

**HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
1078 Dogwood Rd., Suite 104
Heber, CA, 92249**

Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Heber Public Utility District was held at the District's meeting room and called to order at 6:03 pm by Director Garcia-Ruiz

2. ROLL CALL:

Director's present at roll call: S. Escobedo, M. Nolasco, Jr., T. Sandoval, D. Garcia Ruiz, P. Tabarez, Jr. Also present General Manager Laura Fischer, Board Secretary Raquel Carrillo, and General Counsel Steve Walker.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Garcia-Ruiz.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented was made by Director Sandoval, seconded by Director Nolasco, Jr.

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/COMMENT:

Christian Nunez a representative from Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia District 56 introduced himself to the Board and mentioned he was there to present certificates of appreciation to the ladies from the aerobics and Heber boy scouts for helping out and making the Easter Egg Hunt a successful event for the community.

The Board may set time limits on the amount of time any speaker can use to address the Board. Members of the public are allowed to make comments about anything not listed on the agenda. If the comments concern an agenda item, they must wait until that item is up for discussion. If you wish to address the Board, please fill out a "Request to Speak Form" and hand it to the Clerk of the Board and when recognized by the President of the Board, go to the podium and address the Board. The Board can't take action on any item not on the agenda.

6. CONSENT AGENDA: Any item on the Consent Agenda may be removed and placed under New Business at the request of any Board Member or member of the Public.

- A. Approve Minutes for the regular meeting of March 16, 2017, and the Special Meeting of April 3, 2017.
- B. Approve Current Demands for March 2017.
- C. Approve Sponsorship of the Heber Elementary School 8th Grade Class in the Amount of \$200.

The Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented was made by

Director Nolasco, Jr., seconded by Director Escobedo.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 5/0.

AYES: S. Escobedo, M. Nolasco, Jr., D. Garcia-Ruiz, T. Sandoval, and P. Tabarez, Jr.

7. REPORTS

- A. President and Director's Comments. Director Sandoval mentioned about the Soccer Grant and that he wanted to do a site visit for 4/27/17 at 10:00 am. Also Library is Planning their Summer Reading Program.
- B. Operations Report for March 2017. Informational Only
- C. Engineer's Report Regarding Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project. Juny from The Holt Group presented the Board with upgrades to the WTP Project. Reminded the Board regarding the System Shut-down on May 10th from 10:00 pm to 4:00 am May 11th.
- D. General Manager's Report. Report provided to Board members.

8. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Letter Authorizing the Release of 50% of the Escrow Retention Account Fund Balance to Pacific Hydrotech Inc. for Work Completed at the Water Treatment Plant – General Manager
Motion to Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Letter Authorizing the Release of 50% of the Escrow Retention Account Fund Balance to Pacific Hydrotech for Work Completed at the WTP was made by Director Tabarez, Jr., seconded by Director Sandoval.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 5/0

AYES: S. Escobedo, M. Nolasco, Jr., D. Garcia-Ruiz, T. Sandoval, and P. Tabarez, Jr.

- B. Approve the Rate Increase Adjustment for Waste Hauling Services According to the Franchise Agreement with CR&R – General Manager
The rate increase is only for Roll-off customers not Residential. Motion to Approve the Rate Increase Adjustment for Waste Hauling Services According to the Franchise Agreement with CR & R was made by Director Nolasco, Jr., seconded by Director Escobedo.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 5/0

AYES: S. Escobedo, M. Nolasco, Jr., D. Garcia-Ruiz, T. Sandoval and P. Tabarez, Jr.

- C. Information Only Regarding the Third Quarter Budget Review FY 2017 – General Manager. Informational Only

9. OLD BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Waive Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance Number 2017-3 Establishing Rates and Charges for Water Service – General Manager

Armando and Polo Equihua approached the Board with the revised protest against the Rates signed by customers. Mr. Equihua claimed that there were a lot of discrepancies with the final count. Board gave direction to Staff and to meet with Mr. Equihua within a week to review corrections made.

Board went into a break at 8:37 pm. Returned back into Session at 8:40 pm.

Motion to Waive Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance Number 2017-3 Establishing Rates and Charges for Water Service was made Director Sandoval, seconded by Director Nolasco, Jr.

Approved by Roll Call: 3/2

AYES: M. Nolasco, Jr., D. Garcia-Ruiz, and T. Sandoval

ABSTAIN: S. Escobedo, P. Tabarez, Jr.

- B. Waive Second Reading Adopt Ordinance Number 2017-4 Establishing Rates and Charges for Wastewater Service – General Manager

Motion to Waive Second Reading Adopt Ordinance Number 2017-4 Establishing Rates and Charges for Wastewater Service was made by Director Sandoval, seconded by Director Nolasco, Jr.

Motion approved Roll Call: 3/2

AYES: M. Nolasco, Jr., D. Garcia-Ruiz, T. Sandoval

ABSTAIN: S. Escobedo, P. Tabarez, Jr.

- C. Authorize the General Manager to Execute the Contract to Replace and/or Repair Manholes in the Wastewater Collection System– General Manager

Motion to Authorize the General Manger to Execute the Contract to Replace and/or Repair Manholes in the Wastewater Collection System was made by Director Tabarez, Jr., seconded by Director Sandoval.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 5/0

AYES: S. Escobedo, M Nolasco, Jr., D. Garcia-Ruiz, T. Sandoval, and P. Tabarez, Jr.,

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday @ 8:30 am at 940 W Main St., El Centro.
- B. CSDA newsletter www.csda.net
General Manager's Conference June 25th – 27th at New Port Beach.

11. CLOSED SESSION:

The Motion to go into Closed Session @ 8:48 pm was made by Director Sandoval, seconded by Director Nolasco, Jr.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 5/0

AYES: S. Escobedo, M. Nolasco, Jr., D. Garcia-Ruiz, T. Sandoval and

P. Tabarez, Jr.

The Board reconvened back into Open Session at 9:00 pm. No reportable action was taken.

- A. Government Code Section § 54956.9(b) Conference with Legal Counsel - Potential Litigation

12. ADJOURNMENT:

The motion to adjourn the meeting @ 9:02 pm was made by Director Sandoval, seconded by Director Tabarez, Jr.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 5/0

AYES: S. Escobedo, M. Nolasco, Jr., D. Garcia-Ruiz, T. Sandoval, and
P. Tabarez, Jr.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting for April 20, 2017, were prepared by Raquel Carrillo – Secretary of the Board


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