

**VENTURA REGIONAL SANITATION DISTRICT**  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 21, 2026  
4105 W. Gonzales Road, Oxnard, California

Chair Villaseñor called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

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

Jim Acosta, Special Districts  
Doug Halter, City of Ventura  
Kevin Kildee, City of Camarillo (left meeting at 9:30 A.M.)  
Kim Mang, City of Ojai  
Martha McQueen-Legohn, City of Port Hueneme  
David Newman, City of Thousand Oaks (left meeting at 9:45 A.M.)  
Bert Perello, City of Oxnard  
Christina Villaseñor, City of Fillmore

Absent: Leslie Cornejo, City of Santa Paula

Staff Present: Eric Zetz, General Manager, Robert Kwong, Legal Counsel, Tina Rivera, Director of Finance/Administrative Services, James Torrez, Director of Operations, Edward Petitt, Environmental Compliance Office, and Mayra Rodriguez, Clerk of the Board and Cris Dragomir, Consultant from Dragomir Construction LC.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge was led by Director McQueen-Legohn.
3. Agenda Review:  
Eric Zetz, General Manager requested that Closed Session items seventeen and eighteen get moved in front of item six.  
*It was moved by Director Perello, seconded by Director Acosta, to approve Agenda Review with changes noted.*

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 8-0 (FOR: Acosta, Halter, Kildee, Mang, McQueen-Legohn, Newman, Perello, and Villaseñor; AGAINST: None)

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: May 7, 2026, Regular Meeting

*It was moved by Director Newman, seconded by Director McQueen-Legohn, to Approve the May 7, 2026, Regular Minutes.*

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 8-0 (FOR: Acosta, Halter, Kildee, Mang, McQueen-Legohn, Newman, Perello, and Villaseñor; AGAINST: None)

**CLOSED SESSION** (Items 17 and 18)

It is the intention of the Ventura Regional Sanitation District to meet in closed session to consider the following item:

17. CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1): *Bolthouse Land Co., LLC et al. v All Persons Claiming A Right to Extract or Store Groundwater in the Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin*, LA County Superior Court, Case No. BCV-21-101927
18. CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION  
Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2)

The Board convened to closed session at 8:34a.m. and adjourned out of Closed session and back into Open Session at 9:42a.m. There was no closed session report since there was no reportable action taken on the closed session matters.

**REGULAR AGENDA** (Items 6 through 9)

6. Approve And Authorize A FY2025/2026 Budget Allocation in an Amount Not to Exceed \$60,000 for Public Records Act (PRA) Request Compliance Related to The Tierra Rejada Landfill.

Eric Zetz, General Manager, presented information to the Board.

*It was moved by Director Perello, seconded by Director Acosta, to Approve and authorize a budget allocation for FY2025-2026 in the amount of \$60,000 for Public Records Act (PRA) request compliance related to the Tierra Rejada Landfill.*

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 7-0 (FOR: Acosta, Halter, Mang, McQueen-Legohn, Newman, Perello, and Villaseñor; AGAINST: None)

7. Consider and Approve Proposed Increases to Landfill Disposal Fees In VRSD Contract No. 11-007 with Athens Services for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Eric Zetz, General Manager presented information to the Board.

*It was moved by Director Acosta, seconded by Director Newman, A. Approve and adopt the following fee increases in VRSD Contract No. 11-007 with Athens Services for beginning July 1, 2026: B. Direct Haul Loads in the increased amount of \$1.36 (3.16% increase) per ton from \$42.93 per ton, to \$44.29 per ton; and C. Transfer Loads in the increased amount of \$1.26 (3.16% increase) per ton from \$39.80 per ton, to \$41.06 per ton.*

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 7-0 (FOR: Acosta, Halter, , Mang, McQueen-Legohn, Newman, Perello, and Villaseñor; AGAINST: None)

8. Approve and Authorize The Board Chair to Sign, Amendment No. 1 to VRSD Contract No. 26-001 with SCS Engineers to Isolate Six (6) Malfunctioning Landfill Gas Wells from the Leachate Treatment System at The Toland Road Landfill in an Amount Not to Exceed \$45,917 and Extend the Contract Term to October 31, 2027

James Torrez, Director of Operations, presented information to the Board and responded to questions from Board members.

