

The minutes presented herewith are not a verbatim transcription of the regular board meeting held on designated date. The intent is to provide a synopsis of key points of discussion and to chronicle decisions and actions taken by a quorum of the Board of Directors (ref: Roberts Rules of Order, Section 48). For more information of background, please refer to the applicable Board Packet.

MEETING MINUTES
SOUTHERN COACHELLA VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, June 18, 2020

President Broughton called the regularly scheduled meeting of the SCVCSD Board of Directors to order via zoom meeting and at the Mecca Library Building in Mecca, CA at 7:41 p.m.

PRESENT

Becky Broughton, President
Ann Wells, Vice President
Eugene Kitagawa, Director
Frank Figueroa, Director
Maria Machuca, Director
Ben Crowson, Crowson Management Services
Lt. Martinez, RCSO
Mike Veto, Burrtec Waste
Anthony Hernandez, Burrtec Waste
Colin D. Kirkpatrick, Attorney

ROLL CALL

Becky Broughton, Ann Wells, Eugene Kitagawa,
Frank Figueroa, and Maria Machuca (first meeting)

ABSENT

N/A

MOTION TO EXCUSE

N/A

OATH OF OFFICE

Broughton administered oath of office to Maria Machuca.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C. (Figueroa/Wells). Unanimous vote to approve the June 18, 2020 agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING

SCVCSD Placing Charges on Tax Rolls There is no change proposed for this year's rate; basic proposed charges are \$1.00 per acre with a \$20.00 minimum charge regardless of acreage, plus \$88.00 per commercial use and/or \$66.00 per habitable unit, Broughton said. This being time and place, those opposing the charges please come forward, state your name, parcel number and nature of protest, she added. Mr. Luna, Mecca resident stated he is concern about an action by County Board of Supervisors: item 21,number 12736 of the

Transportation of Land Management which will allow people to build more units on their properties. He urges District to research how that will impact SCVCSD revenue. Second, he is concern that many properties within the District are not being charged the correct assessment. The Thermal Club and several multi-unit mobile homes are not being assessed by the SCVCSD. A mobile home park with 350 units on avenue 70th. is only being assessed the minimum \$20 acreage charge: he cannot believe how District can avoid this revenue source, Luna said. Broughton thanked him and closed the hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

Burrtec Placing Charges on Tax Rolls Veto said that the Report of Charges has been prepared by Burrtec at the direction of Board of Directors of SCVCSD. The monthly fee for residential collection and recycling services is \$18.49; the annual cost will be \$221.88, and their actual increase is 24 cents. Veto opened hearing. Luna stated that several people will be impacted by this rate increase. Have you informed your customers? he asked. Veto said notice was published on newspaper and also residents can attend this meeting. Luna protests any rate increase for this jurisdiction. Machuca said posting at post office will be a good idea. Figueroa understands that this rates are standard because of operation cost, and agrees with Machuca in making this information accessible to our residents. Veto closed the public hearing.

INTRODUCTION OF VISTIORS

GUEST

N/A.

PUBLIC COMMENT***

Luna, resident of Mecca wants to go back to rates collection and exceptions and is concern with District operating under the law. He said this is a warning, you are elected officials, you need to correct and cannot play stupid, he added.

CONSENT CALENDAR

M/S/C (Wells/Figueroa). Unanimous vote to approve the Consent Agenda including items: Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2020; Payment of Invoices for the months of May/June 2020. Maria abstains because she was not present at meeting.

REPORTS

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Lt. Martinez will send information via email. Wells believes is our duty to take a stand against racial injustice that is going on. Machuca asked on recent racing motorcycle activity through our community, fields, and illegal fireworks. Lt. Martinez said they have been dealing with the motorcycle problem for several months. Fireworks

is an increasing problem during May and June, and encourages community members to report, he added. Best number to report is 760-836-3215 x-5.

BURRTEC MONTHLY REPORT

Anthony Hernandez with Burrtec report. No updates. TOM site was placed on hold on February due to rain and March, April and May due to COVID-19. Broughton asked about missed pickups on the report. Hernandez said that they get pickup within 24 hours.

ACCOUNTANT REPORT

N/A

GENERAL MGR. REPORT

Crowson presented the manager's report.

- A. Financial Report: We are supposed to be at 92% but budget review shows at 52% because we have not received second apportionment. General fund expenditures are at 76.6%, environmental waste revenues are at 71% and does not include 3rd quarter check, and environmental fund expenditure are at 87%. Total budget revenues are at 57.8% and total expenditures are at 77.3%, Crowson reported.
- B. Grand Jury Report. Report has been completed and he will be contacted as soon as is ready. A reply will be drafted with the support of legal counsel and Board.
- C. Graffiti/Trash Abatement: TOM site has been closed due to weather and health crisis, but we will try to open on July. Machuca asked about graffiti update. Crowson said that district was providing supplemental graffiti abatement in the District, but program was placed on hold about five years ago. County is responsible to provide such services, Crowson said.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

N/A

STRATEGIC PLANING

N/A

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

N/A

LAFCO REPORT

N/A

COUNTY PLANNING REPORT

N/A

FINANCIAL PLANNING

N/A

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

A. Budget 2020-21 M/S/C (Wells/Kitagawa). Motion to a approve preliminary budget. Motion passes with 4 ayes and one opposition (Figueroa). We need to table final budget, and direct staff to do all the noticing obligations. Total administration is 12.6% of overall budget, Crowson said.

B. Sheriff's Contract: M/S/C (Kitagawa/Wells). Motion to approve 5 year contract. Machuca asked if two deputies and one sergeant are fully assigned to District. Lt. Martinez said the team is assigned to District, agricultural liaison is free to the District. Sheriff's Contract passes unanimously with five ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. N/A

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Final Budget;

B. Resolution;

REMINDERS

Next TOM Site Day: TBD.

Trashbusters Day: TBD.

Next SCVCSD Board Meeting: September 17, 2020.

**DIRECTORS
REPORT/COMMENTS**

Wells: Outraged and heartbroken for what is going on. Also, grateful to have the Sheriff department that we have, she added.

Kitagawa: Add something to Facebook page, and asked to explain about steps to increase allotment tax. Crowson said any increase has to be voted on, have a public hearing, and get 51% majority to pass.

Figueroa: We need to pass a resolution/acknowledgement in our next meeting on assessments.

Machuca: We have to look into an exploratory committee and visit North Shore. It's important to invest in a consulting firm if we decide to move forward to increase assessments.

Broughton: Welcomed Maria Machuca to Board.

CLOSED SESSION

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

(M/S)(Wells/Machuca). Meeting closed at 9:43 p.m. Next scheduled Board meeting is September 17, 2020 at the SCVCSD Office in Mecca.

Recorded By:

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