

LAMONT PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 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 6:01 pm on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 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. District Counsel commented on SGMA sustainability, SGMA Basin plan reports, and reported that Arvin Edison, Wheeler Ridge and Tejon Water Districts will be forming their own GSA.

6. Consent Agenda

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

7. Regular Agenda

A. Review of Draft FY 22-23 Budget.

- i. General Manager provided information and a presentation of the draft FY 22-23 budget. Details were provided of projected revenues and expenses with capital improvement projects including relocating various water lines in alley ways within the District.
- ii. Board members made comments, inquiries and provided adjustments and input regarding budget formation. Direction was provided to bring the budget back for adoption at May 2022 meeting.

B. Information Provided Regrading District Disconnections.

- i. General Manager provided information, at the request of Vice President Alonso, regarding the process, procedures and notification of District disconnections. Information was provided relative to the State law, notifications provided to customers

and the number of shut offs that occurred over the past three months. Copies of shut off policies and notices was provided to the Board.

- ii. Board members made comments and inquiries into timelines and the number of disconnections currently in existence. Information provided accordingly. Board also provided information on the offering and notification of payment plans available to customers upon request.

C. Action to Approve New Administrative Information Technology Position.


- i. General Manager provided information, statistics, data, and justification regarding the need for new IT administrative position.
- ii. Board members made inquiries and comments regarding new position request. Board provided direction to create a job description for the desired position and bring back to the Board for consideration.
- iii. Director Alonso motioned for the creation of a job description to be brought back to the Board for consideration and approval of new position. Seconded by Director Gonzalez.
- iv. Motion approved as modified 4-0.

D. Action to Authorize General Manager to Engage CalTrust as Investment Custodian of District Reserves.

- i. General Manager provided information and rate of return details for Caltrust and current reserve custodian LAIF. Information included that Caltrust pays a higher rate of return than LAIF even in current economic climate.
- ii. Board members made inquiries and comments regarding level of risk, rate of return and availability of funds if needed. Board provided direction to obtain information regarding any fees for early withdrawal of funds and whether Federal Reserve changes in interest rate will immediately benefit investments of District.
- iii. Information to be provided at future meeting.

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, April 26, 2022, at 8:50pm. Approved 4-0, with Director Cruz absent.

X 
Timoteo Prado Calderon, President

ATTEST:

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Scott Taylor, Secretary/General Manager