

**HOMESTEAD VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT**  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 24, 2014  
at the Homestead Valley Community Center,  
315 Montford Avenue, Mill Valley

**1. Call to Order:** President Einar Asbo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Other Board members present were Secretary Burnett Tregoning and Directors Al Leibof and Jim Cronin. Absent: Director Scott Noble. Also present: District Manager Bonner Beuhler and James Iavarone, Managing Partner of Mill Valley Refuse Service.

**2. Visitors to the Meeting and Open Time for Public Expression:** To facilitate Iavarone's schedule, Item a) under **Unfinished Business—Mill Valley Refuse Service Rate Increase Proposal** was moved to this spot on the agenda. Iavarone presented details of the proposed rate increase and answered questions. He said the purchase of new trucks and increased health care and workers' compensation costs were the biggest contributors to the increase. MVRs is requesting a 2.58 percent increase in rates for Homestead residents. The company also plans to switch to curbside service for trash as they currently do for recycling and compost, charging an additional \$5.00 per can On-Premise and \$15 additional per can for On-Premise Plus (can in backyard). An exemption to On-Premise rates will be available to customers who qualify due to physical disability. The new rates would take effect January 1, 2015. It was M/S Cronin/Leibof that the new rates be approved. Motion adopted 4-0.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of May 27, 2014:** It was M/S Leibof/Cronin, that the minutes be approved. Motion adopted 4-0.

**4. Financial Report and List of Payments to be Approved:** It was M/S Tregoning/Cronin that the financial report be accepted and the list of payments be approved. Motion adopted 4-0.

**5. Manager's Report:**

a) **Managers Meeting.** Cancelled due to conflict with Wetlands Day.

b) **CIWQS SSO Reporting.** Bonner reported that there was one spill of about 150 gallons this month, occurring at MH 531.23 in an easement line at 546 Montford Ave. He noted that this was another case of private lateral roots clogging the exit of a district sewer that had been replaced with plastic.

c) **Private Lateral Problem at 355 Laverne Ave.** Following up a homeowner's message describing a potential sewer leak on the property at 355 Laverne Ave., Bonner dye tested laterals of uphill neighbors on Ridgewood Ave. and had Roto Rooter televise the line to locate the problem. The problem was determined to be at 374 Ridgewood. Roto Rooter will submit a bid to repair.

d) **Zero Waste Grant.** Almonte Sanitary District is applying for a grant that can be used to finance a public program on composting, and Bonner suggested that HVSD might want to do the same. It was M/S Tregoning/Cronin that HVSD apply for a similar grant. Motion adopted 4-0.

**6. Reports of Outside Meetings:**

a) **SASM**—Einar Asbo reported that the Lateral Ordinance has been passed by the SASM board. He noted that the HVSD ordinance is just as good, but the new SASM ordinance does have triggers that ours does not have. Laterals will have to be inspected and repaired at time transfer of ownership of property, whenever a building permit for more than \$50,000 is issued, and whenever there is a spill in the yard. He said the realtors don't like it, but didn't put up much of a fight against

it. Einar again stressed that this ordinance is a model and that each of the districts can pick and choose when creating their own. This will be an agenda item next month.

Einar also reported on a special meeting held yesterday during which a consulting engineer made a presentation to SASM staff and two board members—Einar of HVSD and Jim Jacobs of Tamalpais Community Services District—regarding recycling of waste water. SASM currently recycles some waste water used to irrigate nearby parks. The question is whether or not to expand the existing recycling system at the plant and whether or not to expand the distribution system to serve more people, i.e. a pipeline to the high school also serving The Redwoods retirement community and the Methodist Church.

**7. Unfinished Business:**

b) **Draft Budget FY 2014-2015.** Discussion and action was delayed until next month.

c) **Grand Jury Report.** President Asbo announced that the Grand Jury's Requests for Response to their report on Marin County Sewer Systems also will be on next month's agenda.

**8. New Business:**

a) **Resolution No. 2014-01 establishing target reserve levels for the District.** It was M/S Leibof/Cronin that the resolution be approved. Motion carried 4-0.

b) **Resolution No. 2014-02 establishing sewer service charges for FY 2014-2015:** It was M/S Leibof/Cronin that the resolution be approved. Motion carried 4-0.

**9. Director's Open Time:** There was a brief discussion of accidental intersection of gas and sewer lines, per a recent notice to customers by PG&E, and the need to for board members to take the ethics training offered by the County of Marin.

**10. Adjournment:** M/S Tregoning/Leibof that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Burnett Tregoning, Secretary

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD  
IN THE DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM  
OF THE HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER,  
315 MONTFORD AVENUE, MILL VALLEY  
7:30 P.M., TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2014