

VENTURA REGIONAL SANITATION DISTRICT
Minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 2011
1001 Partridge Drive, Ventura, California

1. Roll Call (8 present) – Chairman Monahan called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.
Dennis Gillette City of Thousand Oaks (Absent)
Robert Gonzales City of Santa Paula (Arrived at 8:45 a.m.)
Thomas Holden City of Oxnard
Sue Horgan City of Ojai
Kevin Kildee City of Camarillo
James Monahan City of San Buenaventura
Janna Orkney Special Districts
Jonathan Sharkey City of Port Hueneme
Patti Walker City of Fillmore

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

William Murphy, Alternate Director representing the Special Districts Committee, was present in the audience.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Director Orkney.
3. Amendments to the Agenda – Mr. Lawler asked that Items 7 and 8 be pulled from the agenda at the request of Jim Harrison, and that these items be brought back at the next Board meeting.
4. Approval of Minutes – It was moved by Director Kildee, seconded by Director Holden, and duly carried by the Board, with Director Sharkey abstaining and Directors Gillette and Gonzales absent, to approve the July 7, 2011 meeting minutes.
5. Public Comments – Christine Wied, City of Ventura Environmental Specialist, expressed concern that impacts have occurred to their State-mandated disposal diversion credits due to the problems being experienced with the biosolids equipment.

CONSENT ITEMS – None

CLOSED SESSION (Item 6 only)

Mr. Zirbel announced that the Board would recess to a Closed Session to discuss:

6. Closed Session – Conduct a Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – Agency

Item 4-1

Negotiator: Mark Lawler; Employee Organizations: Service Employees International Union Local 721, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 501, and Independently Represented Employees.

The Board of Directors recessed to a Closed Session at 8:38 a.m. (Director Gonzales arrived at 8:45 a.m.) and reconvened into Open Session at 9:05 a.m. No reportable action.

ACTION ITEMS – (Item 7 and 8)

The following items were pulled from the agenda.

7. Direct Haul Landfill Fees
8. Erosion Control Mulch at Toland Road Landfill

REPORTS (Item 9 only)

9. Biosolids Update – Oral Report – Mr. Lawler reported that an order was received from the Air Pollution Control District (APCD) to conduct a biosolids plant source test by August 10, 2011. He noted that if the test is not conducted the APCD would issue an abatement order, and if the test fails the APCD could issue a time schedule order in order that the biosolids facility may be brought into compliance. He stated that the dryers were running and processing approximately 40 to 50 tons per day and that this could increase to 70 to 80 tons per day very soon. He noted that both dryers are operational; however, one has a leaking bearing and is awaiting repair.

INFORMATION ITEMS – (Items 10 through 13)

It was moved by Director Sharkey, seconded by Director Kildee, and duly carried by the Board, with Director Gillette absent, to receive and file the information items.

10. Disbursements – June 2011
11. Tonnage Report
12. Violations – Solid Waste none; Water & Wastewater none
13. Future Meetings, Seminars and Conferences
 - CASA 56th Annual Conference August 10 – 13, 2011, San Diego
 - Board of Directors, September 1 & 15, 2011, 8:30 a.m. **(DARK IN AUGUST)**
 - Personnel & Finance Committee, September 6, 2011, 9:00 a.m.
 - League of California Cities Conference September 21 – 23, 2011, San Francisco

NEW BUSINESS – (Items 14 and 15)14. Discussion

- a. Audience – None.
- b. Board – Director Walker noted that the Board would hold a special meeting on August 4, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. Director Orkney reported that she attended the County Board of Supervisors Meeting where the Board discussed Waste Management's application for the expansion of the Simi Valley Landfill and an out-of-county waste surcharge fee.
- c. General Manager – None.
- d. Legal Counsel – None.

15. Pending Agenda Items – Future Solid Waste Facilities and Executive Committee Develop Communication Plan to Educate Legislators on VRSD Business.

16. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

James L. Monahan, Chairman

Josie Guzmán, CMC, Clerk of the Board