

Del Rey Community Services District
**Minutes of the
Board of Directors
Special Board Meeting
March 9, 2023
6:00p.m.**

President Garza called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Directors present: **Stephanie Garza, Joaquin Nunez, Daniel Ramirez, Maria Reyna, Rolando Sanchez**

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS):

B-1 Approval of Resolution Authorizing the District Manager to Execute and File a Federal Financial Assistance Application with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. Arias brought this to the Board because the emergency that took place at the plant. FEMA is assisting small communities so this could be an opportunity to get funding. District Engineer Manrique states the plant is under investigation where the small segment of pipes collapsed that need to be repaired. The grant is for severe winter storms. The special meeting was called because the deadline to apply is March 15. The resolution provided is to allow him to get the application submitted to FEMA. Arias states there has been a lot of money spent on overtime, pumps, gas, and other expenses that he hopes will be covered by the grant. Discussion. Reyna asks if the storm coming in will affect the repairs or cause more damage. Manrique states a few years ago, a video inspection found a line/pipe completely corroded and hopes grant will be able to fix it and hopes more lines won't fail. Sanchez states he understands the situation but asks if rain will affect the process. Arias states right now the plant is in good shape, and they are getting it under control, but won't be able to work further until the rain clears. Sanchez states he appreciates the work and back up plan to prolong the damage and be proactive. Discussion. Manrique states that with the grant, it will clear the entire sewer system and comprehensive plan to accommodate. Discussion. Sanchez recommends renting mobile gas tank to remove running time from employees. Discussion. Ramirez asks what happened. Arias responds that the lift station pump was under a lot of mud, so the sand got stuck in there. Badger has pumped out and removed the sand and the guys have been maintaining it. Discussion. Arias states the District doesn't have a lot of money, but it needs to be repaired regardless, so we're hoping to get the grant to help repay for expenses. Discussion. Reyna made a motion to approve the resolution to seek FEMA funds and using Reserves as interim. Sanchez seconds the motion. All in favor; five ayes: Garza, Ramirez, Nunez, Reyna. All Absent; one absent: Sanchez. Motion passed.

B-2 Discussion/Direction regarding employee recruitment to replace a retiring District employee and to maintain appropriate permitting for the wastewater treatment plant. Arias states one employee is retiring at the end of the month. Currently the District has a Grade 1 operator and one in training. They need to think about hiring someone else. Reyna asks if the one in training will replace the one retiring. Arias states he hopes so but needs to consider hiring someone else. Reyna asks if Arias has talked to the employees to see if they would like to train and move up to take over what California Water Services does. Arias states he hasn't seen anyone confident enough to do so yet. Manrique adds they would need a grade 3 operator to run the plant. Arias informs the Board that the District is covered with the two current employees. Discussion. LC Chaffin informs the Board the current retirement package the District offers is beyond what other cities do. Garza asks if it is possible to hire a part time employee so that benefits wouldn't be involved. LC Chaffin informs the Board that is an option and the details behind doing so. Reyna asks to place the retirement package policy on the agenda to be further discussed. Discussion. Reyna made a motion to authorize District Manger to look into new employee and add retirement item to the next agenda. Sanchez seconds the motion. All in favor; five ayes: Garza, Ramirez, Nunez, Reyna. All Absent; one absent: Sanchez. Motion passed.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public present.

Consensus to adjourn the meeting. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:31p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Eileen Hernandez
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