

*Salton Community Services District*

**REGULAR MEETING *Minutes***

**March 19, 2025**

**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:**

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

Oracio Lemus, Field Foreman

Pascual Muniz, Park Supervisor

Robert Patterson, Legal Counsel

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

**2. ROLL CALL:**

**Michael Friese Present**

**Lidia Sierra Present**

**Oscar Ramirez Present**

**David Reagle Present**

**Manuel Ramos 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 Labor Negotiators (Government Code § 54957.6) District designated representatives: Emmanuel Ramos, Christina Sutton, Robert Patterson, and Lena Wade Employee organization: Laborer's' International Union of North America Local No. 1184.**

**No reportable action**

**B. 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: Michael Friese, President**

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

8. **Presentation of Rules and Procedures by Legal Counsel Robert Patterson.**

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.

**Steven Rodriguez- raised some concerns with the board members regarding the Salton City Ponds, Station 8, and a new pump that arrived.**

**Michelle Gilmore- reviewed a translated transcript of a comment made by a board member and took the opportunity to clarify several important points.**

10. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**President Friese- No comment**

**Vice President- No comment**

**Director Ramos- No comment**

**Director Sierra- mentioned an email that she submitted regarding an investigation being done in-house regarding the manager.**

**Director Reagle- 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 February 19, 2025.**

**B. Approve demands for the month of February 2025.**

**Director Sierra asked to pull the legal fees to be voted on separately.**

**President Friese motioned to approve items A and B from the consent calendar.**

**Director Ramos seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

**President Friese Yes**

**Director Sierra Yes**

**Vice President Ramirez No**

**Director Reagle Yes**

**Director Ramos Yes**

**Motion Passes 4-1**

- C. Slovak, Baron, Empey, Murphy, & Pinkney February (\$7,472.00)  
**President Friese motioned to approve the Slovak, Baron, Empey, Murphy, & Pinkney legal fees. Director Ramos seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

<b>President Friese Yes</b>	<b>Director Sierra Yes</b>
<b>Vice President Ramirez No</b>	<b>Director Reagle Yes</b>
<b>Director Ramos Yes</b>	

**Motion Passes 4-1**

**12. REPORTS:**

- A. Field Foreman's report [Oracio Lemus]
- B. Park Supervisor's report [Pascual Muñiz]
- C. General Manager's report [Emmanuel Ramos]
- D. Finance Officer's report [Christina Sutton]

**13. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD REPORTS: STANDING COMMITTEE:**

Architectural Committee Report [Israel Gonzales]

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**15. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Discussion and approval for Desert Shores Soccer Park Phase 2 for the submitted concept plan from Herman Design Group.  
**President Friese- The current Desert Shores Soccer Park phase 1 is 262' x 132'. This is big enough for US Youth Soccer U7 through U10, but it is too small for U11/U12.**

**The Phase 2 plan proposes to enlarge the soccer field by 58 feet in both length and width, making it 320 feet by 190 feet. This size will support youth soccer up to U16, high school competitions, and adult recreational play. Although it doesn't meet FIFA standards, this is not a concern for us. I recommend approving this design.**

**President Friese motioned to approve the Desert Shores Soccer Park Phase 2 Concept Plan submitted by Herman Design. Director Ramos seconded the motion.**

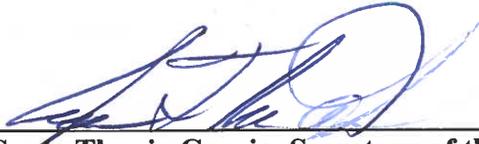
**Roll Call:**

<b>President Friese Yes</b>	<b>Director Sierra Yes</b>
<b>Vice President Yes</b>	<b>Director Reagle Yes</b>
<b>Director Ramos Yes</b>	

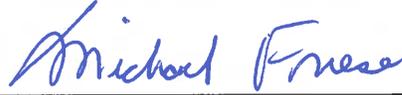
**Motion Passes 5-0**

**16. Adjournment**

**The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.**



**Sonia Thania Garcia, Secretary of the Board**



**Michael Friese, President of the Board**

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