

# LAMONT PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019 6:00 P.M.

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

## 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

- a. Board Vice President Jesus Alonso called to order the regular board meeting at 6:05pm on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at the office of the Lamont Public Utility District. Four board members were present with President Cruz absent. Staff present included General Manager/District Secretary Scott Taylor and District counsel Doug Gosling.

## 2. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by VP Alonso.

## 3. Board Member Announcements

- a. Director Prado resigned from the LPUD Board of Directors via a written resignation. Director Prado stated she wanted to read a hand written letter from her to the Board and community members present. The letter was in Spanish and Director Prado read it in Spanish. The letter was verbally translated by the certified translator Eliezer. A copy of the letter will be attached to these minutes as requested by Director Prado.
- b. VP Alonso verified a quorum still existed for the LPUD, upon Ms. Prado's resignation. And as such, the board meeting would continue.

## 4. Public Comment

- a. Maria Hernandez commented on requested minutes from meetings that occurred in February, March, April, May, June, July, September, and November 2016 that were not produced from a previous request in November 2018. Ms. Hernandez commented on the Board not being informed of missing minutes. General Manager stated that Ms. Hernandez was incorrect and that, in fact, the Board was informed of the minutes that could not be located.
- b. GM Taylor stated Ms. Hernandez did not make any inquiries to the District administration or Board about the unlocatable minutes for 6 months. She said nothing until this board meeting.
- c. Director Sanchez recommended searching other board member iPads in an effort to locate the minutes requested by Ms. Hernandez as all board packets were downloaded onto each Board Member's Ipad.
- d. District Counsel Gosling stated we can treat Ms. Hernandez statements as a formal public records request and as such, LPUD will produce whatever records the District has in accordance with that records request.

## 5. Staff Announcements – Information Only

- a. GM Taylor commented on the status of an upcoming meeting with local water agencies to obtain membership into the Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency (KRGSA).
- b. GM Taylor updated the Board on the status of the temporary TCP systems to be installed in January 2020. Calgon Inc. is in the process of constructing the systems for delivery and installation.
- c. District Counsel commented on the possibility of Grimmway Farms participating in the water purchase agreement with KDWD.

## 6. Consent Agenda

- a. Director Sanchez motioned for approval of consent calendar as presented. Motion seconded by Director Gonzalez. Approved 3-0.

## 7. Regular Agenda

### A. Action to Approve Cost Estimates and Authorize General Manager to Execute Agreement with Klassen Construction to Begin Phase II of the New Administration Building.

- i. General Manager provided information to Board regarding cost estimates and phase 2 construction of the administration building
- ii. Representatives of Klassen Const. also presented information to the Board regarding construction costs estimates.
- iii. Board members inquired into various aspects and line items of construction.
- iv. Substantial information and clarification provided to the Board.
- v. Board members made inquiries and provided comments.
- vi. Director Sanchez motioned approve the phase 2 agreement with Klassen Const. Motion seconded by Director Gonzalez. Approved 3-0.

### B. Informational Update on State Regional Water Resources Board Mandated Plan B.

- i. General Manager provided information to Board regarding update on Plan B with the Water Board. GM shared data relative to the progress of having the cease and desist order removed.
- ii. Board members made inquiries regarding when particular land will be farmed.
- iii. Responsive information provided to Board.
- iv. No action required from the Board.

### C. Action Authorizing General Manager to Issue Will Serve Letter for 8646 Kam Avenue.

- i. Director Gonzalez recused himself from this action item and abstained from participating in the vote due to a conflict of interest with the property owner requesting the will serve letter.
- ii. General Manager provided information to Board regarding a request for will serve letter for 8646 Kam Avenue. Project consisted of placing a dwelling on the land previously occupied by a residential dwelling.
- iii. Board members made inquiries regarding prior water account and existing water meter and utilities at the property.
- iv. Director Sanchez motioned to authorize General Manager to issue Will Serve letter for 8646 Kam Ave. Seconded by VP Alonso. Approved 2-0, with Director Gonzalez abstaining.

**D. NOTE:** On items B and C, minutes were prepared based on notes taken during the Board meeting as the audio recording microphone malfunctioned causing the remaining audio recording to be not audible!!

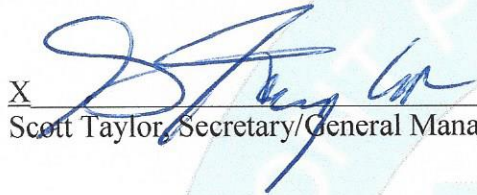
**Adjournment**

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, June 25, 2019 at 8:30pm. Approved. 3-0.

**ATTEST:**

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Jesus Alonso, Vice President of the Board

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Scott Taylor, Secretary/General Manager

