



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS DEL PASO MANOR WATER DISTRICT**

MINUTES

September 18, 2023 6:00 PM

ZOOM PARTICIPATION WAS NOT OFFERED FOR THIS MEETING

LOCATION:

**El Camino Fundamental High School
Cafeteria 4300 El Camino Avenue,
Sacramento 95821**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

President Saunders called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Directors Present: President Ryan Saunders, Carl Dolk, Bob Matteoli, Gwynne Pratt, David Ross

Staff Present:	General Manager	Adam Coyan
	Office Manager	Victoria Hoppe
	District Council	Lauren Bernadett
	Field Manager	Mike Jenner
	Bartle Wells Consultant	Doug Dove

A quorum of the Board was present.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Members may pull an item from the agenda.

Director Ross made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Pratt.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: The Board of Directors welcomes participation at these meetings. Matters under the jurisdiction of the Board that are not posted on the agenda may be addressed by the public, California law prohibits the Board from acting on any matter which is not on the posted agenda, unless the members determines that it is an emergency or other situation specified in Government Code Section 54954.2. Public comments are limited to five (5) minutes per individual. Please make your comments directly to the DPMWD Chair. Comments will be accepted via teleconference and in writing.

The agenda was adopted on a 5 Yes/0 No vote.

Roy Wilson expressed wanting to see the Board start to re-establish communication with Sac Suburban for potential consolidation.

Seeing no further comments, President Saunders closed public comment.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR: All items under Consent Calendar will be considered together by one action of the Board, any Member or members of the public may request that an item be removed and considered separately.

Item 5.A: Approval of Warrants and Payroll

Director Dolk inquired about the pipe that broke, for which a USA alert was issued in January.

General Manager Coyan commented that the USA alert markings are only good for 30 days and that when they are digging and are within two or three feet of the main, they hand dig because service connections come off and they don't mark the service connections. General Manager Coyan confirmed that the District is billing the contractor for the broken pipe repair.

Trish Harrington inquired about the AV services for \$2,080 to Terrapin.

Seeing no further comments, President Saunders closed public comment.

Director Ross made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Director Dolk. The motion was approved on a 5 Yes/0 No vote.

6. PUBLIC HEARING:

There were no Public Hearing items to consider.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

There were no Old Business items to consider.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 8.A: Proposition 218 Protest Hearing and Potential Adoption of Resolution No. 23-0918 and Ordinance No. 2023-01 Contingent Upon Results of Protest Tabulation

Director Dolk made a motion to open the Proposition 218 Protest Hearing. Director Ross seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bartle Wells Associates Rate Consultant Doug Dove gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed rate increases.

Director Ross asked for clarification regarding the rates being monthly or every two months.

President Saunders made a quick announcement regarding the number of protests needed to reach a majority protest. The number of connections was 1,975.

President Saunders called for public comment.

Roy Wilson inquired about his rates doubling at the end of the 5th year and wanted to know the amount the District could afford regarding Proposition 218. He made a comment about combining with Sac Suburban being an option. He also inquired about what guarantees the District has for getting a loan at 4% without spending a lot of money to obtain the loan and wanted to know which repairs the District can afford to pay.

Trish Harrington also made a comment about consolidating with Sac Suburban Water District. She wanted to know why the District is not spending more time on steel pipe replacement rather than the wells. She inquired about the order in which improvements are being made for Prop. 218. and what percentage of the money is going to O&M. She also wanted to know how can the water rates be increased without having a loan arranged.

Joyce Graddy inquired about the rate increase making Del Paso Manor the second highest in Sacramento.

Ellen Hawk inquired about the size of her water service pipes.

Larry Penny wanted to know how lot sizes are determined and whether the 9-foot easement was part of their lot.

Carol Rose thanked the Board for their service and expressed appreciation for the rate increase.

Brian Neward inquired about staff salaries.

Joanne inquired about the costs to repair wells and pipes when the District contracts for repairs, how much requests for proposals and contracts would cost, and the procedure regarding lowest bids.

Marcie Hutchinson gave support to the Board and gave positive feedback regarding the rate increases.

Beverly Barden wanted to know if the refurbishment for infrastructure was being mapped out and documented.

Fernando Gonzalez inquired about paying for infrastructure and suggested looking into Section 219 of the Water Resource Development Act for source funding and made a comment about there not being enough rate payers in the District to afford repairs.

A commenter who did not state his name wanted to know why his neighbor's pipe leak hadn't been repaired as it's been an issue for over a year.

Seeing no further comments, President Saunders closed public comment.

Director Ross motioned to close the Prop. 218 Protest Hearing. The motion was seconded by Director Pratt. Motion to close was unanimous.

(0:31 minutes)

Director Saunders announced that the tabulations team would begin counting the protests received by the District to determine whether a majority of the parcel owners or customers of record of the identified parcels have presented written protests to the proposed fee. Director Saunders reminded the audience that no more than one protest will be counted for each parcel. If there is a majority protest or at least 988 validated protests have been received, then the board will not move forward with the adopting the rate as proposed. If there is not a majority protest of at least 988 protests, then the board may move forward to consider adopting the rates as proposed.

President Saunders called for a 10-minute recess to allow the tabulation team to count the protests. Director Ross motioned to recess until 7:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Director Pratt. The motion was unanimous.

Regular meeting resumed at 7:11 p.m.

After the tabulations team counted all protests received by the close of the public hearing, Director Saunders announced that the District received 51 protests. With 51 protests received and 1,975 connections in the district, a majority of the property owners and customers of record did not submit protests to the proposed rates. Director Saunders announced that the Board may consider adoption of the rates as proposed.

President Saunders moved to adopt Resolution No. 23-0918 Ratification of Protest Tabulation. Director Ross motioned to adopt resolution. The motion was seconded by Director Pratt. The motion was approved on a 5 Yes/0 No vote.

President Saunders moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-01 Adopting and Implementing Protested Rates Effective November 1, 2023, Contingent Upon Result of Protest Tabulation. Director Pratt motioned to adopt the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Director Ross. The motion was approved on a 5 Yes/0 No vote.

9. FIELD REPORT: Verbal report

September field report will be provided at the October 02, 2023 regular meeting.

10. DIRECTORS REPORT ON COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Verbal report

Committee meeting updates will be provided at the October 02, 2023 regular meeting.

11. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS: Verbal report

There were no General Manager's Comments to consider.

12. CLOSED SESSION:

No reportable action.

13. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS: Verbal information, non-action comments.

Director Dolk thanked everyone from the District for coming out. Director Matteoli agreed and thanked everyone for their patience. Director Pratt, Director Ross, and President Saunders thanked everyone as well for coming out.

14. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS: Directors can suggest topics they would like on future agendas

No future agenda requests.

15. ADJOURNMENT: Next Regular Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for October 02, 2023

Director Ross Director Ross made a motion to adjourn. Director Pratt seconded the motion. There being no further business, the Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

APPROVAL:



Ryan Saunders, President of the Board

ATTEST:

Kelaiah Johnson

Kelaiah Johnson, Interim Board Clerk