERIAL COUNTY AUDITOR AND REQUEST THE AUDITOR TO PLACE THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 SEWER MAINTENANCE STANDBY CHARGE ON THE TAX ROLL.

President Friese motioned to approve and waive the reading for Resolution No. 2025-06-18-03 and amend the agenda and resolution to show the correct title. Vice President Ramirez seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Friese Yes Director Sierra No
Vice President Ramirez Yes Director Reagle Yes
Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passes 4-1

C. Resolution No. 2025-06-18-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ADOPTING THE REPORT OF THE ANNUAL SEWER USER CHARGE AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT TO FILE SAID REPORT WITH THE IMPERIAL COUNTY AUDITOR AND REQUEST THE AUDITOR TO PLACE THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 SEWER USER FEES ON THE TAX ROLL.

President Friese motioned to approve and waive the reading for Resolution No. 2025-06-18-04 and amend the agenda and resolution to show the correct title. Director Ramos seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Friese Yes

Director Sierra Abstain

Vice President Ramirez Yes

Director Reagle Yes

Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passes 4-1 Abstain

15. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.



Sonia Thania Garcia, Secretary of the Board



Michael Friese, President of the Board

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