

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, September 17, 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 7:35 p.m.

PRESENT

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

ROLL CALL

Becky Broughton, Ann Wells, Eugene Kitagawa,
Frank Figueroa, and Maria Machuca

ABSENT

N/A

MOTION TO EXCUSE

M/S/C. N/A

OATH OF OFFICE

N/A

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C. (Wells/Kitagawa). All members present voted yes.
Unanimous vote to approve the September 17, 2020
agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING

SCVCSD Placing Charges on Tax Rolls N/A

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INTRODUCTION OF VISTIORS

GUEST

N/A.

PUBLIC COMMENT***

Ed Luna, resident of Mecca comments are: his interest and involvement in this District is not a crusade, it's a pursue of fairness for business and property owners, and residents of the eastern Coachella Valley.

CONSENT CALENDAR

M/S/C (Machuca/Figueroa). To pull item B. All members present voted yes. Unanimous vote to pull item B.

M/S/C (Machuca/Wells). to approve item A. All members present voted yes. Unanimous vote to approve minutes for August 20, 2020.

M/S/C (Kitagawa/Wells). On item B. All members present voted yes. Unanimous vote to approve item B.

Machuca asked how come the Crowson Management invoice shows a graffiti expense. Crowson stated that charge is for maintaining the TOM site. We get illegal dumpings at the site and we need to keep it cleaned in order to avoid fines. He will have a more detailed information on that item, Crowson added.

REPORTS

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Lt. Martinez presented the carjacking on 78/Fillmore. District team spotted car in the Quinta and suspects were arrested the next day. Yadira Perez will be part of the team. Wells asked if she can attend the next meeting. Machuca is very glad Perez will be working in the team. Perez is a Mecca resident and she is pleased to have her. Lt. Martinez stated she was highly recommended for the position. Wells wants to make sure Sheriff Dept. has our support.

BURRTEC MONTHLY REPORT

Veto presented July/August report. Many business are closed and residential tonnage has gone up. No TOM site due to COVID situation. For July, District report included 455 commercial accounts, 56 roll ups, 2463 residential and one temporary bin, Crowson said. Machuca asked if that is a total for all communities. Veto replied yes. Machuca asked if the 2463 are the homes they provide services to, the number seems low if it includes all communities, she added. Veto will look into that number and report back. Figueroa asked if Burrtec is doing big item pick up. Veto said yes, and since COVID bulky item has gone up 300%.

ACCOUNTANT REPORT

N/A

GENERAL MGR. REPORT

A. Audit book was submitted to auditors for review. Crowson met with auditors and was informed there would be a delay on the report. As soon as the report is ready, it would be made available to board members. Crowson said we are not required to audit every year, but the District decided to audit yearly instead of every two years.

B. N/A

C. Grand jury report is being prepared by Quintanilla and will be presented to board, Collin said. Machuca stated she is concerned on how this matter has been handled, this matters are very serious, this report was published and was never sent to Board members, a response is due in three weeks and we haven't received a response yet, a special meeting should've called for recommendations right away. I am very disappointed about this process, I live in this community and will like to represent its constituents, she added. Crowson said that the day he received the report, he immediately forward it to Broughton and counsel and believed he had sent to every board member. That was an oversight from his office, Crowson said. Collin stated Ben has been in communication with counsel's office, discussion could be done on this topic, but no action can be taken. Figueroa said a response should've been prepared two weeks ago and agrees with Machuca's comments. Broughton asked Crowson to stay in contact with counsel and forward Board any information.

D. Crowson said transfer station in Coachella is open because they do not help customers unload waste. His recommendation is for TOM site to remain closed until Burrtec feels comfortable getting his employees in there to help. Machuca commented if other options have been explored to provide the service. Crowson said that has been discussed, he wants to open that site as soon as possible, but safety of his employees and others is first.

E. Community cleanup report. He met with CV growers to do community clean ups in our District. We are scheduled to do six cleanups in 2021. Hernandez commented that funds for those clean ups are very restricted. Crowson agreed and said it is for farmers within our district.

**GENERAL COUNSEL
REPORT**

N/A

STRATEGIC PLANING

N/A

SUBCOMMITEE 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). Unanimous vote a approve budget modification. Roll call vote, Broughton (aye), Wells (aye), Kitagawa (aye), Figueroa (aye), and Machuca (aye). Crowson stated that the modification to this budget are in line items 20-26: the contract change, training, overtime and mileage, and special programs. Lt. Martinez reported that in order to reach the savings, he eliminated the sergeant position, and changed to 1.5 deputies. He also changed the contract from dedicated deputies to productive hours. On the productive side, District only pays for hours worked within the District, he said. Maria asked if this change will affect our response time. Lt. Martinez responded that the response time will not be affected.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. N/A

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. 2021 CVCS D calendar of events
- B. Meeting information/motions/how to run meetings;
- B. Residential count-Burtec;
- C. Graffiti/illegal dumping: who is responsible?;
- D. Grand Jury;
- E. Resolution supporting law enforcement;

**DIRECTORS
REPORT/COMMENTS**

Wells: wants to thank Ben for trying to address all issues, it breaks her heart to see a reduction in deputies, and thanks Lt. Martinez for the hard work.

Kitagawa: on the graffiti, can we write something to county to clarify that it is not our responsibility? Collin suggested that at next meeting Board can direct his office to write something to the county on this matter.

Figueroa: wants to make sure we have a special meeting to discuss grand jury report.

Machuca: Looking forward to hearing from legal counsel on grand jury response.

Broughton: Thank you all for attending this meeting.

REMINDERS

Next TOM Site Day: TBD.

Trashbusters Day: TBD.

Next SCVCS D Board Meeting: November 19, 2020.

CLOSED SESSION

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

(M/S)(Figueroa/Machuca). Meeting closed at 10:04 p.m.
Next scheduled Board meeting is November 19, 2020 at the
SCVCSD Office in Mecca.

Recorded By:

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