

**DUBLIN SAN RAMON SERVICES DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

November 1, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 6 p.m. by President Halket.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. ROLL CALL

Boardmembers present at start of meeting:

President Richard M. Halket, Vice President Marisol Rubio, Director Arun Goel, Director Georgean M. Vonheeder-Leopold, and Director Ann Marie Johnson.

District staff present: Dan McIntyre, General Manager; Jan Lee, Assistant General Manager; Steve Delight, Engineering Services Director/District Engineer; Jeff Carson, Operations Director; Douglas E. Coty, General Counsel; and Nicole Genzale, Executive Services Supervisor/District Secretary.

4. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIVITIES

4.A. New Employee Introduction:
Efren Monroy Magana Jr., Maintenance Worker I

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC) – 6:02 p.m. No public comment was received.

6. AGENDA MANAGEMENT (CONSIDER ORDER OF ITEMS) – No changes were made.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Vonheeder-Leopold requested that Item 7.A be removed for discussion. The Board agreed to remove Item 7.A for discussion, and took Consent Calendar Items 7.B and 7.C and passed these items first.

Director Vonheeder-Leopold MOVED for approval of Items 7.B and 7.C on the Consent Calendar. Vice President Rubio SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

7.A. REMOVED – Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2022

Director Vonheeder-Leopold explained that she submitted two written reports timely for the October 18, 2022 Board meeting, though she was absent from the meeting, and would like the report submittals recorded in the minutes.

Director Goel MOVED to Approve Item 7.A with a Correction to the Minutes to Record under Item 9.A.2 that Director Vonheeder-Leopold Timely Submitted Two Written Reports for Compensable Director Activities. Director Vonheeder-Leopold SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

- 7.B. Approve the Telecommunications Site Lease Agreement with DISH Wireless LLC for a Telecommunications Tower at Reservoir R20 – Approved
- 7.C. Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Work Order with G.S.E. Construction Co., Inc. for Construction Services for the EALS Rehabilitation Project (CIP 21-P009) – Approved

8. BOARD BUSINESS

8.A. Receive Presentation on Drinking Water Quality

Engineering Services Director Delight reviewed the item and provided the Board a presentation that was added to the website as supplemental materials. The presentation defined water quality standards for health and aesthetics, and elaborated on the composition of DSRSD's source water from wholesaler Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7) and quality issues of taste, odor, and hardness. Mr. Delight reviewed Zone 7's quality policy goals and measures taken to address quality issues including optimization of treatment processes to minimize chlorinous odors, and the Mocho Well Demineralization and Ozone Treatment projects. He explained home water softeners are a measure customers can implement as well. The presentation also compared water supply "parameters of interest" with neighboring agency East Bay Municipal Utility District, showing a substantially higher level of hardness in the supply DSRSD receives from Zone 7.

The Board and staff discussed certain aspects of the presentation with particular focus on the hardness of Zone 7's source water, which has been a long-term issue experienced by customers within the District's service area. Mr. Delight explained that during a drought, well water from Livermore makes up the majority of Zone 7's supply, with some surface water mixed in, which does little to offset the hardness. Zone 7 is also challenged by elevated hydrology which impacts how the supply is conveyed to the District affecting water quality.

The Board questioned if the District might be liable for home or health issues in its service area should a water quality issue arise. The Board also requested staff include the setting of an improved water quality standard into future District operational improvements for "green" and supply sustainability options, and to continue monitoring pH levels. Staff confirmed the District would not be liable given it does not change the water quality (and affirmed the District's supply meets all primary and secondary quality standards for hardened water systems) and affirmed they will integrate the Board's additional requests.

8.B. Discuss Director Travel and Expenses Policy and Provide Direction

Executive Services Supervisor/District Secretary Genzale reviewed the item for the Board. The Board and staff discussed the policy's meal allowance provision, its utilization, and the various options available to update this portion of the policy, if the Board so desired.

Director Vonheeder-Leopold MOVED to Direct Staff to Present a Revised Director Travel and Expenses Policy Utilizing Option 2 at the November 15 Board Meeting. The motion FAILED for lack of a second.

Director Johnson MOVED to Direct Staff to Present a Revised Director Travel and Expenses Policy Utilizing Option 1 with a Re-setting of the Meal Allowance Rate to Follow the U.S. General Services Administration Median at the November 15 Board Meeting. President Halket SECONDED the MOTION, which FAILED with TWO AYES and THREE NOES (Goel, Rubio, and Vonheeder-Leopold).

Following additional discussion, Option 1 was re-proposed.

Director Goel MOVED to Direct Staff to Present a Revised Director Travel and Expenses Policy Utilizing Option 1 with a Re-setting of the Meal Allowance Rate to Follow the U.S. General Services Administration Median at the November 15 Board Meeting. Director Johnson SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FOUR AYES and ONE NO (Vonheeder-Leopold).

9. REPORTS

9.A. Boardmember Items

9.A.1. Joint Powers Authority and Committee Reports

A LAVWMA Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16.

9.A.2. Submittal of Written Reports for Day of Service Events Attended by Directors

Director Vonheeder-Leopold submitted a written report to Executive Services Supervisor/District Secretary Genzale. She reported that she attended the California Association of Sanitation Agencies Board of Directors meeting on October 26. She summarized the activities and discussions at the meeting.

President Halket and Director Goel both reported they will be unable to attend the November 15, 2022 Board meeting.

9.A.3. Request New Agenda Item(s) Be Placed on a Future Board or Committee Agenda

Director Rubio requested an item be scheduled for an upcoming meeting regarding an update on possible ways the District can support leadership opportunities for girls-led organizations.

9.B. Staff Reports

9.B.1. Event Calendar – Staff had nothing to report.

9.B.2. Correspondence from the Board – None

10. CLOSED SESSION

At 7 p.m. the Board went into Closed Session.

10.A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Title: General Manager

10.B. Conference with Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Designated Representative: Douglas E. Coty, General Counsel
Unrepresented Employee: General Manager

11. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

At 8 p.m. the Board came out of Closed Session. President Halket announced that there was no reportable action.

12. ADJOURNMENT

President Halket adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Submitted by,

Nicole Genzale, CMC
Executive Services Supervisor/District Secretary