

VENTURA REGIONAL SANITATION DISTRICT
Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 11, 2018
1001 Partridge Drive, Ventura, California

Chairman Weirick called the meeting to order at 8:31 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
James Monahan, City of San Buenaventura
Bert Perello, City of Oxnard
Jonathan Sharkey, City of Port Hueneme
William Weirick, City of Ojai

Absent: Mark Austin, City of Fillmore, Kevin Kildee, City of Camarillo, Joel Price, City of Thousand Oaks

Staff Present: Chris Theisen, General Manager; Robert Kwong, Legal Counsel; Carlos Corrales, Director of Finance; Matthew Baumgardner, Director of Operations; Michael Castro, Senior Management Analyst; Sandy Warren, Management Analyst; Juliet Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Director James Monahan. After hearing the number of those missing from the Montecito Mudslide had increased, Chairman Weirick asked that everyone keep them in their thoughts.
3. Agenda Review: There were no changes made to the Agenda.
4. Public Comment: There were no public comments received.

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 5 only)

5. Approval of Minutes: December 21, 2017 Regular Meeting. *It was moved by Director Monahan, seconded by Director Sharkey to approve the consent agenda.* VOTE: Directors Curtis, Hernandez, Monahan, Perello, and Sharkey were in favor; Director Weirick abstained, motion carried 5-0-1 (Directors Austin, Kildee, and Price were absent).

REGULAR AGENDA (Items 6 through 8)

6. Election of Calendar Year Officers
It was moved by Chairman Weirick, seconded by Director Sharkey, to elevate Jim Monahan, Chairman-elect of the Ventura Regional Sanitation District to Chairman for Calendar Year 2018. VOTE: Directors Curtis, Hernandez, Monahan, Perello,

Sharkey, and Weirick were in favor; the motion carried 6-0 (Directors Austin, Kildee, and Price were absent).

Director Weirick nominated Director Kildee as Chairman-elect. No other nominations were presented. *It was moved by Chairman Monahan, seconded by Director Perello* to close the nominations for Chairman-elect. VOTE: Directors Curtis, Hernandez, Monahan, Perello, Sharkey, and Weirick were in favor; the motion carried 6-0 (Directors Austin, Kildee, and Price were absent).

Legal Counsel Robert Kwong called for a point of order in asking that the meeting be taken over by the new Chairman. The gavel was given to incoming Chairman Monahan.

7. District Representation and Attendance at the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) 2018 Washington, D.C. Policy Forum

It was moved by Director Weirick, seconded by Director Perello, to designate Board Chairman Monahan to represent the VRSD Board of Directors at the CASA Washington, D.C. Policy Forum and approve payment of approximately \$4,000 to cover the cost of CASA Washington, D.C. Policy Forum attendance. VOTE: Directors Curtis, Hernandez, Monahan, Perello, Sharkey, and Weirick were in favor; the motion carried 6-0 (Directors Austin, Kildee, and Price were absent).

8. Thomas Fire Update

Chris Theisen, General Manager, introduced Matt Baumgardner Director of Operations, and Sandy Warren, Management Analyst, who presented the updates.

Mr. Baumgardner stated that on December 22, 2017, Toland Road Landfill began accepting pre-weighed transfer truckloads of municipal solid waste (MSW) from the transfer stations, averaging over 1,400 tons of waste per day. A new 70-foot scale has been purchased to replace the scale that was completely destroyed and County permits are in the process of being secured. Two temporary 70-foot scales are being set up at the site. Beginning next week, it is anticipated that approximately 3,000-4,000 tons per day of Thomas Fire debris could be sent to the landfill.

Director Hernandez has offered to assist Staff when meeting with Ventura County Parks Department staff regarding road access through Toland Park. Directors Weirick and Perello also offered to assist Staff in communicating with the Office of Emergency Services (OES). Director Curtis recommended taking pictures of the road asphalt before trips begin, since any potential damage may be reimbursable. Directors Monahan and Weirick suggested that Toland Road Landfill damage and recovery information be shared with the media.

