**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE GOLETA WEST SANITARY DISTRICT
UCSB CAMPUS, PARKING LOT 32, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA
JUNE 2, 2026**

In-person meeting

POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for this meeting was posted in the display case outside the administrative office of the Goleta West Sanitary District and on the District's website at least 72 hours in advance of this regular meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Thomas called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2. ROLL CALL: BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Margaret Zhu
Craig Geyer
Eva Turenchalk
Robert Thomas
Bill Rosen

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Joseph Hilliard – General Manager
Jena Acos – District Counsel
Kristyn Lopez – Office Manager

OTHERS PRESENT

Dean Nevins – Director, Goleta Sanitary District

3. APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

No changes were made to the order of the agenda.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment presented at this time.

5. GENERAL MANAGER UPDATES

General Manager Joseph Hilliard provided a report regarding the formation of the Legal Services Review Ad Hoc Committee. Pursuant to Section 7.10 of the Board Policy Handbook (see 1455-board-policy-handbook-2025), Board President Thomas established the committee and appointed Director Craig Geyer as Chair and Director Bill Rosen as a member.

The purpose of the committee is to review the District's current agreements and contracts for legal services, evaluate the existing billing structure, discuss policies and procedures related to engaging District counsel, and develop recommendations for consideration by the Board of Directors and District staff.

The committee shall remain in existence until the Board has made a decision regarding legal service contracts and any related policy revisions.

6. **LEGAL COUNSEL UPDATES**
Legal Counsel provided an update on the Voice of San Diego v. San Diego Unified School District and discussed its implications for compliance with the California Public Records Act. Legal Counsel also reported that the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board recently contacted the District to advise that it will present its Annual Enforcement Program Update, including a status report on settlement projects funded through Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) associated with suspended Administrative Civil Liabilities, at its upcoming meeting on June 17, 2026.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
(26-06-32)
Upon a motion by Director Geyer, seconded by Director Turenchalk, the Board approved the Consent Calendar, as presented by unanimous vote (5-0).

   a. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MAY 19, 2026**

   b. **RECEIVE AND FILE GENERAL MANAGER'S OPERATIONS REPORT FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MAY 19, 2026**

   c. **RECEIVE AND FILE ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MAY 19, 2026**

   d. **CONSIDERATION OF THE APRIL 2026 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

DISCUSSION-ACTION ITEMS

8. **DECLARE 2012 ELGIN CROSSWIND STREET SWEEPER AS OBSOLETE PERSONAL PROPERTY**
(26-06-33)
General Manager Joseph Hilliard provided a report. Upon a motion by Director Turenchalk, seconded by Director Geyer, the Board approved disposal of the 2012 Elgin Crosswind Street Sweeper by public auction, as presented, by a unanimous vote (5–0).

9. **CONSIDERATION OF REVISIONS TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY/EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK TO INCREASE THE COMPENSATORY TIME (COMP) ACCRUAL CAP**
(26-06-34)

General Manager Joseph Hilliard provided a report. Upon a motion by Director Rosen, seconded by Director Turenchalk, the Board approved revisions to the Personnel Policy/ Employee Handbook to increase the compensatory time (comp) accrual cap from 18 hours to 40 hours and to remove Section 4.6.3, which required accrued compensatory time to be used within three months of accrual and prior to the use of vacation leave. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

10. **CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) FOR DISTRICT EMPLOYEES**

(26-06-35)
General Manager Joseph Hilliard provided a report. Upon a motion by Director Zhu, seconded by Director Thomas, the Board approved a 4% Cost-of-Living (COLA) for District employees and adopted Resolution No. 25-847 revising Appendix A of the Personnel Policies/Employee Handbook, effective date of July 1, 2026, as presented, by unanimous vote (5–0).

11. **SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PLACING THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGE ON THE COUNTY TAX ROLL FOR FY 2026-2027**

(26-06-36)
General Manager Joseph Hilliard provided a report. Upon a motion by Director Rosen, seconded by Director Geyer, the Board approved directing staff to schedule a public hearing on July 21st, 2026, for placing sewer charges on the Santa Barbara County Tax roll for FY 2026-27, as presented, by unanimous vote (5–0).

INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

12. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Received.

13. **REPORTS**

A. **Operations Report – May 13, 2026 – May 26, 2026**
No Questions.

B. **Santa Barbara Airport Commission Meeting – May 20, 2026**
Director Thomas provided a report.

C. **Goleta Slough Management Committee Meeting – May 21, 2026**
General Manager Joseph Hilliard provided a report.

D. **GWSD Special Personnel Committee Meeting – May 22, 2026**
Director Zhu provided a report.

E. **Santa Barbara County Legislative Program Committee – June 1, 2026**
CANCELLED

F. **Goleta Sanitary District Board Meeting – June 1, 2026**

Director Geyer provided a report.

G. City of Goleta Council Meeting – May 19, 2026
No report provided.

H. Other Reports
None.

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
No future agenda items discussed.

15. ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, President Thomas adjourned the meeting at 6:39 PM.

APPROVED

Robert Thomas

Robert Thomas, Board President

Kristyn Lopez

Kristyn Lopez, Board Clerk Secretary