

VENTURA REGIONAL SANITATION DISTRICT
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 1, 2018
1001 Partridge Drive, Ventura, California

Chairman Monahan called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1. Roll Call: The Clerk of the Board called the roll. The following Board Members were present:

Jack Curtis, Special Districts
Martin Hernandez, City of Santa Paula
Kevin Kildee, City of Camarillo
James Monahan, City of San Buenaventura
Bert Perello, City of Oxnard
Joel Price, City of Thousand Oaks - *arrived at 8:34 a.m.*
Jonathan Sharkey, City of Port Hueneme
William Weirick, City of Ojai

Absent: Mark Austin, City of Fillmore

Staff Present: Chris Theisen, General Manager; Robert Kwong, Legal Counsel; Carlos Corrales, Director of Finance; Melissa Grisales, Human Resources Manager; Michael Castro, Senior Management Analyst; Juliet Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Chairman-elect Kevin Kildee.
3. Agenda Review: At the request of Chris Theisen, General Manager, item 8 was removed from the agenda.
4. Public Comment: There were no public comments received.

CLOSED SESSION (Item 5 only)

At 8:34 a.m. Chairman Monahan made the following closed session announcement:

It is the intention of the Ventura Regional Sanitation District Board of Directors to meet in closed session to consider the following items:

5. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2): One case

At 9:06 a.m. the closed session was adjourned and the regular meeting reconvened. Robert Kwong, Legal Counsel, announced that there is no need for a closed session report following this agenda item.

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 6 only)

6. Approval of Minutes: January 11, 2018 Regular Meeting. *It was moved by Chairman-elect Kildee, seconded by Director Perello to approve the consent agenda. VOTE: Directors Curtis, Hernandez, Kildee, Monahan, Perello, Sharkey, and Weirick were in favor; Director Price abstained, motion carried 7-0-1 (Director Austin was absent).*

REGULAR AGENDA (Items 7 through 9)

7. 2018 Committee Appointments
It was moved by Director Price, seconded by Chairman-elect Kildee, to approve appointment of Chairman Monahan, Chairman-elect Kildee, and former Chairman Weirick to the Executive Committee; and approve Chairman Monahan's recommendations for the following appointments:

Facilities Committee: Directors Hernandez, Sharkey, Weirick, and Chairman Monahan

Personnel & Finance Committee: Directors Curtis, Perello, Price, and Chairman Monahan

Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance: Director Sharkey as the primary and Director Hernandez as the alternate

VOTE: Directors Curtis, Hernandez, Kildee, Monahan, Perello, Price, Sharkey, and Weirick were in favor; the motion carried 8-0-1 (Director Austin was absent).

8. VRSD Overhead Allocation Methodology – [Removed from the Agenda]

9. Thomas Fire Update
Chris Theisen, General Manager, reported that the Toland Road Landfill began receiving the first loads of fire debris on January 20, 2018. Debris loads are moving slower than anticipated, and only around 300 tons per day are being transported. Fire debris is coming "burrito wrapped" per the specifications. Robert Kwong, Legal Counsel, also provided recent Thomas Fire statistics from a County news release that included 1000 structures destroyed of which 665 right-of-entry forms have been accepted to allow for no-cost removal of hazardous material and fire debris. A total of 987 structures have been cleared of hazardous debris.

The building permit for the new scale was approved on January 30, 2018 with construction to begin on February 5, 2018 and an anticipated operational date of February 19, 2018.

Carlos Corrales, Director of Finance, reported that an insurance claim was submitted to recover the revenue loss during the 14-day period we did not receive solid waste, estimated at \$700,000, with a maximum reimbursable amount of \$255,000. He gave an update on FEMA/CAL-OES issues. VRSD staff is exploring recovery of revenue loss and costs associated with the fire's impact on the connection from SCE to the microturbines facility and working with its insurance provider on claims for the estimated damages of approximately \$2.5 million. FEMA may provide some coverage once all insurance claims have been resolved.

There was some discussion about the possibility of the Toland Road Landfill accepting some soil and/or debris from the recent Montecito Mudslides related to the Thomas Fire.

Director Hernandez remarked that the CUP extension should also emphasize that the Toland Road Landfill is a community asset that helps the community with disaster recovery. He stated that recovery resources can be found at www.venturacountyrecovers.org.

INFORMATION ITEMS (Items 10 through 13)

10. Revenue and Expense Report: December 2017
11. Disbursement Report: (None)
12. Investment Report: December 2017
13. Future Meetings: Seminars and Conferences
 - ♦ Jan. 24-26, 2018 – CASA Winter Conference (Palm Springs)
 - ♦ Feb. 1, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – Regular Board Meeting (VRSD Board Room)
 - ♦ Feb. 6, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – P&F Committee Meeting (VRSD Board Room)
 - ♦ Feb. 15, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – Regular Board Meeting (VRSD Board Room)
 - ♦ Feb. 26-28, 2018 – CASA Washington D.C. Policy Forum
 - ♦ Mar. 1, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – Regular Board Meeting (VRSD Board Room)
 - ♦ Mar. 6, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – P&F Committee Meeting (VRSD Board Room)
 - ♦ Mar. 15, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – Regular Board Meeting (VRSD Board Room)
 - ♦ Apr. 3, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – P&F Committee Meeting (VRSD Board Room)
 - ♦ Apr. 5, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – Regular Board Meeting (VRSD Board Room)
 - ♦ Apr. 11, 2018 – CASA WasteReuse CA Public Policy Forum, Sacramento

It was moved by Director Perello, seconded by Director Monahan to receive and file the information items. VOTE: Directors Curtis, Hernandez, Kildee, Monahan, Perello, Price, Sharkey, and Weirick were in favor; the motion carried 8-0-1 (Director Austin was absent).

ORAL REPORTS (Items 14 through 17)

14. Regulatory Compliance Report (None)

15. Committee Reports (None)

16. Board Member Comments

Director Curtis said that he would not be present for the February 6th Personnel and Finance Committee meeting.

Director Perello reminded everyone to keep apprised of impending disaster grant deadlines and encouraged they be looked into.

Chairman-elect Kildee inquired as to whether we were fully staffed at the landfill and was informed by Staff that the landfill is sufficiently staffed with assistance from temporary agencies.

Director Sharkey reported that he had attended the CASA conference and shared information regarding water, disaster preparedness, biosolids, and flushable wipes presentations.

Director Perello also recommended viewing a presentation by United Water Conservation District (UWCD), which was requested by Supervisor Kelly Long, regarding groundwater replenishment from the Santa Clara River and the environmental impacts related to the Freeman Diversion Dam.

17. General Manager Comments

Chris Theisen, General Manager, reported that the January 31, 2018, CEQA Scoping Meeting for the Toland Road Landfill CUP Modification went well, was productive and will help in moving forward to the next step. There was discussion at the CEQA Scoping Meeting about increasing the additional tonnage request of 300 tons per day so that the landfill would fill and close more quickly.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. to the next Regular Meeting to be held February 15, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. at the Ventura Regional Sanitation District Office.

Prepared by:

Approved:

Juliet Rodriguez
Clerk of the Board

James Monahan, Chairman
Ventura Regional Sanitation District