

VENTURA REGIONAL SANITATION DISTRICT
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2022
1001 Partridge Drive, Ventura, California

IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE §54593, AS AMENDED BY STATUTES 2021, CHAPTER 165, AND THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY AS A RESULT OF THE THREAT OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS, THIS VRSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WAS HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE.

Chairperson Hernandez 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:

Jenny Crosswhite, City of Santa Paula
Lynn Edmonds, City of Fillmore (*left at 10:24 a.m.*)
Jim Friedman, City of San Buenaventura
Laura Hernandez, City of Port Hueneme
Ed Jones, City of Thousand Oaks (*joined at 8:48 a.m./left at 10:52 a.m.*)
Kevin Kildee, City of Camarillo
Bert Perello, City of Oxnard
Leon Shapiro, Special Districts
William Weirick, City of Ojai

Staff Present: Chris Theisen, General Manager; John Mathews, Legal Counsel; Tina Rivera, Director of Finance; Richard Jones, Director of Operations; Regina Williams, Senior Accountant; and Juliet Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge was led by Chairperson Hernandez.
3. **Agenda Review:**

General Manager Chris Theisen noted that the Board Letter for Item No. 8 contained the wrong Attachment 1 in the packet and that the correct Attachment 1 would be displayed on the screen when Item No. 8 was considered by the Board.

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

4. **Public Comment:**

None.

PRESENTATION (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. Receive & File PFM Asset Management, LLC – 1st Quarter Review of VRSD Investment Portfolio

Richard Babbe, PFM Asset Management, gave the presentation.

It was moved by Director Perello, seconded by Director Weirick, to receive and file the PFM Asset Management, LLC 1st Quarter Review of VRSD Investment Portfolio. ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 9-0 (FOR: Crosswhite, Edmonds, Friedman, Jones, Hernandez, Kildee, Perello, Shapiro, and Weirick).

REGULAR AGENDA (Items 6 through 8)

6. Ventura Regional Sanitation District Financial Update

Tina Rivera, Director of Finance, gave the report.

It was moved by Director Kildee, seconded by Director Edmonds, to A) Receive and file the staff presentation regarding the financial projections for the District Solid Waste and Water Wastewater Divisions; and B) Approve and authorize the General Manager to proceed with the necessary reductions in force effective June 30, 2022 or as soon as feasible thereafter. ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 8-1 (FOR: Crosswhite, Edmonds, Friedman, Hernandez, Jones, Kildee, Perello, and Shapiro. AGAINST: Weirick).

7. Consideration and Approval of Amendment No. 4 to VRSD Contract No. 10-041 with E.J. Harrison and Sons, Inc. and Gold Coast Recycling Center and Transfer Station, Inc. for Waste Disposal at the Toland Road Landfill

Chris Theisen, General Manager, gave the report.

Director Edmonds left the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

It was moved by Director Kildee, seconded by Director Friedman, to approve, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign, Amendment No. 4 to VRSD Contract No. 10-041. ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 5-3 (FOR: Friedman, Hernandez, Jones, Kildee, and Shapiro. AGAINST: Crosswhite, Perello, and Weirick).

8. Proposed Increases to Landfill Disposal Fees in Contract No. 11-007 with Athens Services

Chris Theisen, General Manager, gave the report and projected on the screen the correct letter to Athens Services that was to have been included as Attachment 1.

It was moved by Director Kildee, seconded by Director Friedman, to approve a fee increase of \$1.38 (3.83%) per ton from \$36.00 per ton to \$37.38 per ton Direct Haul Loads and \$1.28 (3.83%) per ton from \$33.37 per ton to \$34.65 per ton for the disposal of Transfer Loads, for Contract No. 11-007 with Athens Services.

The motion was amended by Director Kildee, seconded by Director Weirick, to approve a fee increase of \$1.38 (3.83%) per ton from \$36.00 per ton to \$37.38 per ton Direct Haul Loads and \$1.28 (3.83%) per ton from \$33.37 per ton to \$34.65 per ton for the disposal of Transfer Loads, for Contract No. 11-007 with Athens Services with the inclusion that any long term contract with Athens include the same CPI language as included in other contracts. ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 8-0 (FOR: Crosswhite, Friedman, Hernandez, Jones, Kildee, Perello, Shapiro, and Weirick).

INFORMATION ITEMS (Items 9 through 12)

9. Quarterly Financial Report: None

10. Disbursement Report: April 2022

11. Investment Report: April 2022

12. Future Meetings, Seminars and Conferences

- ♦ June 2, 2022, 8:30 a.m. – VRSD Board Meeting
- ♦ June 7, 2022, 8:30 a.m. - VRSD P&F Committee Meeting
- ♦ June 16, 2022, 8:30 a.m. – VRSD Board Meeting

Director Jones left the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

It was moved by Director Weirick, seconded by Director Kildee, to receive and file Information Items. ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 7-0 (FOR: Crosswhite, Friedman, Hernandez, Kildee, Perello, Shapiro, and Weirick).

ORAL REPORTS (Items 13 through 16)

13. Regulatory Compliance Report

None.

14. Committee Reports

None.

15. Board Member Comments and Future Agenda Items

None.

16. General Manager Comments

Mr. Theisen called on Richard Jones, Director of Operations, who reported that the rodent trap bait used at the Toland Road Landfill is a non-anticoagulant bait called Selontra, which is not hazardous to other predatory animals.

Mr. Theisen reported that two water/wastewater contracts, one with the Ventura County Public Works and one with Camrosa Water District would come before the board for approval at the next board meeting.

Mr. Theisen reminded the Board that the June 16th meeting would be in-person since the public hearing for the Proposition 218 process for the Malibu Bay Club was noticed as an in-person meeting at the District's board room in Ventura at 1001 Partridge Drive.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m., to the Regular Meeting to be held June 2, 2022, 8:30 a.m. via video conference.

Prepared by:

Approved:

Juliet Rodriguez
Clerk of the Board

Laura Hernandez, Chairperson
Ventura Regional Sanitation District