

# LAMONT PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 26, 2019 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 6:05pm on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at the office of the Lamont Public Utility District. All board members were present. Staff present included General Manager/District Secretary Scott Taylor.

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

### 3. Board Member Announcements –

- a. Director Alonso thanked the public for attending the board meeting.

### 4. Public Comment

- i. Christobol Gomez commented on the newly approved rates by the Board. He commented on the amount of the rate increase. He said his mail get stolen and thus he wasn't aware of the increase.
- ii. Maria Hernandez commented on the rate increase. She indicated that people in the community are not aware of the rate increase.
- iii. Luce Gonzalez commented that she knows for a fact that the water meters are rented and why cant she buy one. President Cruz stated the meters are not rented and no one can buy one. Meters are the property of the District.
- iv. Director Sanchez commented explaining the need and justification for the rate increase based on the Board approved Rate Study including State mandated treatment systems, testing, capital improvements, infrastructure O&M, and SGMA issues.
- v. (Unintelligible and unable to understand for purpose of minutes; Numerous people were talking in Spanish at the same time making it impossible to understand and record.)
- vi. Director Prado commented on the rates and explained the Prop 218 process. She also explained that the cost of living and overall costs increase.
- vii. A woman stated the community needs to educate themselves; To understand what the rate increase is for and stop accusing the staff and Board of LPUD.
- viii. Several comments were received by the Board.

### 5. Staff Announcements – Information Only

- a. General Manager provided information updating the Board on Well#17 progress and the installation of the PLC system



- b. General Manager reminded the Board to complete and submit their 700 conflict of interest forms.

## 6. Consent Agenda

- a. Director Sanchez motioned for approval of consent calendar as presented. Motion seconded by Director Gonzalez. Approved 5-0.

## 7. Regular Agenda

### A. Consideration and Information: Implementation of rate increase approved during the January 2019 Board meeting.

- i. General Manager provided information to the Board informing them that the rate increase approved by the Board in January 2019 has been implemented. The rates will be reflected in the March Bills. Further staff informed the Board that written notices on bright yellow paper were included in the monthly bills that discussed the new rates for water and sewer.
- ii. Information Only. No action taken.

### B. Consideration and Information: 2018 Annual Financial Audit.

- i. General Manager presented information regarding LPUD 2018 Audited Financials. All in all, the District financials are accurate and reconcile appropriately. General Manager reported that this year was the first time ever that LPUD had zero findings.
- ii. Prior to General Manager Taylor arriving at LPUD, there were over 20 findings. Taylor reduced those findings to 11 the second year, then to 5 the third year. This year Taylor is happy to state that zero findings exist in LPUD audited financials.
- iii. Each Board member commended and applauded General Manager Taylor and staff for turning the District around and cleaning up the financials. Each Board member commented and praised such a significant accomplishment.
- iv. Information Only. No action taken.

### C. Action to Approve Change Order #6 for Well 17 GAC Project.

- i. General Manager provided information regarding a change order request for well 17 GAC system. Change order based on system modifications due to engineering concerns.
- ii. Director Alonso motioned to approve change order as presented. Seconded by Director Gonzalez. Motion approved 5-0.

### D. Action to Approve Issuance of Will Serve Letter for 11600 Main Street.

- i. General Manager presented information relative to a request for a will serve letter for waste water service as result of a failed septic system.
- ii. Director Sanchez motioned for approval. Seconded by Director Prado. Motion approved 5-0.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Director Prado and seconded by Director Sanchez to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lamont Public Utility District, held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 8:28 pm. Approved. 5-0.

**ATTEST:**

X *Jose G. Cruz*  
Jose G. Cruz, President of the Board

X *Scott Taylor*  
Scott Taylor, Secretary/General Manager