*It was moved by Director McQueen-Legohn, seconded by Director Halter, A. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign, proposed time extension and additional funds Amendment 1 to VRSD Contract No. 26-001 with SCS Engineers to isolate six (6) malfunctioning landfill gas wells from the leachate treatment system at the Toland Road Landfill in an amount not to exceed \$45,917. B. Approve budget allocation of \$30,917 plus a contingency of \$15,000 for a total allocation of \$45,917. Approve, and Authorize the Board Chair to sign, proposed Time extension Amendment 1 to VRSD Contract No. 26-001 with SCS Engineers to isolate six (6) malfunctioning landfill gas wells from the leachate treatment system at the Toland Road Landfill extending the contract term to October 31, 2027.*

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 6-0 (FOR: Acosta, Halter, Mang, McQueen-Legohn, Perello, and Villaseñor; AGAINST: None)

9. Approve and Authorize the Board Chair to Sign Contract No. 26-004 with Dragomir Design-Build, Inc. and Sign Contract No. 26-005 with Pride Construction, to Perform Emergency Repair of The Toland Road Landfill West Perimeter Drainage Channel and Investigate of The West Channel Liner and Anchor Trench Condition in Phase 3B in an Amount not to Exceed \$2,561,250

James Torrez, Director of Operations, presented information to the Board and responded to questions from Board members.

*It was moved by Director Halter, seconded by Director Perello to: A. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign, Contract No. 26-004 with Dragomir Design-Build, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$172,000 to provide engineering support, project management, and Construction Quality Assurance (CQA), field & reporting services related to the West Channel Drainage System; C. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign, Contract No. 26-005 with Pride Construction for an amount not to exceed \$2,389,250 for the investigation, design, and emergency repair of the West Perimeter Drainage Channel at the Toland Road Landfill; C. Approve a Budget allocations totaling \$2,561,250.*

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 6-0 (FOR: Acosta, Halter, Mang, McQueen-Legohn, Perello, and Villaseñor; AGAINST: None

**INFORMATION ITEMS** (Items 10 through 12)

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

10. Disbursement Report: April 2026
11. Investment Report: April 2026
12. Future Meetings, Seminars and Conferences
  - June 2, 2026 8:30 a.m. - Personnel and Finance Committee, District Office
  - June 4, 2026 8:30 a.m.- Regular Board Meeting, District Office
  - June 18, 2026 8:30 a.m.- Regular Board Meeting, District Office
  - ~~July 2, 2026 8:30 a.m. - Regular Board Meeting, District Office~~ – Cancelled
  - July 7, 2026 8:30 a.m. - Personnel and Finance Committee, District Office
  - July 16, 2026 8:30 a.m.- Regular Board Meeting, District Office
  - No Regular Meetings Scheduled for August

*It was moved by Director Perello, seconded by Director Halter, to receive and file Information Items.*

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 6-0 (FOR: Acosta, Halter, McQueen Legohn, Perello, Villaseñor; AGAINST: None)

**ORAL REPORTS** (Items 13 through 16)

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

13. Regulatory Compliance Report:

Edward Pettit, Environmental Compliance Officer provided the following Reports:

- A. Ventura County Air Pollution Control District inspection of Toland Road Landfill on 4/8/26 - no violations, thanks to our Landfill Gas crew
- B. Regional Water Quality Control Board inspection of Toland Road Landfill on 5/6/26 - inspected west side channel
- C. Oxnard Landfills source test on 5/12/26 - appears that we will pass and will be able to extend the life of the flare

14. Committee Reports: None

15. Board Member Comments and Future Agenda Items:

Director Perello noted attending the Regional National Flood Insurance Program Workshop in Fresno, CA.

16. General Manager Comments

Eric Zetz, General Manager, provided an update on recent VRSD activities and upcoming items as follows:

- A. The District has finalized the Joint Technical Documents;
- B. Aerial mapping of the Toland Landfill has been set up, and the monthly drone report will follow;
- C. VRSD has received one (1) application for Fleet Mechanic & Maintenance Supervisor position the Board recently approved;
- D. Due to the damage discovered in the western drain channel at the Toland Road Landfill, staff inspected the eastern drain channel using a line camera and also identified damage with the drain system. While the damage is not extensive as the western channel drains, it will need to be addressed soon;
- E. The Sandy Fire is 15% contained and approximately 1,700 acres as of May 20, 2026, and staff is monitoring the fire to be sure Toland Road landfill will not be impacted.

*It was moved by Director Acosta, seconded by Director Perello, to receive and file Oral Reports.*

**VENTURA REGIONAL SANITATION DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 21, 2026**

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 6-0 (FOR: Acosta, Halter, Mang, McQueen Legohn, Perello and Villaseñor; AGAINST: None)

**ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourn to Regular Meeting to be held June 4, 2026, at 8:30 A.M. at the Ventura Regional Sanitation District office

Prepared by:

Approved:

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Mayra Rodriguez  
Clerk of the Board

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Christina Villaseñor, Chairperson  
Ventura Regional Sanitation District