

Del Rey Community Services District
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
October 16, 2025
7:00 p.m.

Director Nunez called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

A-1 Roll Call: **Directors present:** Joaquin Nunez, Stephanie Garza, Maria Cisneros
Directors absent: Daniel Ramirez

A-2 The Board leads in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A-3 Approval of Agenda: Garza made a motion to approve the agenda. Cisneros seconds the motion. All in favor; three ayes: Nunez, Garza, Cisneros. All Absent; one absent: Ramirez. Motion passed.

A. Scheduled and Unscheduled Communications:

A-1 Solve the problem with debt on accounts. Public member Rumaldo Reyna states he served on the Board for 8 years. He states there was a rate study and there was a 10% increase for everyone. He claims he went to the Board in 2018 and asked for a shutoff policy. He states there are a lot of accounts that are still not being paid. He states the District has a job and obligation to make sure they are paying their bills. Public member Juana Ramos states she knows that this is a small town, but we need the money that is owed for bills so that we can take care of our town and make sure it looks nice. Public member Fonseca states she does not want sidewalks in front of her house. Public member Joey Lopez mentions the Trunk or Treat event coming up for Halloween. He states that he would please like to see Board members attend the cake walk for adults. Legal Counsel Hilda Montoy informs the public on ways the meeting should be conducted. Public member 1 asks what they can do about people that only speak Spanish. Public member Olga suggests translation equipment. District Manager Arias translates in Spanish for the public.

B. Consent Calendar:

B-1 Approve payments for vendors for West America Bank – August 2025, a Total Amount of \$146,292.46.
B-2 Approve payments for vendors for West America Bank – September 2025, a Total Amount \$148,162.36.
B-3 Approve payments for vendors for West America Bank – October 3, 2025, a Total Amount \$119,806.11.
B-4 Approval of Minutes of August 21, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.

Cisneros makes a motion to approve items B-1 to B-4. Garza seconds the motion. All in favor; three ayes: Nunez, Garza, Cisneros. All Absent; one absent: Ramirez. Motion passed.

C. Public Hearings (Discussion And Action Items):

C-1 Discussion and Consideration for Approval of Contract with Maria Reyna for District Manager Position. Arias read the Staff Report regarding this item. Legal Counsel explains the guidelines and process that needs to occur in English and Spanish. She explains Board Chair needs to read the basic terms as required under the Brown Act. Nunez reads. The item is opened to the public for comment. Public member Rumaldo Reyna asks where the salary number was obtained. LC Montoy explain that the State of California requires that an exempt employee get paid at least \$68,640.00. Garza made a motion to approve the Contract. Cisneros seconds the motion. All in favor; three ayes: Nunez, Garza, Cisneros. All Absent; one absent: Ramirez. Motion passed.

C-2 Direction on South Kings GSA payment. Arias explains this is something that needs to be paid every year. It is a burden for the District as it doesn't have the funds to pay for it. He explains that eventually the District will be self sufficient to pay it eventually with the rate increase. DM Arias translates. Engineer Manrique explains the purpose of the GSA and why we have to be apart of it. LC Montoy explains all Districts need to be apart of the GSA. It is State mandated. Nunez states it needs to be paid as the District has no choice but to.

C-3 Action/Approval of Amendment #6 between Del Rey Community Services District and AECOM Technical Services, Inc. Arias states that AECOM asked for an amendment to the contract, and his recommendation is to approve. He reads the report on the item. Public member Victoria wants to have TCP and money explained and asks when this can be discussed. DM Arias states all water is TCP free at this time. Discussion. DM Arias translates.

LC Montoy recommends if they approve that it will be subject to the District's Attorney's review. Montoy doesn't see the details necessary, so they can approve subject to approval by Attorney, and she can send it to LC Chaffin since LC Linden is out on leave. Cisneros makes a motion to approve the amendment. Garza seconds the motion. All in favor; three ayes: Nunez, Garza, Cisneros. All Absent; one absent: Ramirez. Motion passed.

C-4 A resolution for a notice of completion for the work performed at the wastewater plant by ARES Eng.

Manrique explains a resolution for notice of completion funded by CDBG. All the walk throughs have been done and passed and the project is complete. All that is needed is a resolution to be approved so it can be filed at Fresno County and to pay the Contractor. Cisneros made a motion to approve the resolution. Garza seconds the motion. All in favor; three ayes: Nunez, Garza, Cisneros. All Absent; one absent: Ramirez. Motion passed.

C-5 Discussion on Delinquent Accounts/Shutoff Notices. DM Arias states they are working with the issue on shutoff notices. There are things that need to be worked out with disconnection notices. They tried to do the tax roll option, but they could not do it this year. Maria Reyna explains the policy the District and the Attorney are working on in English and Spanish.

D. Director Communications/Agenda Items:

Nothing to report.

E. District Administrator Reports:

E-1 Report of District Manager (Report by Carlos Arias)

DM Arias makes his last report and thanks the community for giving him the opportunity, and he really loves this town. He also reports there needs to be a special meeting next month due to the Thanksgiving dinner being held at the school the night the regular board meeting should be scheduled.

E-2 Report of District Counsel (Report by Michael Linden)

LC Hilda Montoy, in place of Linden, states she will report back to LC Chaffin to work on the AECOM amendment, shutoff notices, and will ask for governance training for the District to help the meetings run more smoothly.

E-3 Report of District Engineer (Report by AM Consulting)

Manrique gives updates on projects and reviews the report.

E-4 Report of District Accountant (Report by Paul Dictos)

Dictos presents financial statements for the month of September.

CLOSED SESSION:

F. Conference with Legal Counsel pursuant Goverment Code Section 54956- Anticipated Litigation.

Consideration of claim against the District by Chooljian & Sons, Inc dba Del Rey Packing related to alleged breach of Wastewater agreement and related claims.

Legal Counsel Hilda Montoy reports the Board considered the claims submitted by Chooljian & Sons, Inc dba Del Rey Packing. The claim was for over \$300,000 on various issues relating to their non-residential wastewater discharge permit and conditions agreement. The board voted 3-0 to reject the claim.

G. Adjournment:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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