Nan Drake, Harrison Industries Public Relations Director, suggested that the Toland Road Landfill reopening logistics information be shared with the community.

Sandy Warren, Management Analyst, has continued to meet with claim adjusters and summarized the financial recovery efforts through the District's three insurance carriers (AGCS/Allianz, Liberty Mutual, and ACE American) and FEMA. Claims were filed immediately with all three carriers. The initial estimate of damages reported at the last meeting is approximately \$2.3 million and has been broken down into 10 separate projects for each segment damaged. Each carrier is now aware of the projects in which they may be involved. Lost revenue is also being calculated for recovery. The district is pursuing coverage through FEMA for the variance of what was not covered by insurance in the fire. An explanation was given of the multi-step FEMA process as well as the anticipated months-long timeline.

The Board of Directors continued to express their gratitude and appreciation for the outstanding work done by the District staff during the Thomas Fire, and especially acknowledged the setup of financial accounts for identifying reimbursable expenses.

INFORMATION ITEMS (Items 9 through 12)

9. Revenue and Expense Report: (None)
10. Disbursement Report: December 2017
11. Investment Reports: November 2017
12. Future Meetings: Seminars and Conferences
 - ♦ Jan. 17-19, 2018 – League of CA Cities New Mayors & Councilmembers Academy (Sacramento)
 - ♦ Jan 18, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – Regular Board Meeting (VRSD Board Room) (Cancelled)
 - ♦ 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

Chairman Monahan led the Board to receive and file the Information Items. VOTE: Directors Curtis, Hernandez, Monahan, Perello, Sharkey, and Weirick were in favor; the motion carried 6-0 (Directors Austin, Kildee, and Price were absent)

ORAL REPORTS (Items 13 through 16)

13. Regulatory Compliance Report (None)

14. Committee Reports (None)

15. Board Member Comments

Chairman Monahan asked that the meeting be adjourned in honor of Firefighter Cory Iverson who was killed in active duty during the Thomas Fire.

Director Weirick mentioned that the City of Ojai would like to honor Firefighter Iverson and is looking at adding a commemorative plaque to its plaque of firefighters from past decades. He also stated it has been an honor to serve as Chairman and he remains committed to VRSD. He commented on how much he learned from his experience with the Thomas Fire as an elected official while balancing the evacuation needs of his family.

Director Perello was impressed with how the citizens of Santa Paula handled themselves during the Thomas Fire and with the manner in which the City of Ventura handled criticism. He shared that the City of Oxnard has published a legal notice in an effort to identify individuals that the City owes \$330,000. He expressed appreciation to Supervisor Kelly Long for arranging a presentation to the Board of Supervisors from United Water Conservation District (UWCD). He also thanked Mr. Theisen for sharing a VRSD presentation with UWCD. Appreciation was given to Director Weirick for his service as Board Chairman. He concluded with the City of Oxnard's experience thus far this year in handling a Special Election.

Directory Sharkey said the City of Port Hueneme would be making committee appointments at its meeting on Monday.

Director Perello acknowledged City of Oxnard Interim Public Works Director Thien Ng and Environmental Resources Manager Todd Vasquez-Housley for being in attendance.

16. General Manager Comments

Mr. Theisen thanked the VRSD Staff for their continued herculean efforts in the Thomas Fire recovery, especially Matt Baumgardner. A round of applause followed. He also thanked the Board for its commitment to VRSD's success during the Thomas Fire emergency, including efforts outside of Board meetings.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m. (in memory of fallen firefighter Cory Iverson) to the next Regular Meeting to be held February 1, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. at the Ventura Regional Sanitation District Office.

**VENTURA REGIONAL SANITATION DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

JANUARY 11, 2018

Prepared by:

Approved:

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Clerk of the Board

James Monahan, Chairman
Ventura Regional Sanitation District

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