

*Salton Community Services District*

**REGULAR MEETING *Minutes***

**December 20, 2023**

**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  
Stephen Prager, Park Supervisor

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

**1:00 p.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL:**

<b>President Gilmore Present</b>	<b>Director Sierra Present</b>
<b>Vice President Friese Present</b>	<b>Director Johnson Absent</b>
<b>Director Ramos Present</b>	

**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-Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) Roxana Chavez v. Salton Services Community District, et al. Imperial County Superior Court Case No.: ECU002702

**No Reportable Action**

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of case: JALYNDA ELLEN ALEXANDER, Petitioner, vs. SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT Respondent, Immanuel Ramos; Manuel Henry Ramos Real Parties in Interest. (Imperial County Superior Court Case # ECU003061)

**No Reportable Action.**

- 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—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)

**No Reportable Action. This Item was Tabled and will be revisited.**

- E. 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

**Discussion regarding the negotiation of the MOU with the union which represents the field workers. Proposals were discussed it's not a reportable action its being mentioned for the sake of being transparent otherwise no reportable action.**

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

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

**7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION 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.

**No Public Comments**

**9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**President Gilmore- *Read from the LAFCO minutes a unanimous vote motioned by Commissioner Michael Kelley, that they agree to compromise in a settlement agreement with the Salton Community Services District, placing the district on a 3-year probation with certain terms & and conditions, recognizing that they have made some substantial progress.* So basically, the money that we refer to as the district's money is not the district's money it's the community's money. To oppose what was in the best interest of the district almost cost the community \$80,000.00 in the Jalynda Alexander vs SCSD legal Case, that was a bad deal. That \$80,000 could have been spent on fixing what's broken.**

**Vice President Friese- No Comment**

**Director Ramos No- Comment**

**Director Sierra- No Comment**

**Director Johnson- Absent**

**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 November 15, 2023.

*(Vice President Friese Removed Item A to be voted on separately)*

**Vice President Friese motioned to approve the corrected minutes for November 15, 2023. President Gilmore seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

**President Gilmore Yes**

**Director Sierra Yes**

**Vice President Friese Yes**

**Director Johnson Absent**

**Director Ramos Yes**

**Motion Passes 4-0**

- B. Approve the Minutes for the Special Meeting on November 6, 2023.

- C. Approve demands for the month of November 2023.

- D. Slovak, Baron, Empey, Murphy, & Pinkney (\$13,697.82)

**Director Ramos motioned to approve B, C, and D Consent Calendar Items. Vice President Friese seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

**President Gilmore Yes**

**Director Sierra No**

**Vice President Friese Yes**

**Director Johnson Absent**

**Director Ramos Yes**

**Motion Passes 3-1**

**11. REPORTS:**

- A. Interim General Manager's report

- B. Finance Officer's report

- C. Field Foreman's report

- D. Park Supervisor's report

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

- A. Architectural Committee Report

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**14. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Approve the district to accept donations from Burrtec and the County of Imperial to purchase toys for the children of the community.

**Vice President Friese motioned to approve donations from Burrtec and Imperial County to purchase toys for the community kids. President Gilmore seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

**President Gilmore Yes**

**Director Sierra Yes**

**Vice President Friese Yes**

**Director Johnson Absent**

**Director Ramos Yes**

**Motion Passes 4-0**

- B. Approval of Annual Children's Christmas Present Giveaway on 12-22-2023.  
Vice President Friese motioned to approve the present giveaway on 12-22-2023 to children ages 12 and under. Director Ramos seconded the motion.

**Roll Call:**

President Gilmore Yes	Director Sierra Yes
Vice President Friese Yes	Director Johnson Absent
Director Ramos Yes	

**Motion Passes 4-0**

- C. Approve execution of Professional Services Agreement with Koff & Associates by Interim General Manager.

Director Ramos made a motion to accept the Professional Agreement with Koff and Associates by the Interim General Manager. The Vice President seconded the motion

**Roll Call:**

President Gilmore Yes	Director Sierra No
Vice President Friese Yes	Director Johnson Absent
Director Ramos Yes	

**Motion Passes 3-1**

- D. **Resolution No. 2023-12-20-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT AS COVENANTED TO IN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 16, 2023, BETWEEN THE IMPERIAL COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION ("LAFCO") AND THE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT.

Director Ramos motioned to accept the Resolution No. 2023-12-20-01. Vice President Friese seconded the motion.

**Roll Call:**

President Gilmore Yes	Director Sierra Yes
Vice President Friese Yes	Director Johnson Absent
Director Ramos Yes	

**Motion Passes 4-0**

- E. **Resolution No. 2023-12-20-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ADOPTING A SERVICE AREA PLAN PREPARED FOR THE IMPERIAL COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO)

Director Ramos motioned to adopt the SAP. President Gilmore seconded the motion.

**Roll Call:**

President Gilmore Yes	Director Sierra Yes
Vice President Friese Yes	Director Johnson Absent
Director Ramos Yes	

**Motion Passes 4-0**

F. Appoint a New President of the Board

**Vice President Friese nominated Michelle Gilmore for President of the Board.**

**Director Ramos seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

**President Gilmore Yes**

**Director Sierra No**

**Vice President Friese Yes**

**Director Johnson Absent**

**Director Ramos Yes**

**Motion Passes 3-1**

G. Appoint a New Vice President of the Board

**President Gilmore nominated Michael Friese for Vice President. Director Ramos seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

**President Gilmore Yes**

**Director Sierra No**

**Vice President Friese Yes**

**Director Johnson Absent**

**Director Ramos Yes**

**Motion Passes 3-1**

**15. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Director Ramos motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:24 pm. Vice President Friese seconded the motion.**



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



**Michelle Gilmore, President of the Board**

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