

LAMONT PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 6:00 P.M.

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

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

- a. Board President Tim Prado called to order the regular board meeting at 6:03 pm on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at the office of the Lamont Public Utility District. All Directors were present except for Director Cruz. Director Cruz was absent. Staff present included General Manager/District Secretary Scott Taylor and District Counsel Doug Gosling.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by President Prado.

3. Board Member Announcements –

- a. None.

4. Public Comment –

- a. None.

5. Staff Announcements – Information Only

a. General Manager –

- i. Will serve letter issued for 8500 School Street and 9801 Waco Avenue for ADUs.
- ii. Advised Board on Tracie White matter. White's Motion to Withdraw plea agreement was denied by the Court. Sentencing scheduled for June 8, 2023.

b. District Counsel –

- i. Provided information regarding assistance with contract agreements and resolutions.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Director Gonzalez motioned for approval of consent calendar as presented. Seconded by Director Sanchez. Approved 4-0.

7. Regular Agenda

A. Adopted Resolution 2023-1 Approving FY 23-24 Budget.

- i. General Manager presented information regarding the previously reviewed draft budget for FY 23-24. No additional changes or modifications were received from the Board.
- ii. Director Sanchez motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-1 adopting FY 23-24 budget as presented. Seconded by Director Gonzalez. Resolution adopted 4-0, with one absence by roll call vote.

- B. Adopted Resolution 2023-2 Authorizing Solar Project Loan from Capital One Bank.
 - i. General Manager presented information regarding the details associated with a loan from Capital One Bank for a 900-kw solar project. Details included the Performa for loan cost and energy cost savings from solar production.
 - ii. Board members made inquiries and comments regarding the cost of loan, interest rate, terms, and related details.
 - iii. Director Gonzalez motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-2 approving obtaining solar project loan and execution of related documents to facilitate loan. Seconded by Vice President Alonso. Resolution adopted 4-0, with one absence by roll call vote.
- C. Adopted Resolution 2023-3 Finding the Solar Project Categoricaly Exempt from CEQA review.
 - i. General Manager presented information and details regarding CEQA and why the solar project is exempt from CEQA.
 - ii. Board members made inquiries regarding the details of CEQA and categorical exemption. Board made findings of Categorical exemption of project.
 - iii. Director Gonzalez motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-3 with findings to support categorical exemption of the solar project. Seconded by Vice President Alonso. Resolution adopted 4-0, with one absence by roll call vote.
- D. Adopted Resolution 2023-4 Finding Urgency exists and Authorizing Contract without Formal Bid Process.
 - i. General Manager presented information regarding a break in a wastewater line requiring immediate repair. Nature of break and circumstances creates an urgency necessitating immediate repair without formal bid process.
 - ii. Board members made inquiries regarding nature of break, risk to health and safety and environment, and costs of repair. Information provided accordingly.
 - iii. Director Gonzalez motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-4 making findings of urgency and immediate detriment to health, safety, and welfare of public warranting contract approval without formal bid process. Seconded by Director Sanchez. Resolution adopted 4-0, with one absence by roll call vote.
- E. Adopted Resolution 2023-5 Awarding Sludge Removal Contract for Lagoon #1 to Unified Field Services.
 - i. General Manager presented information regarding the bid process for sludge removal at wastewater plant. Bid package was prepared and distributed. Unified Field Services was the only contractor to submit a bid for the project. No other bids were received.
 - ii. Board members made inquiries regarding the cost, scope of work, removal process, and completion time. Information provided accordingly.
 - iii. Director Sanchez motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-5 awarding sludge removal contract for Lagoon #1 to Unified Field Services. Seconded by Vice President Alonso. Resolution adopted 4-0, with one absence by roll call vote.

8. Closed Session – Adjourned at 6:37pm

- A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Report Out
 - i. General Manager
 - 1. Exceptional performance rating provided to General Manager.
 - ii. Returned to Regular meeting at 7:10pm

