

AGENDA
FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CARPINTERIA SANITARY DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD
TO BE HELD October 6, 2026

The special meeting of the Governing Board will be held commencing at 5:00 p.m. The location of the meeting is at 5300 Sixth Street, Carpinteria, CA.

THIS IS A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956. OTHER THAN THE LISTED AGENDA ITEMS, NO OTHER BUSINESS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE BOARD.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND THE OPEN SESSION ITEMS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY COMMENT ON ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA. NO OTHER BUSINESS, OTHER THAN WHAT IS SET FORTH IN THE AGENDA, SHALL BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- III. BOARD APPROVAL OF AGENDA** AS [SUBMITTED] [MODIFIED]
Board President asks the Board, public, staff, and legal counsel if there are any additions and/or modifications to the Agenda.

IV. MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD

A. GENERAL REPORTS:

- 1. Resolution No. R-392: Declaring an Emergency with Regard to (Pages 1-5)
Certain District Facilities, Authorizing Emergency Response Actions to be
Performed Without Competitive Bidding, Declaring the Project to be Exempt
From the Requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, and
Making Necessary Findings Thereof**

Description: The Board to review and consider adopting Resolution No. R-392 which finds that an emergency condition exists related to a damaged 12-inch diameter main sewer pipeline within the wastewater treatment, authorizes the General Manager to proceed with emergency work, and determines the work is exempt from the competitive bidding requirements of the Public Contract code and from the California Environmental Quality Act.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board adopt Resolution No. R-392.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE

A staff report providing more detailed information is available for most agenda items and may be reviewed in the District office during regular hours (Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and/or 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Copies of individual reports may be requested at this office. Call (805) 684-7214 extension 110 for more information.

In compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need a disability-related modification, accommodation, or other special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the District's Board Secretary at (805) 684-7214, extension 111, at least 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting.



Carpinteria Sanitary District

Board of Directors Meeting

STAFF REPORT

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Craig Murray, P.E. - General Manager

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION No. R-392: Declaring an Emergency with Regard to Certain District Facilities, Authorizing Emergency Response Actions to be Performed Without Competitive Bidding, Declaring the Project to be Exempt from the Requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, and Making Necessary Findings Thereof

DATE: October 6, 2026

REQUESTED ACTION: That the Board review and adopt Resolution R-392 which finds that an emergency condition exists related to a damaged 12inch diameter sewer main pipeline within the wastewater treatment facility, authorizes the General Manager to proceed with emergency work, and determines that the work is exempt from the competitive bidding requirements of the Public Contract Code and statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

BACKGROUND: On October 1, 2026, a subcontractor installing a sheet pile shoring system for the Carpinteria Advanced Purification Project (CAPP) within the District's wastewater treatment facility, severed an existing 12-inch diameter sewer pipeline that conveys wastewater from a manhole east of Carpinteria Creek into Lift Station No. 3. Additional damage to this pipeline was caused by pre-drilling activities for the sheet pile installation. Due to the depth of the sewer and the nature of the work, staff only became aware of the damage when the SmartCover level monitoring system in Manhole 8G-010 alarmed due to a high level condition.

Although the damage occurred during the course of construction, to prevent a sewer spill and to protect the environment, District staff necessarily took a number of immediate response actions. These included engaging mutual aid support from two neighboring agencies and ordering a response from an outside vendor, Rain for Rent, to provide equipment and support services to establish an emergency bypass pumping system.

Physical repairs to the pipeline were subsequently made by the CAPP contractor (Walsh Construction) and their subcontractors on an emergency basis. At this time we do not expect that the District will independently direct additional remedial work, however, the emergency condition is considered ongoing until the repairs have been tested and determined to be complete. If the repair fails or another condition requires additional emergency response, the District may need to act immediately to prevent a sewer spill or interruption of essential sewer service and may not have sufficient time to competitively bid that work.

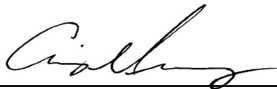
Section 20806 of the Public Contract Code requires that this resolution pass by a four-fifths majority vote.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board adopt Resolution R-392 as presented.

SUGGESTED MOTION: I move that the Board adopt Resolution No. R-392.

