MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARPINTERIA SANITARY DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD August 16, 2022

These are the **minutes** of the **regular** 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 regular meeting on **August 16**, **2022**, at 5:30 p.m. at its District administrative office located at 1110 Eugenia Place, Carpinteria, California.

The agenda notice for this meeting, including instructions for the public to provide comments, was posted in the front window of the administrative office of the Carpinteria Sanitary District and on the District's website at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. The Carpinteria Sanitary District has determined this meeting to be an Essential Public Meeting that will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of Assembly Bill 361 and adoption of Resolution No. R-351. Please note that Board members may participate in person at 1110 Eugenia Place, Carpinteria, CA, or via video or teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER

President Pro-Tem Modugno called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and noted that President Graf would be absent from tonight's meeting and that Director Murphy was expected by ZOOM video-conference but had not joined yet.

Directors Present: Mike Modugno – President Pro-Tem

Michael Damron - Secretary

Gerald Velasco - Secretary Pro-Tem

Debbie Murphy – Treasurer (by Zoom video-conference)

Staff Present: Craig Murray – General Manager

Kim Garcia - Board Clerk

Legal Counsel

Present: Karl H Berger – Hensley Law Group

Public Present: None

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Graf led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. BOARD APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Pro-Tem Modugno asked if there were any modifications and/or changes to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was approved as submitted.

IV. BOARD APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF July 19, 2022

Director Velasco made a motion, seconded by Director Damron that the Board approve the minutes of the July 19, 2022 Regular Board meeting as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: 3 Damron, Modugno, Velasco

NOES: 0 None

ABSENT: 2 Murphy, Graf

ABSTAIN: 0 None

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President Pro-Tem Modugno noted for the record that Director Murphy had joined the meeting via Zoom video-conference.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

VI. MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD

A. GENERAL REPORTS:

1. General Manager's Status Report

General Manager reviewed his written report regarding the following items:

- District Staffing Updates
- · Administration Building Replacement Project Update
- CASA Annual Conference
- Minor Capital Projects Updates
- Operations Update

2. Continuation of Meeting Teleconferencing – Pursuant to Resolution No. R-351

The Board considered continuing the allowance of teleconferencing of public meeting under an emergency proclamation due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Director Damron made a motion, seconded by Director Velasco that the Board authorize the continuation of the emergency proclamation and allow teleconferencing of meeting pursuant to Resolution No. R-351. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: 4 Damron, Modugno, Murphy, Velasco

NOES: 0 None ABSENT: 1 Graf ABSTAIN: 0 None

3. <u>California Voting Rights Act Litigation – Settlement and General Release of Existing</u> Claims

General Manager reviewed his staff report related to a settlement agreement with claims Fred Castro and Frank Gonzalez regarding alleged violation of the California Voting Rights Act. If approved, the Board would agree to transition to by-district elections on or before September 1, 2023. As part of the settlement, the District would pay \$10,000 and would be released from all claims related to the matter.

After Board discussion, Director Damron made a motion, seconded by Director Murphy that the Board approve the General Release of Existing Claims between the District and claimants Fred Castro and Frank Gonzalez. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: 3 Damron, Modugno, Murphy

NOES: 1 Velasco ABSENT: 1 Graf ABSTAIN: 0 None Carpinteria Sanitary District Regular Meeting Minutes – August 16, 2022 Page 3

4. Update on Transition to District Based Elections

General Manager reviewed his staff report related to the District Standard & Poors Global Ratings Report. Staff responded to a comprehensive data request and participated in an analyst interview. After review, Standard and Poors issued their opinion and their report was attached for review. No changes to the District AA- rating were proposed.

No Board action was taken on this item.

5. Carpinteria Advanced Purification Project

General Manager provided an update related to the Carpinteria Advanced Purification Project.

No Board action was taken on this item.

VII. BOARD ITEMS

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Standing Finance Committee

None.

Standing Personnel Committee

None.

Standing Public Relations Committee

None.

Standing Utilities Committee

None.

B. GENERAL ITEMS

SBCSDA (Santa Barbara California Special Districts Association) Report None.

CSRMA Report

None.

Board Member Vacation Dates

None.

Future Agenda Items

None.

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items to discuss, President Pro-Tem Modugno adjourned the meeting at 5:59

p.m.

Lin Graf

President

Michael Damron

Secretary /

Debbie Murphy Treasurer Mike Modugno -

President Pro-Tem

Gerald Velasco

Secretary Pro-Tem