

LAMONT PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 26, 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 6:03 pm on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at the office of the Lamont Public Utility District. All Directors were present except for Vice President Jesus Alonso. VP Alonso was absent. Staff present included General Manager/District Secretary Scott Taylor. District Counsel was not present.

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 securing replacement well sites.
- c. General Manager provide information on CV-Salts Compliance Order.

6. Consent Agenda

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

7. Regular Agenda

A. Report and Information on Mid-Year Budget.

- i. General Manager provided detailed information on the financial condition of the District and the status of the budget at the mid-year point. Summary of information shows District is staying within budgetary guidelines relative to the mid-year point. Revenues also showed consistent with mid-year point. However, General Manager reminded the Board that revenues are less approximately \$750,000 due to the decision of the Board not to implement a previously scheduled rate increase due to the circumstances of the pandemic.
- ii. Board made inquiries regarding of various line items within the mid-year budget. Board also made inquiries as to delinquent accounts and outstanding debt owed to the District. Information was provided accordingly.
- iii. No action required of the Board on this agenda item.

B. Authorization for General Manager to Attend Language Training.

- i. General Manager provided information regarding the need and importance of him attending Spanish language training. This training would provide better skills for direct communication with rate payers, customers, and constituents of the District. Further it would minimize cultural barriers and improve trust among the non-English speakers in the District.
- ii. Board made inquiries as to location and cost of training. Responses provided including training within current budget. Board indicated this training would be a great value to the District.
- iii. Motion to authorize training made by Director Sanchez. Seconded by Director Gonzalez. Approved 4-0 with VP Alonso absent.

C. Consideration and Discussion by Board to Begin Identifying Illegal Sewer Connections.

- i. Board initiated discussions to investigate and identify illegal sewer connections. Board determined that an amnesty program approach would serve the community best.
- ii. Staff to attempt to identify illegal sewer connections via observing multiple structures on one parcel. A review of the billing account will assist in determining the appropriate solution method.
- iii. Board commented this would be a reasonable approach to begin compliance.

D. Report Regarding Outstanding and Delinquent Account Revenue Owed to District.

- i. General Manager provided information, at Board's request, stating approximately \$66,000 in delinquent and outstanding debt owed to District. A portion can be attributable to Covid, however, General Manager indicated that not all the delinquent funds owed is due to Covid. Many accounts have been past due for months and months.
- ii. Board commented on the dollar amount and indicated that past due accounts should be brought current as it puts on the District and is not equitable to District customers who are current with their account.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Director Prado and seconded by Director Gonzalez to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lamont Public Utility District, held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 7:42pm. Approved 4-0 with VP Alonso absent.

ATTEST:

X 
Timoteo Prado Calderon, President

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Scott Taylor, Secretary/General Manager