

**HOMESTEAD VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT**  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 27, 2014  
at the Homestead Valley Community Center,  
315 Montford Avenue, Mill Valley

1. **Call to Order:** President James Cronin called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m. Other Board members present were Directors Al Leibof, Scott Noble, Einar Asbo and Secretary Burnett Tregoning. Also present: District Manager Bonner Beuhler and Lou Kious, President, Almonte Sanitary District.
2. **Visitors to the Meeting and Open Time for Public Expression:** Mr. Kious announced his candidacy to represent special districts on the Board of LAFCO, asking for the support of HVSD.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting of December 16, 2014:** It was M/S Noble/Leibof, that the minutes be approved. Motion adopted 5-0.
4. **Financial Report and List of Payments to be Approved:** It was M/S Noble/Asbo that the warrant list for January 2015 be approved. Motion adopted 5-0.
5. **Manager's Report:**
  - a) **Managers Meeting:** No meeting this month. Bonner noted that they are awaiting analysis of the data collected by flow monitoring during the recent rains.
  - b) **CIWQS SSO Reporting:** Bonner reported three new spills—January 10 in the backyard of 304 Cape Court, amount approximately 400 gallons. The second and third stoppages both occurred on January 14—the second from MH 531.01 across from 543 Montford Ave. and the third from RH 110.03 in front of 16 Loring Ave.
6. **Reports of Outside Meetings:**
  - a) **SASM**—Jim represented HVSD at the meeting.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
  - a) **Sewer Extension Agreements for Sequoia Valley Road and Panoramic Highway properties:** Bonner reported that he has received payment from 746 Sequoia Valley Rd. for two years past sewer service charges, which brings us even. He finally was able to contact 726 Sequoia Valley Rd. who expressed the desire to pay prorated share of last year's sewer charges and none of the costs of annexation. 700 Sequoia Valley Rd. also does not want to pay costs of annexation. Bonner suggested that the District eat all of the outstanding fees and move forward. It was M/S Asbo/Leibof to accept that recommendation and move forward. Motion adopted 5-0. Outstanding fees are expected to total approximately \$2,500.
  - b) **Potential Rate Increase for Sewer Service Charges:** Last month the Board announced that an increase of rates of up to \$500, spread over three years, may be necessary to meet obligations of the looming SASM plant upgrade plus regular HVSD capital improvements. At this meeting, the Board discussed possible rate combinations but did not arrive at specifics. Einar Asbo will make his final State of the Sewers speech at the Annual Meeting of the Homestead Valley Community Association's annual meeting and it would be best for him to announce specific numbers. This Board will meet again prior to the HVCA Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for February 28, and this subject will be on the agenda for final discussion and decision.

**8. New Business:**

**a) Proposition 218 Requirements as They Relate to Sewer Rates:** Bonner provided copies of California Proposition 218, the "Right to Vote on Taxes Act" passed by voters in 1996. A discussion ensued regarding the difference between an assessment and a fee. Bonner suggested it might be advantageous to hire a consultant to navigate the Prop. 218 process. At the very least, he indicated, we need an evaluation by a registered engineer as a back up for any increased fee request. Bonner said he would check with Nute Engineering and County Counsel Jack Govi regarding the subject.

**b) Marin LAFCO, Call for Nominations:** It was M/S Tregoning/Asbo that the District nominate Lou Kious to fill the regular and/or alternate Special District Representative positions available on the Marin LAFCO Board. Motion approved 5-0.

**c) Annual Form 700 conflict of interest disclosure:** Board members submitted their annual form to Bonner who will submit it to the proper person at the County of Marin.

**9. Director's Open Time:** Scott Noble announced that he will miss next month's meeting. Bonner will create and distribute a Board contact list.

**10. Adjournment:** President Cronin adjourned the meeting at 8:40 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, FEBRUARY 24, 2015