

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

May 2, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. ROLL CALL

Boardmembers present at start of meeting: President Georgan M. Vonheeder-Leopold, Vice President Ann Marie Johnson, Director Arun Goel (teleconference location), Director Dinesh Govindarao, and Director Richard M. Halket.

District staff present: Dan McIntyre, General Manager; Jan Lee, Assistant General Manager; Carol Atwood, Administrative Services Director/Treasurer; 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 – None

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC) – 6:01 p.m. No public comment was received.

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

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Govindarao inquired as to the agenda placement of Item 7.C (on Consent Calendar) and Item 8.A (on Board Business), given both items relate to approving customer charges or rates. General Manager McIntyre explained that Item 7.C pertains to the Board's intent to set a public hearing to consider an assessment at a future date, whereas Item 8.A requires a public hearing and the Board's determination on proposed rates this evening.

Director Johnson MOVED for approval of the items on the Consent Calendar. Director Govindarao SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES, per roll call vote.

7.A. Approve Special Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2023 – Approved

7.B. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2023 – Approved

7.C. Approve Intention to Levy Annual Assessments in the Dougherty Valley Standby Charge District 2001-1 for Fiscal Year Ending 2024 – Approved – Resolution No. 13-23.

8. BOARD BUSINESS

8.A. Public Hearing: Adopt the 2023 Local and Regional Wastewater Rates and Rescind Resolution No. 33-17 and Resolution No. 36-22

President Vonheeder-Leopold announced the item and declared the Public Hearing open. She asked for the staff presentation. Financial Analyst II Corinne Ferreyra reviewed the item for the Board.

The Board and staff discussed that by approving this item, the allowable maximum local and regional wastewater rates will be set for the next five years, but noted that the rates can be revisited at any time, if deemed necessary. They also clarified the methodology used to arrive at the proposed wastewater rates, and affirmed that the rates to be charged are based on the cost to provide service, as they are not permitted to be subsidized nor based on income or residential type, per Proposition 218.

President Vonheeder-Leopold inquired if there were any comments from the public. There was no public comment received.

District Secretary Genzale stated that a total of one (1) apparent written protest has been received through the end of the public hearing held this evening. She also reported that two (2) written comments were received. All written correspondence received was sent to the Board for its review ahead of this evening's meeting.

President Vonheeder-Leopold reported that the District has 26,060 parcels, and that in order to have a successful majority protest, 13,031 validated protests must have been received. The number of protests numbering one (1) is deemed unsuccessful and under the Board's policy on "Proposition 218 Receipt, Tabulation and Validation of Written Protests" there is no need for the District Secretary to validate the apparent written protest. She stated that the Board can proceed with its deliberations on the wastewater rate proposal.

Vice President Johnson MOVED to Close the Public Hearing. Director Govindarao SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES, per roll call vote.

President Vonheeder-Leopold declared the Public Hearing closed.

Director Govindarao MOVED to Adopt Resolution No. 14-23, Establishing Local and Regional Wastewater Rates Under Section 5.30.020 (Service and Demand Charges) of the District Code and Rescinding Resolution No. 33-17 and Resolution No. 36-22. Director Halket SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES, per roll call vote.

9. REPORTS

9.A. Boardmember Items

9.A.1. Joint Powers Authority and Committee Reports
Tri-Valley Water Liaison – April 25, 2023
DERWA – April 24, 2023

President Vonheeder-Leopold invited comments on recent JPA and Committee activities. Directors felt the available staff reports adequately covered the many matters considered at the JPA and Committee meetings and made a few comments about some of the JPA and Committee activities.

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

Director Govindarao submitted a written report to Executive Services Supervisor/District Secretary Genzale. He reported that he attended the Dublin Chamber of Commerce State of the City Address held on April 19 at the Shannon Community Center. He summarized the activities and discussions at the meeting.

President Vonheeder-Leopold submitted written reports to Executive Services Supervisor/District Secretary Genzale. She reported that she attended the Dublin Chamber of Commerce State of the City Address on April 19, the virtual California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) Nominating Committee and DERWA Board meetings on April 24, the Tri-Valley Water Liaison Committee on April 25 at the City of Pleasanton, the virtual CASA Board of Directors meeting on April 26, and the Contra Costa Special Districts Chapter 30th Anniversary event on April 27 at the Pleasant Hill Community Center. She summarized the activities and discussions at the meetings.

9.A.3. Request New Agenda Item(s) Be Placed on a Future Board or Committee Agenda – None

9.B. Staff Reports

9.B.1. Event Calendar – None

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

10. ADJOURNMENT

President Vonheeder-Leopold adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Submitted by,

Nicole Genzale, CMC
Executive Services Supervisor/District Secretary