

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE GOLETA WEST SANITARY DISTRICT  
UCSB CAMPUS, PARKING LOT 32, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA  
February 10, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dave Bearman, M.D.  
Craig Geyer  
Dr. David C. Lewis  
Gary L. McFarland  
Larry D. Meyer

**STAFF PRESENT**

Diane P. Powers, Secretary; Mr. Mark Nation, General Manager/Superintendent; Mr. Steven A. Amerikaner, General Counsel

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Ms. Alexandra M. Barnhill, Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, Schreck; Mr. Ken Warfield and Mr. Roger Lagerquist, Isla Vista Association; Mr. Dan Wright, Kennedy/Jenks Consultants

**APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

There was no change to the order of the agenda.

**MINUTES**

(09-02-16)

Upon a motion by Director Geyer, seconded by President Lewis the Board approved (Ayes: Bearman, Geyer, Lewis; Abstained: McFarland, Meyer) the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 2, 2009 as written.

(09-02-17)

Upon a motion by Director Geyer, seconded by Director Meyer the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of February 3, 2009 as written.

(09-02-18)

Upon a motion by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Bearman the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 5, 2009 as written.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

There was no public input presented at this time.

**BUSINESS**

**1) Discussion of holding a sewer fee increase public hearing**

Director Bearman questioned whether it is appropriate at this time to hold a public hearing concerning sewer fees in light of the possible loss of the District's Ad-Valorem Tax. Mr. Amerikaner replied that it is premature to hold a hearing on this issue since the District does not yet know if the detachment proposal will be approved by LAFCo.

He added that there is too much that we still don't know. Mr. Amerikaner went on to say that Raftelis Financial Consulting should first be required to perform a study to determine what the rates would be if the detachment effort proved successful and the District is left solely with Isla Vista and other unincorporated areas. Director Meyer agreed that a public hearing at this time is premature.

**2) Approval of legal services agreement with Colantuono & Levin, PC**

Mr. Amerikaner informed the Board that this item had been placed on the agenda at his request. He reviewed Mr. Colantuono's qualifications and recommended that the Board engage the services of Colantuono & Levin, PC.

(09-02-19)

Upon a motion by Director Geyer, seconded by Director McFarland the Board unanimously approved to enter into a legal services agreement with Colantuono & Levin, PC.

**3) Workshop regarding Goleta West Sanitary District Headquarters Needs Assessment**

Mr. Mark Nation introduced Mr. Dan Wright of Kennedy/Jenks Consultants who provided a Power Point presentation on a needs assessment for District facilities. Director Geyer suggested that the Board consider purchasing the property currently occupied by the District. Director McFarland mentioned that the District needs an overall site plan and that regardless of detachment the District will still require facilities in order to provide sewer services. Director Meyer remarked that adequate accommodations must be made for staff with ample space for services. Director McFarland commented that District size is not an issue and that a facility is required even if the City of Goleta assumed sewer services. He went on to say that the District has enough information to proceed with the needs assessment. Director Bearman supported Director Geyer's suggestion to purchase the existing property. Mr. Amerikaner replied that the property is subject to City requirements and any transactions would be the responsibility of the City Planning Commission. He added that any monies would go to the Airport Dept. and not the City's general fund. Director McFarland questioned the benefits of owning the property. Director Geyer recommended that the Board move forward with the needs assessment. Director Bearman proposed that Mr. Nation and Mr. Amerikaner provide an overall scope of work to include permitting and any legal issues and to return to the Board with a report at the next regular meeting. Director Meyer added that staff and Counsel should also address the advantages and disadvantages of purchasing the District's property.

**4) CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Legal Counsel –Anticipated Litigation Initiation of Litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9 (one case)**

The Board went into Closed Session at 8:58 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 9:44 p.m.

No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Lewis adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

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Diane P. Powers, Secretary

**APPROVED**

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Dr. David C. Lewis, President