

LAMONT PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 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 6:00 pm on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at the office of the Lamont Public Utility District. All Directors were present. 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. Will Serve Letters – None.
- b. General Manager informed the Board regarding the potential for a CDBG grant.
- c. General Manager informed Board of receipt and finalization of a \$4 million grant from State Water Board for well 13 replacement.
- d. District Counsel provided information regarding SGMA related issues and assistance with GM for funding agreement process.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Director Gonzalez motioned for approval of consent calendar as presented. Seconded by Director Alonso. Approved 5-0.

7. Regular Agenda

A. Implementation of Scheduled Rate Increase effective July 1, 2021.

- i. General Manager provided information regarding schedule rate increase that was postponed from the previous year.
- ii. Board members inquired about possibility of reducing amount of rate increase or postponing rate increase further. Information provided from legal counsel indicating no ability to split or reduce scheduled increase or deviating from previously approved schedule without additional supporting validated engineering data.
- iii. Board had discussions amongst themselves relative to implementing rate increase

- iv. Motion made to implement rate increase made by Director Cruz. Seconded by Director Gonzalez. Roll Call vote: Gonzalez-yes, Sanchez-yes, Cruz-yes, Alonso-no, Prado-yes. Motion passes 4-1.
- B. Adoption of Resolution 478 Authorizing Execution of Documents to Purchase Land located at 8109 Maxey Drive for Well Replacement.**
- i. General Manager provided information regarding the details and specifics of purchasing land for well #5 replacement. General Manager indicated that a resolution was necessary to finalize and close escrow on the property. General Manager stated property to be paid for via State Grant funds.
 - ii. Board made inquiries regarding the purchase price and closing date. Information provided accordingly.
 - iii. Board had discussions regarding the importance of purchasing the land for a well site.
 - iv. Motion to adopt resolution as presented made by Director Sanchez, 2nd by Director Gonzalez. Roll Call: Gonzalez-yes, Sanchez-yes, Cruz-yes, Alonso-yes, Prado-yes. Approved 5-0.
- C. Adoption of Resolution 480 Authorizing Execution of Documents to Apply For and Receive CDBG grant Funds for Smart Meters.**
- i. General Manager provided information regarding the ability to receive grant funding from Kern County under the CDBG Funds in the amount of \$300,000. This grant funding would be for continuation of smart meter installation throughout the District. General Manager indicated that a resolution was necessary to apply for and finalize potential receipt of the grant.
 - ii. Board made inquiries regarding the progress of smart meter installation and how many meters could be purchased with grant money. Information provided accordingly.
 - iii. Motion to adopt resolution as presented made by Director Sanchez, 2nd by Vice President Alonso. Roll Call: Gonzalez-yes, Sanchez-yes, Cruz-yes, Alonso-yes, Prado-yes. Approved 5-0.
- D. Adoption of Resolution 479 Authorizing Execution of Documents to Refinance 2007 USDA Loan.**
- i. General Manager provided information regarding the options and benefits to refinancing the 2007 USDA loan. Refinancing at a lower interest rate would cut 7 years off the loan and save \$1,000,000 in interest charges.
 - ii. Board made inquiries regarding the terms, cost, and interest rate of the loan. Board also inquired as to the company doing the loan. Information provided accordingly.
 - iii. Board praised General Manager for forward thinking and creativity to benefit the District.
 - iv. Motion to adopt resolution as presented made by Director Cruz, 2nd by Vice President Alonso. Roll Call: Gonzalez-yes, Sanchez-yes, Cruz-yes, Alonso-yes, Prado-yes. Approved 5-0.
- E. Update Regarding Payment and Timing of Collection of Capacity and Connection Fees.**
- i. General Manager provided updated information regarding the payment of capacity and connection fees for Tract 6206. Developer will be building the project in 2 phases and thus would be paying fees for each phase as it is recorded and developed.
 - ii. Board made inquiries regarding timing of development and the phases and amount of fees for each phase of development. Information provided accordingly.

- iii. Board commented on the ability for the developer to pay fees and continuing with the project. Staff to implement Board direction accordingly.
- iv. Board revised direction to collect fees at beginning of each phase of a project, if phases exist. Otherwise, fees to be collected at time of will serve letter and beginning of project.

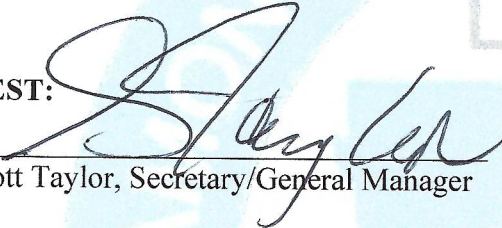
Adjournment

A motion was made by Director Sanchez and seconded by Director Gonzalez to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lamont Public Utility District, held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 7:27pm. Approved 5-0.

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Timoteo Prado Calderon, President

ATTEST:

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Scott Taylor, Secretary/General Manager

