



## 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, via Webex conference, at the District Office, 1072 Tico Road on January 7, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Quilici at 5:01 p.m. and roll call taken as follows:

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

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Robert N. Kwong, District Legal Counsel

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance Conducted

4. **Additions or amendments to the Agenda (Special Meeting None Permitted)**

None

5. **Public Concerns**

None

6. **Board Study Session- Ojai Valley Sanitary District Rates and Fees**

This item was moved to be addressed after Item No. 7

7. **Conference with Legal Counsel- Anticipated Litigation**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, paragraphs (d)(2) and (e)(5) involving two cases.

**AT 5:07 P.M. CHAIRMAN QUILICI CALLED THE CLOSED SESSION TO ORDER**

**AT 6:43 CHAIRMAN QUILICI CONCLUDED THE CLOSED SESSION**

**AFTER A BRIEF BREAK, CHAIRMAN QUILICI RECONVENED THE MEETING TO OPEN SESSION AT 6:49 P.M.**

**Back to Item No 6.**

**6. Board Study Session- Ojai Valley Sanitary District Rates and Fees**

Board discussed the General Manager's proposal to initiate the process of enacting an ordinance that would address the requirement of proportionality as it pertains to portion of current ADU Laws. General Manager Palmer presented a Power Point presentation with data that supports this approach based on actual ADU plans submitted to OVSD.

Ric Vane, spoke as a member of the public desiring to build a new ADU, but disagrees with the current rate structure as it pertains to ADU connection fees. Mr. Palmer will follow up with Mr. Vane regarding his specific project.

Upon Motion of Director Kentosh, seconded by Director Burg and passing with a 6-1 roll call vote, directing staff to draft an ordinance, addressing proportional connection fees, as proposed by the General Manager. The Board further, in this motion, directed Legal Counsel to draft and send a letter to HCD, providing an update on OVSD's efforts to address their concerns.

**8. Board Member and General Manager Comments**

**a. Board Member Comments**

Director Martinson requested that a testimonial letter from Casitas Water be included in the board packet, in which the 12/28 deferred approval of the audio/visual equipment will be re-presented to the board. Director Martinson stated that he would like to know what their current satisfaction is with the vendor, specific to the installation and follow-up service, since OVSD is proposing to use the same vendor.

Director Quilici reminded the Directors that he is waiting for responses to his request made at the 12/28 Board Meeting, in which each director was to advise Chair Quilici of their preferred committee assignments. Director

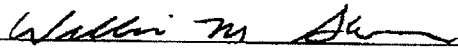
Quilici stated that he drafted proposed assignments and will contact each director individually to discuss.

b. General Manager Comments

Mr. Palmer updated the Board on OVSD staffing and recent exposures and/or infections of COVID. He also advised the Board that caisson drilling will be occurring January 8<sup>th</sup> at the WWTP and the Board is welcomed to drop by and watch, in a social distance compliant manner.

8. **Adjournment**

Chairman Burg adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

  
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William M. Stone, Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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Stephen L. Quilici, Chairman