M_____ S_____

Ayes:_____ Nays:_____ Abstentions:_____

Prepared By: 
Craig Murray, P.E. - General Manager

Attachments: Resolution No. R-392

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RESOLUTION NO. R-392

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CARPINTERIA SANITARY DISTRICT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WITH REGARD TO CERTAIN DISTRICT FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTIONS TO BE PERFORMED WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING, DECLARING SUCH ACTIONS TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, AND MAKING NECESSARY FINDINGS THEREOF

WHEREAS, the Carpinteria Sanitary District (“District”) owns and operates sewer collection and treatment facilities that provide essential public services within the District; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2026, during construction of the Carpinteria Advanced Purification Project (“CAPP”), a subcontractor to Walsh Construction Company II, LLC (“Walsh”), the CAPP contractor retained by the Carpinteria Valley Water District (“Water District”), severed an existing 12-inch diameter District sewer pipeline within the District’s wastewater treatment facility that conveys wastewater from a manhole east of Carpinteria Creek to Lift Station No. 3; and

WHEREAS, additional damage to the pipeline occurred during pre-drilling activities for the sheet pile installation, and, due to the depth of the pipeline and nature of the work, District staff became aware of the damage when the SmartCover level monitoring system in Manhole 8G-010 alarmed because of a high-level condition; and

WHEREAS, to prevent a sewer spill and protect the environment, District staff immediately obtained mutual aid support from two neighboring agencies and engaged Rain for Rent to provide equipment and support services to establish an emergency bypass pumping system; and

WHEREAS, physical repairs to the damaged pipeline were subsequently performed on an emergency basis by Walsh and its subcontractors as part of the CAPP construction work; and

WHEREAS, although the District does not presently expect to independently direct additional remedial work, the emergency condition remains ongoing until the repairs are tested and determined to be complete, and the District may need to undertake additional work or incur expenses to protect its sewer facilities, prevent or mitigate a sewer spill, and maintain essential sewer service (the “Emergency Work”); and

WHEREAS, the described occurrence and resulting condition of the District sewer pipeline constitute an “emergency” for purposes of Public Contract Code §§ 20806 and 1102, respectively, and Public Resources Code § 21060.3; and

WHEREAS, to the extent Emergency Work becomes necessary, the emergency will not permit the delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids, and such Emergency Work will be necessary to respond to the emergency pursuant to Public Contract Code § 22050; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Work is statutorily exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Public Resources Code §§ 21080(b)(2) and 21080(b)(4) and 14 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 15269(b) and 15269(c).

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the staff report concerning the issues set forth above and this Resolution, and District staff's presentation at the October 6, 2026 Board meeting, the Board of Directors hereby resolves as follows:

1. Regarding the October 1, 2026 damage to the District sewer pipeline and resulting conditions, the Board finds that an "emergency" exists within the meaning of Public Contract Code §§ 20806 and 1102, and further finds that the public interest and necessity demand the immediate expenditure of District funds for the Emergency Work to safeguard life, health, and property.
2. The Board further finds, pursuant to Public Contract Code § 22050(a)(2), that the emergency will not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids, and that the Emergency Work authorized by this Resolution is necessary to respond to the emergency.
3. Pursuant to Public Contract Code § 22050(b)(1), the Board ratifies the emergency response actions taken by the General Manager and District staff, including obtaining mutual aid and engaging Rain for Rent to establish the emergency bypass pumping system, and directs the General Manager to proceed with and expend District funds for any additional Emergency Work that becomes necessary to respond to the emergency, without giving notice for competitive bids. The General Manager must limit this authority to repair or replacement of District facilities and directly related and immediate actions, equipment, services, and supplies necessary to respond to the emergency.
4. The Board further finds that the Emergency Work authorized by this Resolution is statutorily exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Public Resources Code §§ 21080(b)(2) and 21080(b)(4), and 14 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 15269(b) and 15269(c).
5. The General Manager must report any Emergency Work undertaken pursuant to this Resolution to the Board. The Board will review any emergency action taken under this Resolution at the times required by Public Contract Code § 22050 and will terminate the action at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.
6. The above recitals are incorporated into the body of this Resolution by reference.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Carpinteria Sanitary District on the 6th day of October 2026 by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

Resolution No. R-392 was thereupon declared, carried, and adopted.

Dated this 6th day of October 2026.

We certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. R-392, adopted by the Board of Directors of the Carpinteria Sanitary District on October 6, 2026.

APPROVED:

Debbie Murphy
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Mike Modugno
Secretary, Board of Directors