

LAMONT PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 6:00 P.M.

Meeting Location:
District Office
8624 Segrue Road
Lamont CA, 93241

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

- a. Board President Tim Prado called to order the regular board meeting at 6:04 pm on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at the office of the Lamont Public Utility District. All Directors were present except for Director Cruz. Director Cruz was absent. Staff present included General Manager/District Secretary Scott Taylor and District Counsel Doug Gosling.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by President Prado.

3. Board Member Announcements –

- a. None.

4. Public Comment –

- a. None.

5. Staff Announcements – Information Only

- a. Will Serve Letters – None.
- b. General Manager provided information on the status of the State funding agreement for replacing well #13.
- c. General Manager requested to modify the order of the agenda thereby going into Closed Session before the Regular Agenda. This was agreed upon by all Board Members present.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Director Sanchez motioned for approval of consent calendar as presented. Seconded by Director Gonzalez. Approved 4-0 with Director Cruz absent.

7. Closed Session

- a. Discussion with real property negotiators. The Board went into closed session at 6:10pm.
- b. Closed session ended at 7:00pm with no reportable action taken.

8. Regular Agenda

- A. Authorization for Payment to CV Salts Coalition to Comply with State Regional Water Quality Control Board Compliance Order.
 - i. General Manager provided detailed information regarding the Compliance Order issued by and received from the RWQCB requiring compliance with CV-Salts in the effluent water from the wastewater treatment plant. The Compliance Order provided an option to participate in a slats study thereby meeting compliance with the order and deferring the

installation of a desalination treatment plant which is financially impossible for the District.

- ii. The Board reviewed the options provided by the State RWQCB. The participation option was most beneficial to the District. The participation requires an \$1885 annual fee to fund alternatives to reduce CV-Salts.
- iii. Board made inquiries and had discussions amongst themselves relative to the options provided in the Compliance Order.
- iv. Motion to authorize payment to the CV-Salts Coalition thereby satisfying the compliance order from the State made by Vice President Alonso. Seconded by Director Gonzalez. Approved 4-0 with Director Cruz absent.

B. Report on Wilson Street Water Main Improvement Project.

- i. General Manager provided information regarding the upcoming water main installation on Wilson Street. This project is included in the District's Water Master Plan and is also in conjunction with the County's street improvement project in that area.
- ii. Information included length of time for water main installation, confirmation of noticing to the residents regarding temporary water shut off, and installation of smart meters upon project conclusion.
- iii. Board made inquiries as to length of water main and service lines for residents. Board commented this was a quality project and the residents in that area will be pleased at the improvements being made.
- iv. Informational only. No Board action required.

C. Report on Receipt of Kern County Covid Relief Grant of \$20,610.

- i. General Manager provided information regarding receipt of \$20,610 in Kern County Covid Relief Grant funds. General Manager advised the funds were reimbursements for money expended protecting staff from Covid including reimbursement for time off of infected staff during quarantine.
- ii. Board inquired into source of grant and how it was received. Board praised General Manager for being aware and insuring inclusion of the District in obtaining relief funding.
- iii. Informational only. No Board action required.


D. Report on Receipt of Self-Help Enterprises Delinquent Bill Grant of \$12,767.

- i. General Manager provided information regarding receipt of \$12,767 from Self Help Enterprises for delinquent bill relief grant. These funds were provided to assist Districts in offsetting the surmounting customer delinquent bills.
- ii. Funding was provided for those residential customers with at least a \$300 past due balance. Funding was for a maximum of \$500 per account holder. Funds received were directly credited to the accounts chosen by Self Help Enterprises.
- iii. Board commented on the efforts of the General Manager to seek out assistance for the District's rate payers while simultaneously assisting the District in recovering past due revenue.
- iv. Informational Only. No Board action required.


Adjournment

A motion was made by Director Sanchez and seconded by Director Gonzalez to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lamont Public Utility District, held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 7:35pm. Approved 4-0 with Director Cruz absent.

ATTEST:

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Timoteo Prado Calderon, President

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Scott Taylor, Secretary/General Manager

