

Salton Community Services District

REGULAR MEETING *Minutes*

March 18, 2026

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
Christina Sutton, Finance Officer
Thania Garcia, Board Secretary
Jazmine Madrigal, Admin Assistant
Pascual Muniz, Park Supervisor
Robert Patterson, Legal Counsel

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

2. ROLL CALL:

President Friese Present

Vice President Ramirez Present

Director Ramos Present

**Director Sierra Present for Open
Session**

Director Reagle 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 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: (One Potential Case)

5. OPEN SESSION: 2:00 pm

6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Michael Friese, President

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS:

No Reportable Actions

8. 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.

Jan Gilson commented on the landfill rate increase that will be implemented for the upcoming year. She also mentioned the meeting they will be having in Imperial County regarding this matter.

Michelle Gilmore mentioned Senate Bill 1383 about separating organic waste from trash, and also mentioned the upcoming Senior Center Events.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

President Friese- Gave an update on the Desert Shores Park Phase 2. He also spoke with someone at Imperial County Public Works with knowledge of the solid waste changes. The changes may include mandatory county-wide curbside pickup.

Vice President Ramirez- No comment

Director Ramos- No comment

Director Sierra- No comment

Director Reagle- No comment

10. 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 18, 2026

B. Approve demands for the month of February 2026.

C. Slovak, Baron, Empey, Murphy, & Pinkney February (\$5,550.00)

Director Ramos motioned to approve the consent calendar demands for February 2026. Vice President seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Friese Yes

Director Sierra Yes

Vice President Ramirez Yes

Director Reagle Yes

Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passes 5-0

11. REPORTS:

Field Foreman's report [Pascual Muniz]

Park Supervisor's report [written report by Omar Ruiz and presented by Pascual Muniz]

General Manager's report [Emmanuel Ramos]

Finance Officer's report [Christina Sutton]

12. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD REPORTS: STANDING COMMITTEE:

Architectural Committee Report [Thania Garcia]

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion and approval of Director Reagles' nominee to the Architectural Committee.
No vote was taken.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution No. 2026-03-18-03

Discussion and approval for A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT APPROVING THE AGREEMENT REGARDING SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP IN AND FUNDING OF THE IMPERIAL COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

**Item C was moved up as a request from the Board President.
This item was tabled, and no vote was taken.**

Guest Speakers: * Vice Chairman JB Hamby, Imperial Irrigation District (IID)
• Ms. Dessert, Heber Public Utility District

Vice Chairman JB Hamby and Ms. Dessert provided a joint presentation regarding the strategic advantages of small districts seeking representation on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). The presentation underscored the importance of small districts maintaining a formal "voice" within the commission to ensure local interests are accurately represented in regional planning and jurisdictional decisions.

B. Resolution No. 2026-03-18-01

Discussion and approval of A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ADOPTING A POLICY ON REIMBURSEMENT OF MILEAGE FOR ATTENDING CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL COURSES.

Board Secretary Garcia gave a summarized presentation on the Staff Reports for Resolution No. 2026-03-18-01 and Resolution No. 2026-03-18-02.

President Friese motioned to approve Resolution No. 2026-03-18-01 for the policy on reimbursement of mileage for attending certain education courses. Vice President Ramirez seconded that motion.

Roll Call:

President Friese Yes

Director Sierra Yes

Vice President Ramirez Yes

Director Reagle Yes

Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passes 5-0

C. Resolution No. 2026-03-18-02

Discussion and approval of A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ADOPTING A POLICY ON SEARCHES OF DISTRICT PROPERTY AND EXPECTATION OF PRIVACY AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

President Friese motioned to approve Resolution No. 2026-03-02, adopting a policy on searches of district property and expectation of privacy as an amendment to the Employee Handbook. Director Ramos seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Friese Yes

Director Sierra Yes

Vice President Ramirez Yes

Director Reagle Yes

Director Ramos Yes

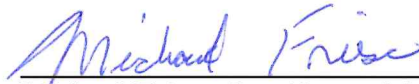
Motion Passes 5-0

15. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 3:17 pm.



Sonia Thania Garcia, Secretary of the Board



Michael Friese, President of the Board

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