

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 1, 2021
DISTRICT OFFICE

ROLL CALL:

Meeting called to order at 5:03 P.M by Board President Rodriguez. Those in attendance: Board President Rodriguez, Director Peranick, Director Mackey, Director Baroni, Neal Costanzo, Jason Franklin and JoAnn Vierra. Also in attendance, Amanda Castro (Interim Board Member applicant) and David Taub, Journalist/GVWire (online newspaper).

CONSENT CALENDAR:

February 2 minutes & bills payable were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC ADDRESS:

David Taub addressed the Board, stating that he had noted the District's website had been updated with meeting minutes & agendas. He stated he is a journalist for the online newspaper, GVWire. The Board questioned whether Mr. Taub was a resident of the District, to which he replied that he was not. He stated he was just reporting on local government at work.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 Neal Costanzo informed all in attendance that this meeting date had been changed from March 2 to March 1 due to the Board appointment of Amanda Castro on 2/23/21 to fill the vacant seat. After the appointment, it came to light that Ms. Castro was in fact not a registered voter in the District (one of the requirements to occupy a Board seat), which made the appointment invalid. There is no provision requiring that a voter be registered a certain number of days before appointment. Ms. Castro contacted the elections office and corrected her voter registration information on 02/23/21 (after the Board meeting), and so the appointment must be redone. March 1 is the deadline for the District to make the appointment, hence the change of the meeting date.

Director Mackey motioned to nominate Amanda Castro to fill the Board vacancy. Director Baroni seconded.

Vote was as follows:

Director Mackey: Aye

Director Baroni: Aye

Director Peranick: Nay

Director Rodriguez: Nay

Per Neal, the nomination has failed, and the District will need to send notification to the County regarding the outcome. The County will then appoint someone to fill the vacant seat. Neal will compose the letter and send to the County.

Items 6.2 & 6.3 are removed from the Agenda as a result of the vote.

6.4 Regarding the District's annual audit, the Board states that in the future, the CPA who performs the audit must appear in front of the Board to present the audit and answer any questions. General discussion continued regarding the audit. Director Mackey motioned to accept the audit; Director Peranick seconded. Voting commenced, with all in favor to accept the audit as presented, none opposed and none absent.

DEFERRED BUSINESS: NONE

MANAGER'S REPORT:

9.1.1 Regarding the rate study, Jason reports that the April 6 meeting workshop with Bartle Wells may need to be postponed if they can't get here (they're located in the Bay area). He will contact Bartle Wells to determine whether they can attend & will let the Board know. The Board states that we can call a special meeting if needed, to meet the deadline that had been set to implement the water rate increase.

9.1.2 Jason reports that we received the annual CPI increase from Waste Management, and in accordance with the 2020 Prop 218 notification to disposal customers, we will be increasing the disposal rates on May 1, 2021.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: NONE

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Nothing further to report

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Mackey expressed his mystification as to why the Board failed to appoint to fill the current vacancy, and why there was a change in voting. He states that, in his opinion, the only thing that changed was politics, and that he was deeply disappointed by the outcome.

Director Baroni agreed with Director Mackey, stating that he has no goal other than good governance and apologized for any offense to anyone.

Director Rodriguez stated that they were entitled to their opinion.
Ms. Castro interjected, thanking the Board for the opportunity, and stated that it had been a learning experience for her.

ADJOURNMENT to CLOSED SESSION : 5:38 p.m.

APPROVED BY :	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
DAVID RODRIGUEZ BOARD PRESIDENT	JOANN VIERRA DISTRICT SECRETARY