



OJAI VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OJAI VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT

The Special Meeting of the Ojai Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors was held at the District Office, 1072 Tico Road on April 28, 2021, via Webex. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Quilici at 6:04 p.m. roll call taken as follows:

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Stephen L. Quilici
William Ulrich
John R. (Jack) Curtis (6:07pm)
John R. (Randy) Burg
Lowell Martinson
James Kentosh
William Stone

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Palmer, General Manager
Alison Young, Clerk of The Board

OTHERS PRESENT: Joshua Smith, Representative for District Legal Counsel

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Chairman Quilici led the pledge of allegiance.
4. **Additions or amendments to the Agenda (Special Meeting None Permitted)**
None
5. **Public Concerns** (items not on the agenda - three-minute limit).
None

6. **Review of Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Mr. Palmer reviewed the budgeting process noting the in-detail methodology for preparing the budget line-item amounts. Mr. Palmer explained that the three main themes used in the preparation of this budget are:

- Pay as you go
- Implement the Nutrient Reduction at the Plant and reduce I&I
- Algae TMDL Program Implementation

Mr. Palmer discussed each of these areas explaining how they each play an important role in meeting the environmental discharge restrictions, maintaining a high quality and safe collection and treatment system, and looking to the future.

Mr. Palmer pointed out that the preliminary budget presented proposes an increase in the basic sewer service charge of 2.5%. A 2.5 percent increase would meet the budget needs without transfers from the Contingency & Stabilization Reserve. Mr. Palmer further explained that OVSD's rate increases, historically, are not inline with CPI for each year, respectively. He further gave examples of other cities and agencies that have failed to increase rates enough to maintain their systems, causing much more significant rate increases years later.

Mr. Palmer responded to questions from the Board and staff agreed to follow up with additional information that was requested by Director Martinson regarding the Collection System account 5030.

It was the general consensus of the Board to direct staff to present the final budget with a 2.5 percent increase in the basic service charge at the May 3, 2021 Special Meeting.

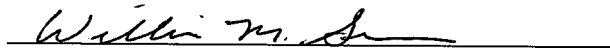
7. **Adjournment**

Chairman Quilici adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.



William Ulrich, Vice Chairman

APPROVED:


William Stone, Secretary