

# LAMONT PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018 6:00 P.M.

Meeting Location:  
District Office  
8624 Segrue Road  
Lamont CA, 93241

## 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

- a. Board President Jose Cruz called to order the regular board meeting at 6:04 pm on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at the office of the Lamont Public Utility District. All Board Members were present. Staff present included General Manager/District Secretary Scott Taylor, District Counsel Karl Berger, and Finance Officer Wendy Swope.

## 2. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by President Cruz.

## 3. Board Member Announcements –

- a. Director Prado made comments regarding the adoption of the budget and whether that would automatically increase water rates. District Counsel Berger stated that could be discussed under the budget agenda item as opposed to under the Board comments section.
- b. President Cruz commented on the beginning the Prop 218 public hearing. It was requested to bring back to the next board meeting.
- c. Director Hernandez commented about advising staff several months ago to notify the community of the Prop 218 process. Staff reminded Director Hernandez that the rate study was not even completed several months ago. Further, staff reminded Director Hernandez that a public hearing would be conducted and is required by law under Prop 218 for a rate increase to occur.

## 4. Public Comment

- a. Jesus Alonzo commented on the public being informed of the potential rate increase. He also inquired about the TCP notification. Explanation of State level requirements provided to the citizen.

## 5. Staff Announcements – Information Only

- a. Wendy Swope, Finance officer commented on being back to work and happy to be back.

- b. General Manager introduced Jon Turner, of Phoenix Engineering, the District engineering consultant. Mr. Turner provided information and update of projects currently in process within the District.

## 6. Consent Agenda

- a. Motion made by Director Sanchez to approve consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Director Gonzalez. Motions passes 5-0.

## 7. Regular Agenda

- a. Action to Adopt Annual FY 18-19 Budget.
  - i. General Manager presented FY 18-19 budget to the board for adoption.
  - ii. Director Prado requested information regarding Proposition 218 process and inquired if adopting the budget automatically increases water and sewer rates.
  - iii. District Counsel explained the Prop 218 process in detail, stating that adopting the budget does not increase water rates.
  - iv. Motion made by Director Sanchez to adopt annual FY 18-19 budget as presented. Seconded by Director Gonzalez. Motion passes 5-0.
- b. Action to Authorize General Manager to issue a will serve letter for a nursery located at 7575 Weedpatch Hwy.
  - i. Owner of property located at 7575 Weedpatch Hwy requested water service from the District.
  - ii. Motion made by Director Prado to authorize issuance of the will serve letter. Seconded by Vice President Hernandez. Motion passes 5-0.
- c. Action to adopt resolution allowing general Manager to accept interest in real property on behalf of the District.
  - i. Information provided to Board relative to accepting interests such as an easement in real property on behalf of the District.
  - ii. Purpose is to create efficiency in District processes relative to executing documents on behalf and in the interest of the District.
  - iii. Motion made by Director Sanchez to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Gonzalez. Motion passes 5-0. conduct additional workshops. Seconded by Vice President Hernandez.

d. Action to Authorize General Manager to issue a will serve letter for commercial development at Weedpatch Hwy and Mountain View Road.

- i. Engineering firm working on behalf of property owner requested water service from the District, the property located at Weedpatch Hwy and Mountain View Road.
- ii. Motion made by Director Gonzalez to authorize issuance of the will serve letter. Seconded by Director Sanchez. Motion passes 5-0.

e. Action to issue letter of support for Recology, Inc.'s EIR report.

- i. Information provided to Board regarding letter of support requested by Recology Inc. and the improvements of Plan B waste water land area.
- ii. Motion made by Director Gonzalez to approve issuance of letter of support for the EIR report on behalf of Recology Inc. Seconded by Director Sanchez. Motion passes 5-0.
- iii. All Board members chose to take no action on this item.

8. Closed Session

a. Pursuant to California Government Code section §54956.9)b)(1).

- i. General Manager evaluation.
- ii. Board adjourned to closed session at 7:58pm
- iii. Report out from Closed Session:
  1. Board unanimously agreed and unanimous consensus 5-0 to a 5 year employment contract extension ending on November 2024; Agreed to increase General Manager salary; Agreed to 100% of insurance premium for General manager and dependents; Agreed to annual review with no less than 2% increase upon satisfactory evaluation; increase vacation and sick leave cap to 480 hours; Increased General Manager's severance package to 9 months, and provide 40 hours of administrative leave time.
  2. Specific terms and language to be memorialized in Amendment #1 to General Manager's employment contract.
  3. All Boards members agreed and concurred to the contents and results of the report out of the closed session.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Director Sanchez and seconded by Director Gonzalez to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lamont Public Utility District, held on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 9:37 pm. Approved. 5-0.

**ATTEST:**

X *Jose B. Cruz*  
María Hernandez, Vice - President of the Board

*JOSE B. CRUZ*  
X *Scott Taylor*  
Scott Taylor, Secretary/General Manager

