

**DUBLIN SAN RAMON SERVICES DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

March 18, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 6 p.m. by President Goel.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. ROLL CALL

Boardmembers present at start of meeting: President Arun Goel, Vice President Richard M. Halket, Director Dinesh Govindarao, Director Georgean M. Vonheeder-Leopold, and Director Ann Marie Johnson.

District staff present: Jan Lee, General Manager/Treasurer; Michelle Gallardo, Administrative Services Director; Steve Delight, Engineering Services Director/District Engineer; Mike Nakamura, Principal Electrical Engineer/Acting Operations Director; Douglas E. Coty, General Counsel; and Nicole Genzale, Executive Services Supervisor/District Secretary.

4. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIVITIES – None

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC) – 6:01 p.m. No public comments received.

6. AGENDA MANAGEMENT (CONSIDER ORDER OF ITEMS) – No changes made.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Johnson MOVED for approval of the items on the Consent Calendar. Director Vonheeder-Leopold SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

7.A. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2025 – Approved

7.B. Adopt Revised Investment Policy, *Rescind Resolution No. 51-24*, and Reaffirm Authority Delegated to Treasurer to Invest District Funds – Approved – Resolution No. 7-25

8. BOARD BUSINESS

8.A. Receive Updates on Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in Water and Wastewater

General Manager Lee prefaced the item presentations by providing the Board with an overview of the District's strategic and collaborative efforts to address regulatory requirements, public health, and environmental risks pertaining to PFAS. She reported that PFAS have been detected in the Tri-Valley's groundwater and wastewater supplies at very low levels.

Ms. Lee then introduced Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7) General Manager Valerie Pryor, seated in the audience, and Zone 7 Groundwater Resources Manager Ken Minn, DSRSD

Laboratory and Environmental Compliance Manager Kristy Fournier, and Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (LSCE) consultant Peter Leffler who provided this evening's presentations regarding Zone 7's PFAS management strategy, PFAS in wastewater, and the DSRSD regional hydrogeologic study. The three presentations were handed out to the Board and posted to the website as supplemental materials.

Following the presentations, Ms. Lee provided the following key takeaways:

- PFAS are a ubiquitous and widespread environmental issue that affects water and wastewater agencies.
- Zone 7 has been proactively addressing PFAS in the local groundwater basin and is already delivering drinking water that meets or exceeds future federal drinking water standards for PFAS.
- Based on the findings of the LSCE study, DSRSD facility operations are not contributing to the PFAS footprint in the Tri-Valley ground water basin.
- For as long as PFAS continue to be used in consumer products, PFAS will be present in the environment. The District and other agencies will continue to support and advocate for legislation banning PFAS in consumer products.

The Board and staff discussed various aspects of each of the three presentations including the sources, effects, and testing methods of PFAS compounds; Zone 7's new PFAS treatment facilities; Zone 7's success in securing grant funding for PFAS treatment and the cost savings to ratepayers; PFAS in wastewater studies performed regarding the San Francisco Bay Region and District facilities; and the ongoing need to monitor and advocate for legislation to remove PFAS from consumer goods. The Board thanked Zone 7 and DSRSD staff for their outstanding work and cooperative efforts to address this matter and provide this important update to the public.

9. REPORTS

9.A. Boardmember Items

9.A.1. Joint Powers Authority and Committee Reports – None

9.A.2. Submittal of Written Reports for Day of Service Events Attended by Directors

Director Vonheeder-Leopold submitted written reports to Executive Services Supervisor/District Secretary Genzale. She reported that she attended the City of San Ramon State of the City Address on March 5 at the San Ramon Community Center, the Tri-Valley Non-Profit Alliance mayors' conversation at the Bankhead Theater on March 12 in Livermore, and the Alameda County Special Districts Association Annual Dinner on March 13 at the Wedgewood at Redwood Canyon Golf Course in Castro Valley. She summarized the activities and discussions at the meetings.

Director Johnson submitted a written report to Executive Services Supervisor/District Secretary Genzale. She reported that she also attended the City of San Ramon State of the City Address on March 5. She summarized the activities and discussions at the meeting.

Director Govindarao submitted a written report to Executive Services Supervisor/District Secretary Genzale. He reported that he also attended the City of San Ramon State of the City Address on March 5. He summarized the activities and discussions at the meeting.

Vice President Halket reported that he, President Goel, and Directors Govindarao and Vonheeder-Leopold represented DSRSD in the City of Dublin's 41st St. Patrick's Day parade on March 15. He thanked staff for their efforts organizing the fun event and noted it was a good showing for the District.

9.A.3. Request New Agenda Item(s) for a Future Board or Committee Agenda – None

9.B. Staff Reports

General Manager Lee reported on the following items:

- The Pleasanton State of the City Address will be held on Tuesday, March 25, at the Palm Event Center.
- The Zone 7 Water Agency ribbon cutting for the Chain of Lakes IX PFAS Treatment Plant will be held on Wednesday, March 26.
- The Contra Costa Special Districts Association Annual Dinner will be held on Thursday, March 27, at the Pleasant Hill Community Center.
- The DSRSD/City of Pleasanton Liaison Committee meeting will be held on Monday, March 31, at 4 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

President Goel adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Submitted by,

Nicole Genzale, CMC
Executive Services Supervisor/District Secretary