

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
SAN GABRIEL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel County Water District was called to order on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 8366 Grand Avenue, Rosemead, California at the hour of 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present at the District office were General Manager Jim Prior, Finance and Administration Manager Carmen Corona, Assistant General Manager Casey Feilen, Directors Cammarano, Taylor, DeLaTorre, Saucedo, Mamdapurkar and District Counsel Koczanowicz.

AGENDA Upon motion by Director Taylor and seconded by Director Saucedo, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

MINUTES Upon motion by Director DeLaTorre and seconded by Director Mamdapurkar, the Board voted to approve the minutes for the meeting of the Board of Directors held on September 12, 2023. Motion passed 5-0.

DEMANDS Director DeLaTorre motioned to authorize an electronic funds transfer from the general account to the revolving account in the amount of \$83,372.32. The motion was seconded by Director Taylor. No questions were asked by the Board. Motion passed 5-0.

DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT District Counsel briefed the Board on a case from 2nd District Court of Appeals, Estrada v. CAL PERS. Ms. Estrada, a payroll manager, pled no-contest to a felony charge of embezzlement from her employer, City of La Habra Heights. She manipulated the payroll deductions to exclude herself from paying for employee-paid benefits, increasing her take-home pay by approx. \$5,700 during a period of three years. Her PERS benefits were suspended, and she was not eligible for another CALPERS job. Estrada sued. Court of Appeals upheld the lower Court's decision in favor of CALPERS, finding that a subsequent reduction of the charge from felony to misdemeanor as part of the plea deal did not negate the original guilty plea and resulting conviction and State law provisions which prohibit future benefits to employees convicted of felonies related to their job duties were applicable.

ACTION ITEMS None

MISC INFORMATION Receive and File: August 2023 Banking and Investment and Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Reports were provided to the Board.

Director Cammarano commented on the increased interest rate and General Manager acknowledged that the interest rate has risen significantly in the last several months.

**GENERAL
MANAGER
COMMENTS**

The General Manager informed the Board that the turf on the east side of the front lawn at the district will be installed on Thursday; he also reported that Well 12 will be profiled the week of October 9th and answered questions from Director Taylor regarding the depth of the well (approx. 1100 feet) and Director Saucedo regarding the flow. Casey Feilen stated that well will also be tested due to some nominal detections of arsenic, well below MCLs. Mr. Prior also informed the Board that the Gladys job started on Monday and that he and Mr. Feilen had some interactions with Environmental Working Group, who have been trying to sell water filters to local residents in the Fairview Village area, based on alleged claims that "water company" water needs to be filtered and that they are from that "water company". He and Mr. Feilen confronted some of the salesmen who denied making such claims. Residents that inquired were reassured that District water is safe to drink and does not need to be filtered. Some discussion ensued about possible remedies or actions to stop the company from lying about the quality of District's water or pretending they were from the District.

**FUTURE
AGENDA
ITEMS**


Board will be making a decision regarding Property Management firm sometime in November or December of this year to be retained for management of the 8331-8351 Grand Ave. rentals.

**DIRECTOR
COMMENTS**


Director Cammarano commented on the beautiful weather.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Director Taylor, seconded by Director Saucedo the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m.



President



Secretary

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