

**CARPINTERIA SANITARY DISTRICT
IN THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

These are the **minutes** of a **Special** meeting of the Governing Board of the Carpinteria Sanitary District in the City of Carpinteria, County of Santa Barbara, and State of California.

The Governing Board of the Carpinteria Sanitary District held a special meeting on **May 20, 2011**, at 3:00 p.m. at its District administrative office located at 5300 Sixth Street, Carpinteria, California.

Directors Present: Lin Graf- President
Pat Horwitz – Treasurer and President Pro-Tem
Jeff Moorhouse – Secretary
Mike Modugno – Secretary Pro-Tem

Staff Present: Craig Murray – General Manager
Judy Kirkman – Board Secretary

Legal Counsel
Present: None

Public Present: Mr. Denver Compton

President Graf called the meeting to order and led the Board, staff and public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Graf said the Board had called a Special Meeting to consider an appointment to the District Board of Directors pursuant to Government Code Section 1780 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of former Director Doug Treloar. President Graf said there were three candidates that had submitted a letter of interest in the position. President Graf said one of the candidates, Curtis Lopez, chose to withdraw his name from consideration due to a potential conflict of interest. President Graf then invited the one candidate present, Mr. Denver Compton, to make a short presentation to the Board, after which the existing Board members would have the opportunity for dialogue and questions.

Mr. Compton said he had lived in Carpinteria for the last 15 years and for the last couple of years he had looked for ways to serve in the community, something his employment had kept him from until recently. Mr. Compton stated that he had been to several meetings of the Board in the past and was impressed by the professionalism and calmness that prevailed. Mr. Compton said he found that true, even when there were disagreements with the public on a particular issue. Mr. Compton said the Board and staff were courteous, businesslike and to a very high standard. Mr. Compton said he had a very broad range of experience and one of things he thought he could bring to the Board would be that he would make informed decisions. Mr. Compton said he did not bring an agenda to the Board. Mr. Compton said he was not aware of the District's ongoing programs because they did not

affect him. Mr. Compton concluded by saying he would be very interested in serving and this would be a good way to see if the position interested him over a period of time. Mr. Compton said it was far better to enter a position this way by appointment, rather than run in an election with the expense to the District. Mr. Compton said if there were any areas that might concern him, there might be two: 1) Are we maintaining the sewer system across Carpinteria, especially in the older areas, and he said he presumed the District was, and 2) is the Board making sure that community relations are taken care of in a proactive way.

President Graf thanked Mr. Compton and asked the Board if there were any questions. President Graf said the other interested candidate was out of town today, but attended the last Board meeting and made a short oral presentation to the Board.

Director Modugno asked Mr. Compton if he had served on any Boards. Mr. Compton said he had not.

President Graf thanked Mr. Compton for coming to the meeting. Mr. Compton left the meeting and President Graf said the goal was, based on the two remaining interested candidates, to make an appointment so there would be a full Board at the June 7, 2011 Board meeting.

President Graf called for a motion. Director Horwitz made a motion that the Board appoint Michael Damron to the District Board of Directors. She continued to state that the District was at a crucial moment in planning our vote on the rate increase, and she thought it was important to have someone that could come in and be up to speed. Director Horwitz said she also hoped it would be communicated to Mr. Denver that she would not be running for re-election in 2012, and this would afford him the opportunity to get up to speed on other District issues. With that said, Director Horwitz restated her nomination of Michael Damron; Director Moorhouse seconded the motion. Director Moorhouse said he was torn coming to the meeting today because he knew two of the candidates, Curtis (Lopez) and Mike. Director Moorhouse said, although Curtis had never served on a special district board before he had shown interest in a prior candidacy for the local fire district. Director Moorhouse said he understood his decision to withdraw based on an apparent conflict of interest with his employer. Director Moorhouse said he was concerned with the complexities of the Rincon Septic to Sewer Project and said Mike (Damron) was up to speed more than most on that project, and said Mike had also been through multiple rate studies. Director Moorhouse said the last concern he had was the historical knowledge and importance of having Doug Treloar and Mike on the Board because they were historians, who, from time to time, reminded the Board of things that happened that were important for the Board to reflect upon for the future. Director Moorhouse said that was why he would be leaning towards Mike at this time to get back on the Board. President Graf said he concurred with both Director Horwitz and Director Moorhouse and asked if there was any further discussion. Director Modugno said he did not know either of the candidates. Director Modugno said the only other feedback he would give is that in the last election he was the newbie and Mike did not get elected as the incumbent. Director Modugno said sometimes it was good to get new blood just to keep things fresh. Director Modugno said he would go with whatever way the other Board members would go, but added he would encourage Mr. Compton to run next election because he had a good resume.

President Graf called for a vote, and the motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

Director Moorhouse asked that the Board adjourn in memory of CASA member Tom Woodruff who passed away on Monday. Director Moorhouse said Mr. Woodruff was an attorney, former CASA President, and served with Director Moorhouse on the State Legislative Committee.

Adjournment. President Graf said the Board would adjourn in memory of Tom Woodruff at 3:21 p.m.

Lin Graf
President

Jeff Moorhouse
Secretary

Pat Horwitz
President Pro-Tem/Treasurer

Mike Modugno
Secretary Pro-Tem