

VENTURA REGIONAL SANITATION DISTRICT
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 16, 2025
4105 W. Gonzalez Road, Oxnard, California

Chair Newman, called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

1. Roll Call: The Clerk of the Board called the roll. The following Board Members were present:

Martha McQueen-Legohn, City of Port Hueneme
David Newman, City of Thousand Oaks
Doug Halter, City of Ventura
Christina Villaseñor, City of Fillmore
Kevin Kildee, City of Camarillo
Leslie Cornejo, City of Santa Paula
Bert Perello, City of Oxnard
Andrew Nelson, Special Districts

Absent: Andrew Whitman, City of Ojai

Staff Present: Chris Theisen, General Manager; Robert Kwong, Legal Counsel, Richard Jones, Director of Operations, Tina Rivera, Director of Finance, Mayra Rodriguez Clerk of the Board, and Daniel Nash, Former Solid Waste Operations Superintendent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge was led by Director Cornejo.

3. Agenda Review:

Chris Theisen, General manager reported there was an Executive Committee Meeting on January 15, 2025 but that it is not listed under the Committee Reports Agenda Item. He suggested that a report regarding this meeting could take place under the General Manager Comments agenda item.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 8-0 (FOR: McQueen-Legohn, Newman, Halter, Villaseñor, Kildee, Cornejo, Nelson and Perello)

4. Public Comment:

None.

PRESENTATION (Item 5 only)

5. Certificate of Appreciation Presented to Daniel Nash, Solid Waste Operations Superintendent on his Retirement.

Chairperson Newman on behalf of the VRSD Board of directors, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Daniel Nash, Solid Waste Operations Superintendent. Chairperson Newman thanked Mr. Nash for his thirty-nine years of service and congratulated him on his retirement.

Chris Theisen, General Manager thanked him for his years of service.

Richard Jones, Director of Operations congratulated him for his retirement and thanked him for his years of service.

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 6 only) Matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine, non-controversial, and are normally approved by one motion without discussion. If discussion is requested by a member of the Board on any Consent Agenda item, or if a member of the public wishes to comment on an item, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate action.

6. Approval of Minutes: December 5, 2024 Regular Meeting, December 19, 2024 Regular Meeting.

It was moved by Director McQueen-Legohn, seconded by Director Villaseñor, to Approve to the Consent Agenda as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 6-0-2(FOR: McQueen-Legohn, Newman, Halter, Villaseñor, Kildee, and Nelson. Abstain: Perello and Cornejo)

REGULAR AGENDA (Items 6 and 7)

7. Consider Proposed Amendment No. 4 to District Contract No. 22-018 With Dragomir Design-Build, Inc. to Provide Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) Services for the Construction of Phase 4C at the Toland Road Landfill to Increase the Contract in an amount not to exceed \$24,488 for a revised total compensation amount not to exceed \$1,392,094.

Richard Jones, Director of Operations, provided the Board with a presentation and answered questions.

It was moved by Director Kildee, seconded by Director Perello, to Approve, and Authorize the Board Chair to sign, Amendment No. 4 to District Contract No. 22-018

with Dragomir Design-Build, Inc. to provide construction quality assurance (CQA) services for the construction of Phase 4C at the Toland Road Landfill (TRL) and to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$24,488 for a revised total compensation amount not to exceed \$1,392,094. ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 8-0 (FOR: McQueen-Legohn, Newman, Halter, Villaseñor, Kildee, Nelson, Cornejo, and Perello.)

8. Approve, and Authorize the Board Chairperson to Sign, Proposed VRSD Contract No. 24-017 with Vestis Uniform and Supply for Uniforms and Related Product Supply Services

Richard Jones, Director of Operations, provided the Board with a presentation and answered questions.

It was moved by Director Nelson, seconded by Director Perello, to Approve, and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign, Proposed VRSD Contract No. 24-017 with Vestis Uniform and Supply for uniforms and related product supply services at the District's field operating locations. ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 8-0 (FOR: McQueen-Legohn, Newman, Halter, Villaseñor, Kildee, Nelson, Cornejo, and Perello.)

INFORMATION ITEMS (Items 9 through 12)

It is recommended that the Board receive and file the following:

9. Disbursement Report: December 2024
10. Investment Report: None
11. Future Meetings, Seminars and Conferences
 - Jan 29-31, CASA Winter Conference, Palm Springs, CA
 - Jan 22-24 League of California Cities New Mayors & Council Members Academy, Sacramento, CA
 - Jan 29-31 League of California Cities New Mayors & Council Members Academy, Garden Grove, CA
 - Feb 4, 2025, 8:30 a.m. – P&F Committee Meeting, District Office
 - Feb 6, 2025, 8:30 a.m. – Regular Board Meeting, District Office
 - Feb 20, 2025, 8:30 a.m. – Regular Board Meeting, District Office
12. Information Items:
 - A. December 31, 2024, LA Times, "Troubled Chiquita Canyon Landfill will cease accepting trash in 2025".
 - B. December 17, 2024, LA Times, "Los Angeles County files suit 'to stop the awful stench' at Chiquita Canyon landfill".

Chris Theisen, General Manager provided the Board with the report and answered

questions regarding the two articles provided.

It was *moved by Director Halter, seconded by Director McQueen-Legohn*, to receive and file Information Items. ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 8-0 (FOR: McQueen-Legohn, Newman, Halter, Villaseñor, Kildee, Nelson, Cornejo, and Perello.)

ORAL REPORTS (Items 13 through 16)

It is recommended that the Board receive and file the following:

13. Regulatory Compliance Report: None
14. Committee Reports: None
15. Board Member Comments and Future Agenda Items

Director Perello, distributed an article that was published on December, 2, 2024 in the LA Times titled, "Elevated radiation detected at former Bay Area landfill turned art park".

16. General Manager Comments

Chris Theisen, General Manager noted there was an Executive committee meeting on January 15, 2025, and Chairperson Newman noted that the meeting was utilized for the Committee to continue progress toward choosing an executive search firm to recommend to the Board regarding the General Manager recruitment.

It was *moved by Director Halter, seconded by Director Kildee*, to receive and file Oral Reports. ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 8-0 (FOR: McQueen-Legohn, Newman, Halter, Villaseñor, Kildee, Nelson, Cornejo, and Perello.)

CLOSED SESSION (Item 17 only)

At 9:30am., Legal Counsel Robert Kwong announced that it was the intention of the Ventura Regional Sanitation District Board of Directors to meet in closed session to consider the following items:

17. CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Gov. Code 54956.9(d) Regarding Anticipated Litigation: One case.

The Board convened to closed session at 9:30 am and adjourned out of Closed Session at 10:11 am. There was no closed session report since there was no reportable action taken on the closed session matter.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourn to Regular Meeting to be held February 6, 2025, 8:30 a.m. at the Ventura Regional Sanitation District office.

Prepared by:

Approved:

Mayra Rodriguez
Clerk of the Board

David Newman, Chairperson
Ventura Regional Sanitation District

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