

VENTURA REGIONAL SANITATION DISTRICT
Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 11, 2021
1001 Partridge Drive, Ventura, California

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND THE COUNTY OF VENTURA HEALTH OFFICER'S LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION AS A RESULT OF THE THREAT OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS, THIS VRSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WAS HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE.

Chairperson Friedman 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:

James Acosta, Special Districts
Jenny Crosswhite, City of Santa Paula
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; Richard Jones, Interim Director of Operations; Melissa Macias, Human Resources Manager; Michael Castro, Interim Operations Manager; Sandy Warren, Management Analyst; and Juliet Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Director Kevin Kildee.

3. Agenda Review:

It was moved by Director Kildee, seconded by Director Acosta to approve the Agenda as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 8-0 (FOR: Acosta, Crosswhite, Friedman, Hernandez, Kildee, Jones, Perello, and Weirick)

4. Public Comment:

None.

CLOSED SESSION (Item 5 only)

At 8:38 a.m., Legal Counsel Robert Kwong announced it is the intention of the Ventura Regional Sanitation District Board of Directors to meet in closed session to consider the following items:

1. **CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)-(d)(4). Two cases.

Director Perello inquired as to whether he would be barred from this Closed Session and was informed that due to the subject matter, he may not attend this Closed Session.

The Ventura Regional Sanitation District Board of Directors convened to Closed Session, via a separate Zoom session, at 8:40 a.m. With no action taken by the Board during Closed Session, and nothing to report out of Closed Session, the meeting was adjourned out of Closed Session at 10:30 a.m.

ORAL REPORTS (Items 6 and 7) *Oral reports were heard before Agenda Item 5.*

6. **Board Member Comments and Future Agenda Items**

None.

7. **General Manager Comments**

Mr. Theisen reported that a notice had been received from Triunfo Water & Sanitation District providing VRSD with notice that it would end its contract with VRSD, effective June 30, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, Chairperson Friedman adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m., from Closed Session, to a Regular Meeting to be held May 20, 2021, 8:30 a.m. via video conference.

Prepared by:

Approved:

Juliet Rodriguez
Clerk of the Board

Jim Friedman, Chairperson
Ventura Regional Sanitation District