

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE GOLETA WEST SANITARY DISTRICT
UCSB CAMPUS, PARKING LOT 32, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA
May 18, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

President Geyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Bearman
Craig Geyer
Dr. David C. Lewis
Larry D. Meyer
Eva Turenchalk

STAFF PRESENT

Diane P. Powers, Secretary; Mr. Mark Nation, General Manager/Superintendent; Ms. Alexandra Barnhill, Counsel

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. George W. Emerson and Mr. John R. Fox, Directors, Goleta Sanitary District; Mr. Matt Bloise, Santa Barbara News-Press

APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

There was no change to the order of the agenda.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input presented at this time.

MINUTES

(10-05-23)

Upon a motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Meyer the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of May 4, 2010 as written.

ACTION ITEMS

1) Embarcadero Del Norte Sewer Main Replacement Project

Mr. Mark Nation provided the background for the Embarcadero Del Norte Sewer Main Replacement Project proposal by MNS Engineers. He explained that the Embarcadero Del Norte Sewer Main had been identified in the District's Capital Improvement Plan for replacement. Mr. Nation went on to say that the County will be completing a project in the area and that two mixed use developments have been proposed in the neighboring vicinity. He added that the Engineering Committee had reviewed the proposal by MNS Engineers and recommends approval.

(10-05-24)

Upon a motion by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Lewis the Board unanimously approved the proposal by MNS Engineers for the Embarcadero Del Norte Sewer Main Replacement Project at a cost not-to-exceed \$44,920.

2) Resolution No. 10-721: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Goleta West Sanitary District Amending Appendix "A" of the District's Personnel Policy/Employee Handbook

Mr. Nation provided an explanation of the proposed changes to Appendix "A" of the District's Personnel Policy/Employee Handbook. He added that the Personnel Committee had met to discuss these changes and recommends an increase in the Life Insurance benefit from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and a 2% COLA for all regular District employees.

(10-05-25)

Upon a motion by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Lewis the Board unanimously approved to adopt Resolution No. 10-721: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Goleta West Sanitary District amending Appendix "A" of the District's Personnel Policy/Employee Handbook.

AYES: Bearman, Geyer, Lewis, Meyer, Turenchalk
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

3) Summary and update regarding Proposition 218

Ms. Alexandra Barnhill provided a presentation entitled Sewer Fees, Assessments and Taxes in a Prop. 218 World. She made it clear that the presentation was informational only and that the District is not looking to raise fees at this time. Ms. Barnhill explained that Prop 218 made sweeping changes in the manner in which public agencies direct and controls their revenues. She stated that the Separation of Sources Act made property taxes a local government revenue source. She spoke about the history of local government revenue-raising authority, Proposition 13 (description, consequences & impact on GWSD), Prop 62, Prop 218 (how it effects GWSD, its impact on assessments and property related fees and GWSD's ability to increase or adopt new fees post prop 218).

COMMUNICATIONS

The communications were noted as received.

REPORTS

Operating Report

There were no questions regarding the operating report.

Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting

President Geyer provided a report on the May 10, 2010 Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting.

Engineering Committee Meeting

President Geyer reported that the topic of the May 11, 2010 Engineering Committee Meeting was addressed as an item under the action agenda.

Finance Committee Meeting

President Geyer provided a report on the May 14, 2010 Finance Committee Meeting.

Goleta Sanitary District Board Meeting

Director Meyer provided a report on the May 17, 2010 Goleta Sanitary District Board Meeting.

Goleta Water District Board Meeting

Director Turenchalk provided a report on the May 11, 2010 Goleta Water District Board Meeting.

City of Goleta Council Meeting

There was no report presented at this time.

IVR&PD Board Meeting

Director Lewis provided a report on the May 13, 2010 IVR&PD Board Meeting.

Special Districts Executive Board Meeting

Director Meyer provided a report on the May 5, 2010 Special Districts Executive Board Meeting.

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

A Closed Session was not warranted at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Geyer adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Diane P. Powers, Secretary

APPROVED

Craig Geyer, President