

VENTURA REGIONAL SANITATION DISTRICT
Minutes of the regular meeting of January 6, 2011
1001 Partridge Drive, Ventura, California

1. Roll Call (7 present) – Chairman-elect Monahan called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.
Douglas Breeze City of Port Hueneme - Alternate
Dennis Gillette City of Thousand Oaks
Robert Gonzales City of Santa Paula
Sue Horgan City of Ojai
Kevin Kildee City of Camarillo (Absent)
James Monahan City of San Buenaventura
Janna Orkney Special Districts
Irene Pinkard City of Oxnard (Alternate - absent)
Patti Walker City of Fillmore

Executive staff present: Mark Lawler, General Manager; Vickie Dragan, Director of Finance and Administration; Sally Coleman, Director of Operations; Mark Zirbel, Legal Counsel; and Josie Guzmán, Clerk of the Board.

Pete Kaiser, Alternate Director representing the Special Districts Committee, was present in the audience.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Alternate Director Breeze.
3. Amendments to the Agenda – None.
4. Approval of Minutes – It was moved by Director Walker, seconded by Director Horgan, and duly carried by the Board, with Director Kildee and a representative from the City of Oxnard absent, to approve the minutes of December 16, 2010.
5. Public Comments – Danny Carrillo, representing SEIU Local 721, stated that the employee members were operating under an expired Memorandum of Understanding due to the lack of negotiation parameters, and that the employee members had offered to extend the contract and pay the extra health care costs. He asked for the Board's assistance in resolving outstanding issues.

REPORT (Item 6 only)

6. Proposed Adjustment of Biosolids Fee – Mr. Lawler presented the staff report. No action taken.

Chairman-elect Monahan introduced Pete Kaiser representing Ojai Valley Sanitary District; Christine Wied representing City of Ventura, and Nan Drake representing E.J. Harrison & Sons.

ACTION ITEM – (Item 7 only)

7. Board Member Compensation and Travel Reimbursement Policies – Mr. Lawler presented the staff report. Mr. Zirbel responded to a question regarding whether Board members could be reimbursed for Internet connection while attending conferences by stating that he would research and report back to the Board. It was

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moved by Director Horgan, seconded by Director Walker, and duly carried by the Board under roll call vote, with Director Kildee and a representative from the City of Oxnard absent, to approve the Personnel and Finance Committee's recommended revisions to Policy No. 3.1.01 Board Member Compensation and Policy No. 1.2.01 Travel Reimbursement.

INFORMATION ITEMS – (Items 8 through 11)

It was moved by Director Horgan, seconded by Alternate Director Breeze, and duly carried by the Board, with Director Kildee and a representative from the City of Oxnard absent, to receive and file the Information Items.

8. Investment Report – November 2010
9. Revenue and Expenses – November 2010
10. Violations – Solid Waste none; Water & Wastewater none
11. Future Meetings, Seminars and Conferences
 - CASA Mid-Year Conference January 12 – 14, 2011, Palm Desert
 - Board of Directors, January 20, February 3 & 17, 2011, 8:30 a.m.
 - Board of Directors Goals Setting Session, February 9, 2011, 8:30 a.m., Clock Tower Inn (tentative)
 - CASA Washington, D.C. Conference March 14 -16, 2011
 - CASA Spring Conference April 27 – 30, 2011, Sacramento
 - CASA 56th Annual Conference August 10 – 13, 2011, San Diego
 - League of California Cities Conference September 21 – 23, 2011, San Francisco

NEW BUSINESS – (Items 12 and 13)

12. Discussion
 - a. Audience – None.
 - b. Board – Chairman-elect Monahan stated that he would be bringing an item to the Board at the next meeting to approve his attending the CASA Washington, D.C. Conference in March 2011.
 - c. General Manager – Mr. Lawler reported that beginning next month he would present a monthly update on the Biosolids facility. He noted that the City of Oxnard would appoint its Representative to VRSD on January 11, 2011, and that the Board could move up the Chairman-elect to Chair and nominate the Chairman-elect and Committee members at the January 20, 2011 meeting. Lastly, he noted that former Chairman Craven's grandson, Trevor, was very ill and asked that the meeting be adjourned with thoughts and prayers for Trevor. Director Gillette inquired regarding the duration of the upcoming goal setting session. Mr. Lawler responded that the session should be finished by 1:00 p.m. Chairman-elect Monahan suggested that the Alternates attend the goal setting session. Mr. Lawler noted that the session would be open to the public. Director Orkney inquired about the Biosolids facility. Mr. Lawler

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responded that the facility had been closed since November 15, 2010, due to the faulty reactive organic compound, and that sludge was being sent to the landfill in accordance with the permit. Director Gonzales noted that the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors held a meeting in Santa Paula the previous month and that there were people who spoke who live near the Toland Landfill who expressed concern regarding odors. He further noted that the Santa Paula City Council requested a future agenda item to request that a representative from VRSD provide a presentation on what the District has done to address the complaints. Chairman-elect Monahan stated that he rode the train from Santa Paula to Fillmore and that he noted that the orchards were covered with what appeared to be trash. He suggested that the material was being imported and dumped in the orchards. Nan Drake, representing Agromin, stated that Agromin has taken aggressive steps to ensure that their material is not related to any odors. She noted that farmers were accepting free imported materials from other sources, and that due to a recent quarantine the farmers will not be able to accept this material.

d. Legal Counsel – None.

13. Pending Agenda Items – Future Solid Waste Facilities; Executive Committee Develop Communication Plan to Educate Legislators on VRSD Business.
14. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 a.m., with thoughts and prayers for Trevor Craven.

James Monahan, Chairman-elect

Josie Guzmán, Clerk of the Board