

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
March 3, 2020
DISTRICT OFFICE

ROLL CALL:

Board President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Those in attendance: Board President Rodriguez, Director Mackey, Director Peranick, Director Aguilera, Frank Daniele, Neal Costanzo, Jason Franklin and JoAnn Vierra

CONSENT CALENDAR:

February meeting minutes & bills payable were unanimously approved as submitted.

PUBLIC ADDRESS: NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

DEFERRED BUSINESS: NONE

MANAGER'S REPORT: 9.1.1 GM Jason reviewed the District's position regarding current disposal rates. The District is currently operating at a deficit due to the 2019 rate increase by Waste Management. Waste Management will further increase rates effective April 2020, and this will create a further deficit and puts the District in the position of needing to increase the disposal rates for the first time in over 15 years. Per Jason, he and Neal met with Waste Management to discuss the 2020 increase. Per Neal, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase is reasonable and the District does not have to do a Prop 218 notification to increase District rates to cover that. There is, however, an extraordinary increase which is included in the District's contract with Waste Management. In order to implement a rate increase to cover the extraordinary increase, the District will need to do a Prop 218 notification. This requires a 45-day notification to customers, with explanation of the need for the increase & notification to customers of how to proceed with any protest. The District will conduct a public meeting at the end of the 45-day notification period. If the District doesn't receive a protest which comprises a majority of the customer base, rates can be increased (pending Board resolution adopting the increase). Jason & JoAnn will compute the proposed increase based upon the District's financial needs, and will present the information to the Board at the next meeting.

9.1.2 Regarding the meter funding project, GM Jason states that the funding project is being held up due to delay in a report that's compiled by CALPERS. This report is needed by the auditing team in order to complete the audit, and the audit results are needed in order to progress with the meter funding project. Jason has been in contact with the District's State liason, Francine, and is keeping her updated on the situation.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Per Frank Daniele, we have not received the map that the District requested for the Smith property. Per Neal, Dirk Poeschel has assured him that the District's requirements are being met. Neal had requested that Dirk attend this meeting; however, he was unavailable to do so.

Regarding the Water System Phase 7 improvements (Effie project), Frank states that it is his opinion that the District is okay on the change orders and that Anderson & Ballou's work and billing for those change orders was justified. Discussion ensued about the District's upcoming improvement projects, with Frank stating that the next project has not yet been decided. The Board requested a compiled priority list of areas of the District which need work.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS: NONE

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: Attorney Costanzo stated that the Board will need to authorize GM Jason to do a Prop 218 notification for a public hearing at the May meeting. Director Mackey motioned, Diretor Peranick seconded. Vote was made with all in favor, 1 absent. GM Jason will proceed with Prop 218 notification preparations.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:50 p.m.

APPROVED BY :

RESPECTFULLY,

DAVID RODRIGUEZ
BOARD PRESIDENT

JOANN VIERRA
DISTRICT SECRETARY