

**VENTURA REGIONAL SANITATION DISTRICT**  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 6, 2020  
1001 Partridge Drive, Ventura, California

Chairman Perello called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

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

Rick Araiza, City of Santa Paula  
Al E. Fox, Special Districts  
Jim Friedman, City of San Buenaventura  
Laura Hernandez, City of Port Hueneme  
Ed Jones, City of Thousand Oaks  
Kevin Kildee, City of Camarillo  
Bert Perello, City of Oxnard  
William Weirick, City of Ojai

Absent: Mark Austin, City of Fillmore

Staff Present: Chris Theisen, General Manager; Robert Kwong, Legal Counsel; Tina Rivera, Director of Finance; Matthew Baumgardner, Director of Operations; Melissa Macias, Human Resources Manager; Richard Jones, Operations Manager; Michael Castro, Senior Management Analyst; Sandy Warren, Management Analyst; and Juliet Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Melissa Macias, Human Resources Manager.

3. Agenda Review:

*It was moved by Vice Chairperson Friedman, seconded by Director Kildee, to accept the agenda as presented. VOTE: Austin, Fox; Friedman, Hernandez; Jones, Kildee, Perello, and Weirick were in favor; the motion carried 8-0.*

4. Public Comment:

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA** (Item 5 only) Matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine, non-controversial, and are normally approved by one motion without discussion. If discussion is requested by a member of the Board on any Consent Agenda item, or if a member of the public wishes to comment on an item, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate action.

5. Approval of Minutes: January 16, 2020 Regular Meeting

*It was moved by Director Kildee, seconded by Director Weirick, to approve the Consent Agenda. VOTE: Araiza, Fox; Friedman, Hernandez; Jones, Kildee, Perello, and Weirick were in favor; the motion carried 8-0.*

## **REGULAR AGENDA** (Items 6 and 7)

Per Agenda Review, the Regular Agenda was heard in this order:

### 6. 2020 Committee Appointments

*It was moved by Director Weirick, seconded by Director Ariaza, to approve appointment of Chairperson Perello, Vice Chairperson Friedman, and Former Chairperson Kevin Kildee to the Executive Committee. VOTE: Arias, Fox; Friedman, Hernandez, Jones, Kildee, Perello, and Weirick were in favor; the motion carried 8-0.*

Discussion was exchanged over Chairman Perello's committee recommendations.

*It was moved by Director Weirick, seconded by Vice Chair Friedman, to table the committee appointments to the next Board meeting. VOTE: Araiza, Fox; Friedman, Jones, Kildee, Perello, and Weirick were in favor; the motion carried 7-1 (Hernandez).*

*It was moved by Director Hernandez, seconded by Vice Chair Friedman to reconsider the motion. VOTE: Araiza, Fox; Friedman, Hernandez, Jones, Kildee, Perello, and Weirick were in favor; the reconsideration motion carried 8-0.*

Additional discussion was exchanged over Chairman Perello's committee recommendations.

*It was moved by Director Jones, seconded by Director Kildee, to appoint the following Directors to the following committees:*

Facilities Committee: Directors Araiza, Fox, and Weirick

Personnel & Finance Committee: Directors Friedman, Hernandez, and Weirick

VCREA Representative: Director Jones, as Primary; Director Weirick as Alternate

VOTE: Araiza, Fox; Friedman, Hernandez, Jones, Kildee, Perello, and Weirick were in favor; the motion carried 8-0.

### 7. Proposed Budget Adjustment to Fund Ongoing Post Olivas Fire Emergency Work at the Bailard Landfill

Chris Theisen, General Manager, gave the report, joined by Matt Baumgardner, Director of Operations, and Tina Rivera, Director of Finance.

*It was moved by Director Weirick, seconded by Director Kildee, to receive and file the staff report regarding the ongoing response to the Olivas Fire-caused damages at the Bailard Landfill. VOTE: Araiza, Fox, Friedman, Hernandez; Jones, Kildee, Perello, and Weirick were in favor; the motion carried 8-0.*

*It was moved by Director Weirick, seconded by Director Kildee, to approve a budget adjustment appropriating \$1,200,000 from VRSD's reserves for the Bailard Landfill and the appropriate revenue adjustment based on insurance reimbursements. VOTE: Araiza, Fox, Friedman, Hernandez; Jones, Kildee, Perello, and Weirick were in favor; the motion carried 8-0.*

**INFORMATION ITEMS** (Items 8 through 11)

8. Revenue and Expense Report: December 2019
9. Disbursement Report: None
10. Investment Report: None
11. Future Meetings, Seminars and Conferences
  - ♦ Feb. 20, 2020, 8:30 a.m. – Regular Board Meeting
  - ♦ Feb. 24-26, 2020 – CASA 2020 Washington D.C. Conference
  - ♦ Mar. 2, 2020, 8:30 a.m. – P&F Committee Meeting
  - ♦ Mar. 5, 2020, 8:30 a.m. – Regular Board Meeting

*It was moved by Director Kildee, seconded by Director Weirick, to receive and file the Information Items. VOTE: Araiza, Friedman, Hernandez, Jones, Kildee, Nast, Perello, and Weirick were in favor; the motion carried 8-0.*

**ORAL REPORTS** (Items 12 through 15)

12. Regulatory Compliance Report  
None.
13. Committee Reports  
None.
14. Board Member Comments

Director Weirick stated that the Facilities Committee should look at fire planning at the landfill and all facilities for which VRSD has responsibility.

Director Hernandez added that facilities planning should encompass all types of emergencies, not just fire, which is what the County Office of Emergency Services has done for years.

Director Fox announced that he will be attending the Association of Water Agencies Symposium and will not be at the VRSD March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. He will also

miss the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Special District Alternate Jim Acosta, Saticoy Sanitary District, will attend both meetings in his place.

15. General Manager Comments

Mr. Theisen reported that work is still being done on the Draft Supplemental EIR, for the Toland Road Landfill CUP Modification with an expected administrative draft of the Draft Supplemental EIR to staff by the end of February. The expected publication date for public review would begin in April. Following the public review and comment period will be the public hearing by the VRSD Board to approve/certify the CEQA document before it goes to the County Planning Division for use in crafting the terms and conditions of the CUP modification for Board of Supervisors approval.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m. to a Regular Meeting to be held February 20, 2020, 8:30 a.m. at the Ventura Regional Sanitation District office.

Prepared by:

Approved:

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Juliet Rodriguez  
Clerk of the Board

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Bert Perello, Chair  
Ventura Regional Sanitation District