

Salton Community Services District

REGULAR MEETING *Minutes*

October 16, 2024

Closed Session 1:00 p.m.

Open Session 2:00 p.m.

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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 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—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9:(Two potential cases)

No reportable action.

B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT Title: (General Manager)

The Board voted 3-2 to approve the first amendment to the General Manager Employment Agreement, making the Interim General Manager into a General Manager with a 3-year term contract. If terminated without cause during that term, he will receive a severance of 6 months' salary. Votes: Gilmore, Johnson, and Ramos in favor; Friese and Sierra opposed.

C. 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.

D. 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.

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 regarding 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.

Barbara Quiroz—She wanted a bit of education on item C in close session. Since Mr. Mansfield has passed, she is curious what will happen with the Lawsuit.

Christina Sutton—Clarence Fair, a district retiree, has passed away at the age of 90.

10. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Director Jonson, Director Sierra, and Director Ramos had no comment

Vice President Friese—There is no reflection on Emmanuel Ramos; he has been doing a great job. He mentioned that he felt he didn't have enough time to review the applications submitted to the district for the General Manager position.

President Gilmore- Community activity announcements. Thanked the public for their attendance at the coffee with the cops.

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 September 18, 2024.
- B. Approve demands for the month of September 2024.
- C. Slovak, Baron, Empey, Murphy, & Pinkney September (\$2,055.00)
Vice President Friese motioned to approve the consent calendar items. Director Ramos seconded the motion.
Roll Call:
President Gilmore Yes Director Sierra Yes
Vice President Friese Yes Director Johnson Yes
Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passes 5-0

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 Muñiz]

13. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD REPORTS: STANDING COMMITTEE:

- A. Architectural Committee Report [Israel Gonzales]

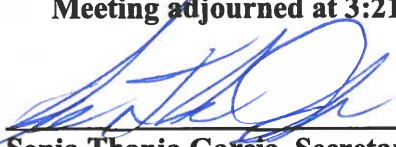
4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

15. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion and approval to amend Resolution 2024-07-17-02 previously approved on July 17, 2024.
No vote has been taken for this item.
- B. Discussion and approval of Salton City Park Per Capita Grant.
No vote has been taken for this item.
- C. Discussion regarding the Burrtec Opt-out form and other essential matters.
No vote has been taken for this item.

16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:21 pm



Sonia Thania Garcia, Secretary of the Board



Michelle Gilmore, President of the Board

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