

LEUCADIA WASTEWATER DISTRICT
 Minutes of a Special Board Meeting
 October 11, 2023

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Leucadia Wastewater District was held Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 3:00 p.m., at the District Administration Office at 1960 La Costa Avenue, Carlsbad, California.

1. Call to Order

President Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Sullivan, Roesink, Saldana, Omsted (via teleconference)

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: General Manager Paul Bushee, General Counsel Wayne Brechtel, Director of Finance and Administration Ryan Green, Director of Technical Services Robin Morishita, Field Services Superintendent Marvin Gonzalez, Administrative Services Supervisor Trisha Hill, Executive Assistant Tianne Baity, District Engineer Dexter Wilson (via teleconference), Field Services Supervisors Gabe Mendez and Mauricio Avalos, and Iris Grootenhuis of Rising Tide Partners

3. Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion duly made by Director Saldana, seconded by Vice President Roesink, and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors approved the agenda by the following vote:

Director	Vote
President Sullivan	Yes
Vice President Roesink	Yes
Director Saldana	Yes
Director Omsted	Yes

4. Public comment

None.

5. Recycled Water Update

GM Bushee thanked the Board for taking the time to participate in the recycled water workshop. He stated that this discussion is informational, there is no action required, and he is asking the Board to provide direction on LWD's Recycled Water Program, the North San Diego Water Reuse Coalition, and the Encina Wastewater Authority's Potable Reuse Plan.

LWD's Recycled Water Program

GM Bushee then presented an overview of Leucadia Wastewater District's Recycled Water Program and reviewed the following:

- LWD's Historical Background;
- Current Contract Terms;
- Recycled Water Business Model;
- Reserve Balances; and
- Summary of LWD's Current Financial Situation and Future Projects

The Board asked various questions regarding LWD's recycled water agreements with the City of Carlsbad and with the Omni La Costa Resort. GM Bushee and GC Brechtel answered their questions.

Director Saldana stated recycled water is the future and he would like to address the recycled water contract options earlier and not wait 6-7 years.

Director Omsted commented that he would like the option which is best economically and environmentally. He stated he would like to re-evaluate the contract in 3-4 years.

After an in depth discussion, the Board reached consensus for staff to provide annual updates on the LWD's Recycled Water Program and conduct another recycled water workshop in 4 years.

North San Diego Water Reuse Coalition (NSDWRC)

GM Bushee then presented an overview of the North San Diego Water Reuse Coalition (NSDWRC) and reviewed the NSDWRC history. He stated some of the successes of the NSDWRC but noted that LWD is not able to use all of the eligible funding and since LWD currently has no new projects, no additional funding is expected. He stated that the NSDWRC has a continuing annual cost of \$20K per year and asked the Board for direction on continuing participation in the coalition.

Director Saldana asked if LWD can participate in the coalition and not the lobbying. GM Bushee answered affirmatively. Director Saldana stated he would like to continue to participate in the coalition to gain a broader perspective on recycled water issues. Vice President Roesink agreed with Director Saldana.

Following discussion the Board reached consensus to remove themselves from the Federal level of the coalition but remain in it.

Encina Wastewater Authority's (EWA) Potable Reuse Plan

GM Bushee then presented an overview of the EWA Reuse Project History, EWA's Top 3 Funding Options, Project Funding and Status, Project Financing, and LWD's Position Options. He noted the position options for LWD are:

- A) Continue
- B) Support as long as cost neutral
- C) Negotiate separate ownership percentage
- D) All future expenses covered by other parties

Director Saldana stated he is in favor of option B. Vice President Roesink agreed with Director Saldana.

Following discussion, the Board reached consensus for option B and decided to bring this item back to another Board meeting for further discussion due to time constraints.

6. Adjournment

President Sullivan adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:53 p.m.



Paul J. Bushee
Secretary/General Manager
(SEAL)


Elaine Sullivan, President