# LAMONT PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 28, 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, September 28, 2021 at the office of the Lamont Public Utility District. All Directors were present. 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
    - i. 7101 Weedpatch Hwy, connection to District.
    - ii. 8109 Bonita Rd, New dwelling construction.
  - b. Update provided on Habecker Well site property
  - c. General Manager secured \$30,000 grant for UWMP required update.
  - d. Lamont PUD received Transparency Certificate of Excellence from the Special District Risk Management Authority (demonstrating excellence in transparency of operations to the public.)
  - e. District Counsel provided update on Water Basin cooperation, SGMA issues and assistance with General Manager on various District matters.

## 6. Consent Agenda

 a. Director Gonzalez motioned for approval of consent calendar as presented. Seconded by Director Sanchez. Approved 5-0.

# 7. Regular Agenda

- A. Purchase of Valve Exercising Unit.
  - General Manager provided information regarding the need to replace the current valve exercising unit owned by the District. The current unit was purchased in 1968 and is no longer serviceable. Staff obtained quotes and demonstrations of various units and

- presented the Board with the Wachs Valve Exerciser. Unit replacement was approved at \$113,000.
- ii. Board inquired into the cost and timeline for delivery. Board reviewed provided quotes and specifications, made inquiries as to functionality and need of the District. Information provided accordingly.
- iii. Vice President Alonso motioned to approve purchase of valve exerciser as presented. Seconded by Director Sanchez. Approved 5-0.

# B. Consideration and Review of Draft LPUD Personnel Policies.

- i. General Manager provided a complete new set of revised and updated personnel policies for the LPUD. Most current policies date back to 1999.
- ii. General Manager presented each Board member with their own copy and highlighted those areas of potential specific interest from the Board.
- iii. General Manager requested and all Board members agreed to read and review the policies for input and comment before the October Board Meeting and provide any comments to the General Manager before the October Board meeting.
- iv. General Manager indicated he desired to incorporate any comments and have the new LPUD Personnel Policies adopted at the October 26, 2021 Board meeting. All Board members agreed.
- v. Board made inquiries relative to inclusiveness of policies for current times, and commented on the importance of updating the personnel policies given the extenuating timeframe since an update or modernization of the policies occurred.
- vi. Board also praised the General Manager for providing the foresight to recognize the need for the update and revision and for bringing the revision to fruition, recognizing it was a daunting task.
- vii. No action required. Informational and review only. Adoption to occur at October , 2021 Board Meeting.

## Adjournment

A motion was made by Director Gonzalez and seconded by Director Sanchez to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lamont Public Utility District, held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 6:44 pm. Approved 5-0.

Timoteo Prado Calderon, President

ATTEST:

Scott Taylor, Secretary General Manager