

HOMESTEAD VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT
Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting for June 25, 2024
Meeting was held at the Homestead Valley Community Center

- 1) *Call to Order: Al Leibof (AL) called meeting to order at 7:30 PM; Directors present: Joan Florsheim (JF); Al Wuthnow (AW), Alan Saltzman (AS); Rick Montalvan (RM) and General Manager, Bonner Beuhler (BB).*
- 2) **Motion to Approve June 25, 2024 Agenda: motioned RM /AS ; Vote: Unanimous**
- 3) *Visitors: Gene Della Zoppa of MVRS was present to explain reasons for rate increase request*
- 4) **Motion to Approve June 25 Consent Calendar: motioned AS/ AW ; Vote: Unanimous**
 - a) *Approval of May 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes*
 - b) *Approval of June 2024 Warrant List*
- 5) **Manager's Report:**
 - a) *Manager's Meeting: SASM and district activities*
 - b) *CIWQS SSO Reporting: No spills since last meeting.*
 - c) *Certificate of Non- compliance issued at 926 Vernal Avenue*
 - d) *LAFCO: Parcels served by another district. Awaiting action by LAFCO*
 - e) *Castle Rock Slide – issue does not affect HVSD Sewer Main – **Drop Item***
 - f) *Montford/ Laverne creek crossing emergency repairs; see agenda item 7a) below.*
 - h) *MVRS Rate Increase; See item 8a) below*
 - i) *FY 24/25 Budget – Manager will present at July 23, 2024 meeting*
- 6) **Reports on Outside Meetings**
 - a) *SASM: Meeting Cancelled*
 - b) *HVCC: AW reports: Meeting was conducted via Zoom. Bridge at meadow design has been approved, now working on the approach to bridge. Pool Equipment room has excessive corrosion.*
- 7) **Unfinished Business**
 - a) *Sewer Main Crossing between 425 Montford and at 432 Laverne remains pending but the temporary supports are solid; Engineer's permanent solution forthcoming.*
 - b) *2024 CIP on Vernal, W. California, Midway, Western, scheduled start by early August.*
 - c) *Lateral Replacement at 412 and 420 Laverne Avenue: Citation pending*
 - d) *November 2024 election: Reminder to file starting July 15, 2024*
- 8) **New Business**
 - a) *Mill Valley Refuse Service (MVRS) is requesting an 8.3% rate increase. Gene Della Zoppa of MVRS presented reasons for the rate increase. To start with Gene presented comparable collection costs of other bay area companies. He then informed us that: Union contracts are Increasing by 5.5%; Disposal cost are up 2.5%; recycling cost are up a staggering 228%! Gene Spent some time explaining reasons why recycling is so high, "the market place for commodity is volatile". Then, even though cameras are on all trucks and MVRS safety has increased, insurance fees continues to rise (along with all other homeowner's rates)
It's true that HVSD has given grants for new carts yet some residential service has been scaled back causing less income. Our topography is challenging and there are logistics to using Electric Vehicles to collect waste yet they will experiment with goal to convert 5 trucks by. 2029. Hydrogen trucks have possible benefits. Increase in cost have gone up but conservatively relative to the industry as indicated above. Further assurance was provided by Consulting firm R3 and confirms that the increase requested is justified and competitive with other districts
Motion to approve 8.3% rate increase: AW/AS Vote: Unanimous.*
- 9) **Director's Open Time; no items**
- 10) **Adjournment 9:47 PM**

**THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE
COMMUNITY CENTER, AT 7:30 PM. ON JULY 23, 2024**