

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 7, 2024
DISTRICT OFFICE

ROLL CALL:

Board President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:04 P.M. Those in attendance: Director Rodriguez, Director Valdez, Director Gonzales, Director Baroni, Director Peranick, Frank Daniele, Neal Costanzo, JoAnn Vierra.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

3.1 Minutes of the regular meeting of April 2 and bills payable were accepted as presented.

PUBLIC ADDRESS:

Two members of the public addressed the Board individually.
Ron Vega, who resides at 51 W. Minarets, inquired whether the District is subject to the Public Records Act, to which District Counsel responded yes. Mr. Vega inquired as to when the March board meeting minutes will be available on the District’s website, to which District Secretary JoAnn responded that they will be available on the website by the end of the week. Mr. Vega inquired whether the District’s audit for fiscal year 06/30/23 is available to the public, to which JoAnn responded that although the District doesn’t publish the audit on our website, there are copies available by request at the office.
Elaine Guerrero, who resides at 441 W. Spruce, inquired whether the District will install a meter on the empty lot that she owns which is located next to her house. Ms. Guerrero stated she may be building on the lot prior to the meter installation project. JoAnn responded that the District will not install a meter on a vacant lot, but if she were to build on the lot prior to the meter project being done, a meter would be installed on an existing building. Ms. Guerrero inquired regarding the cost for the meters, and was informed that the District has applied for grant funding from the State of California, and that the meters would be installed at no cost to the customer. JoAnn also informed that if a new building was constructed, new lines would have to be installed and there could be connection fees involved (since the existing lines have been cut/capped). Those costs would be incorporated into any other construction costs for the building. Ms. Guerrero inquired regarding whether the District will have a plan for the meter installations, i.e. would they all be installed at once? Board President Rodriguez replied that it will be done in stages and that the District will have a plan in place for which areas will be done in which order. The District will provide notification to the customers prior to the work being done in their area(s). Ms. Guerrero suggested that the District conduct an informational meeting at least once a year so that members of the public might attend—something similar to the “State of the State” address, except of course it would pertain to the “State of the District”. The board will take it into consideration. Mr. Vega & Ms. Guerrero thanked the Board for their time & left the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

7.1 Harrison Hughes was not present at the meeting, and there was no progress report available.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS:

- 9.1 **Manager’s Report:** JoAnn read Jason’s report, as follows:
- 9.1.1 On 04/06/24 a power pole in the District’s well #5 yard fell over. The pole damaged a block wall fence that surrounds the District’s well site, as well as the control panel at the well itself. Gleim Crown has been out to fix the control panel, and the block wall is currently being repaired. The District has obtained the information with which to file a reimbursement claim to PG&E for the damages. Once the District receives all of the invoices for the repairs, we will submit to PG&E for reimbursement.
 - 9.1.2 There were issues with the District’s sewer line on Palm just south of Sierra. Upon investigation, it was discovered that there is a 4” conduit bored through the sewer line. After calling in an underground service alert, it was determined that the line belongs to MCI (who is now owned by Verizon). Jason is currently trying to determine who he needs to contact in order to get the matter resolved, and he’ll update the Board at the next meeting.
 - 9.1.3 The District was informed by RCAC that they cannot assist the District with a bridge loan, due to the District being too large and “not rural enough”. Jason has some contact information for a couple of banks that he will approach to obtain information. Jason posed the question of whether the County might assist, to which District Counsel replied that the County would not assist in any way. General discussion ensued regarding what other options the District might have, with the outcome being that the

Board will allow Jason to obtain information thru the banks and they will discuss it some more at a future meeting. The intent is to come up with a plan of action that is clear and amenable to everyone.

- 9.2 **Engineer’s Report:** Nothing to report.
- 9.3 **Attorney’s Report:** Nothing to report until Closed Session.
- 9.4 **Board President’s Report:** Director Rodriguez states he will not be in attendance at the June meeting.
- 9.5 **Director’s Report(s):** NONE

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 5:42 p.m.

APPROVED BY : RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

DAVID RODRIGUEZ
BOARD PRESIDENT

JOANN VIERRA
DISTRICT SECRETARY