

VENTURA REGIONAL SANITATION DISTRICT
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 15, 2024
4105 W. Gonzalez Road, Oxnard, California

Chairperson Kildee called the meeting to order at 8:40am.

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

Doug Halter, City of Ventura
Carlos Juarez, City of Santa Paula
David Whitman, City of Ojai
David Newman, City of Thousand Oaks
Bert Perello, City of Oxnard
Bob Nast, Special Districts
Christina Villaseñor, City of Fillmore
Martha McQueen-Legohn, City of Port Hueneme
Kevin Kildee, City of Camarillo

Staff Present: Chris Theisen, General Manager; Robert Kwong, Legal Counsel, Richard Jones, Director of Operations, and Mayra Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board

2. Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge was led by Director Villaseñor.

3. Agenda Review:

None to report.

It was moved by Director McQueen-Legohn, seconded by Director Perello, to approve the Agenda Review. ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 9-0 (FOR: Halter, Juarez, Whitman, Newman, Perello, Nast, Villaseñor McQueen-Legohn and Kildee.)

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 18, 2024

It was moved by Director Perello, seconded by Director Halter, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 6-3-0 (FOR: Halter, Juarez, Perello, Nast, McQueen-Legohn, Kildee ABSTAIN: Whitman, Newman, Villaseñor).

REGULAR AGENDA (Items 6 and 7)

6. Nomination & Election of Calendar Year 2024 Board Officers per VRSD Bylaws Art. VI, Sec. 3.

Chairperson Kildee opened the floor up for nominations for Chairperson

It was moved by Chairperson Kildee, seconded by Director McQueen-Legohn to open the nominations for Chairperson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 9-0 (FOR: Halter, Juarez, Whitman, Newman, Perello, Nast, Villaseñor McQueen-Legohn and Kildee).

It was moved by Chairperson Kildee, seconded by Director Villaseñor to nominate David Newman as Chairperson for 2024.

With no other nominations for Chairperson, *it was moved by Director Juarez, seconded by Chairperson Kildee, to close nominations. ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 9-0 (FOR: Halter, Juarez, Whitman, Newman, Perello, Nast, Villaseñor McQueen-Legohn and Kildee).*

Roll call vote was taken for approval of David Newman as Chairperson for 2024. ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 9-0 (FOR: Halter, Juarez, Whitman, Newman, Perello, Nast, Villaseñor McQueen-Legohn and Kildee).

Chairperson Kildee turned over the gavel to David Newman, acknowledging him as the new Chairperson.

Chairperson Newman asked for Vice Chairperson Nominations to be opened.

It was moved by Director Kildee, seconded by Director Halter to open the nominations for Vice Chairperson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 9-0 (FOR: Halter, Juarez, Whitman, Newman, Perello, Nast, Villaseñor McQueen-Legohn and Kildee).

Director Perello nominated Director Villaseñor as Vice Chairperson. Director Villaseñor accepted the nomination. No further nominations were made.

It was moved by Director Halter, seconded by Director Kildee to close the nominations and approve Director Villaseñor as Vice Chairperson. ROLL CALL VOTE Motion carried 9-0 (FOR: Halter, Juarez, Whitman, Newman, Perello, Nast, Villaseñor McQueen-Legohn and Kildee).

7. 2024 VRSD Board Committees Appointments per VRSD Bylaws Art. XI, Sec. 1

Chair Newman, and Mayra Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board, gave the report.

It was moved by Director Kildee, seconded by Director Perello to receive and file the staff report on the 2024 VRSD Committees. ROLL CALL VOTE Motion carried 9-0 (FOR: Halter, Juarez, Whitman, Newman, Perello, Nast, Villaseñor McQueen-Legohn and Kildee).

INFORMATION ITEMS (Items 8 through 10)

It is recommended that the Board receive and file the following:

8. Disbursement Report: January 2024
9. Investment Report: January 2024
10. Future Meetings, Seminars and Conferences
 - March 5, 2024, 8:30 a.m. – P&F Committee Meeting, District Office
 - March 7, 2024, 8:30am- Regular Board Meeting
 - March 21, 2024, 8:30am- Regular Board Meeting
 - April 2, 2024, 8:30 a.m. – P&F Committee Meeting, District Office

It was moved by Director Kildee, seconded by Director Juarez to receive and file Information Items ROLL CALL VOTE Motion carried 9-0 (FOR: Halter, Juarez, Whitman, Newman, Perello, Nast, Villaseñor McQueen-Legohn and Kildee).

ORAL REPORTS (Items 11 through 14)

It is recommended that the Board receive and file the following:

11. Regulatory Compliance Report

Richard Jones, Director of Operations gave an oral report with drone video regarding recent storm damage to VRSD facilities

12. Committee Reports (none)

13. Board Member Comments and Future Agenda Items

Director Kildee thanked the Board for allowing him to serve as the VRSD Chair.

Chair Newman thanked Director Kildee for his leadership and guidance.
Director Halter announced Ralph Harrison, from E. J Harrison had passed away.

Director Nast shared an article with the Board Directors titled, "Water Bottle waste: Ventura County legislator proposes state law to chip away at problem."

14. General Manager Comments

Chris Theisen, General Manager thanked Chairperson Kildee for his year of service to the Board and congratulated incoming officers Chairperson Newman and Vice-Chairperson Villasenor.

The below information was reported on Toland Road Landfill CUP conditions:

- Condition 55b: Offsite Air Monitoring. The data collection is complete, and the results look favorable for the District. The consultant is currently working on the report that will be shared with the Board once it is finalized.
- Condition 57: Dust Control Monitoring. The data collection continues. The one-year collection period began in March 2023 and is projected to end in February 2024.

It was moved by Director Halter, seconded by Director Juarez to receive and file Oral Reports. ROLL CALL VOTE Motion carried 9-0 (FOR: Halter, Juarez, Whitman, Newman, Perello, Nast, Villaseñor McQueen-Legohn and Kildee).

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourn to Regular Meeting to be held March 7, 2024 8:30 a.m. at the Ventura Regional Sanitation District office.

Prepared by:

Approved:

Mayra Rodriguez
Clerk of the Board

David Newman, Chairperson
Ventura Regional Sanitation District