

Del Rey Community Services District  
Minutes of the  
Board of Directors  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**May 15, 2025**  
**7:00 p.m.**

President Ramirez called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:22 p.m.

A-1 Roll Call

**Directors present:** Daniel Ramirez, Joaquin Nunez, Stephanie Garza, Maria Cisneros

**Directors absent:** N/A

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

A-3 Approval of Agenda

Public member Maria Reyna suggests moving item D-4 regarding the Auditor's Report to be discussed first. Nunez makes a motion to approve the agenda with the change. Garza seconds the motion. All in favor; four ayes: Ramirez, Nunez, Cisneros, Garza. All Absent; none absent. Motion passed.

**B. SCHEDULED AND UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS:**

Public member Maria Reyna reports that the Cinco de Arts Festival was a success, and thanks everyone that helped and came out. Public member 1 asks how residents are getting their garbage bins picked up if they are not paying their bill. District Manager Arias explains there is an order from the State that the District is not allowed to shut off water or services as long as they are making some type of payment on their account. Discussion. Public member 1 asks if the Board has decided to fill the position for District Manager and how there can be preference for someone with 1 year experience versus 15 years. Discussion. President Ramirez responded that the position has not been filled, but they will be informed when it is.

**C. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

C-1 Approve payments for vendors for West America Bank – April 2025, a Total Amount of \$159,306.90.

C-2 Approve payments for vendors for West America Bank – May 9, 2025, a Total Amount of \$11,008.54.

C-3 Approval of Minutes of April 17, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.

Public member 1 asks who the vendors are. Public member Rumaldo Reyna asks about check 4338. DM Arias explains it's the insurance package for the District. Nunez makes a motion to approve items C-1 to C-3. Garza seconds the motion. All in favor; four ayes: Ramirez, Nunez, Garza, Cisneros. All Absent; none absent. Motion passed.

**D. PUBLIC HEARINGS (DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS):**

D-4 Review Auditor's Report. Jaribu Nelson reviewed key points from the audit. Discussion. Public member 1 asks if this is being impacted by trash. Nelson responds that it is. Discussion. Nelson states that the District is not collecting enough revenue. The review of the auditor was accepted with the option to make changes if necessary.

D-1 Action/Consideration to make the South Kings GSA payment. Arias explains what the payment is for and the amount. He suggests using funds from the County TCP Fund as it pertains to the water. Legal Counsel Linden explains he spoke to Legal Counsel Chaffin, who has had more experience with Special Districts. He explains the reason behind South Kings GSA is for the betterment of the water so it could be done. Discussion. Manrique also explains the GSA also is used to free the water from contaminants, so the funds were okay to be used. Discussion. Public member asks if the money should be coming from the rate increases. Arias responds that yes, it would come from there, but the District hasn't received enough income to make this payment yet, but within a few years, anticipate being able to from the General Fund. Garza makes a motion to accept the audit report. Ramirez seconds the motion. All in favor; four ayes: Ramirez, Nunez, Garza, Cisneros. All Absent; none absent. Motion passed.

D-2 Action/Consideration to put a mini split AC unit at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Arias explains the air conditioner went bad at the WWTP. The duct and condenser were completely destroyed by the rats, so requests to be able to put a mini split with a maximum cost of \$6,000. Ramirez asked if a window unit could be implemented. Arias responds the mini split would be the best solution as it also has heater component for the winter. Discussion. Item opened to the public for comment. No public comment. Garza makes a motion to approve the mini split with a max limit of \$6,000. Cisneros seconds the motion. All in favor; four ayes: Ramirez, Nunez, Cisneros, Garza. All Absent; none absent. Motion passed.

D-3 Accept the purchase of the flight pump for the lift station. Arias explains that a new one needs to be purchased because the old one was sent to be repaired, but the repair was more expensive than buying a new one. Discussion. Garza makes a motion to accept the purchase of the flight pump for the lift station. Nunez seconds the motion. All in favor; four ayes: Ramirez, Nunez, Garza, Cisneros. All Absent; none absent. Motion passed.

#### **E. DIRECTOR COMMUNICATIONS/AGENDA ITEMS**

Nunez reports that a resident came to him stating that there is a tree blocking the view for drivers near Jefferson and Van Horn. Arias states they will look into it.

#### **F. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

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

DM Arias reports that the Cinco de Arts Festival was a success.

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

LC Linden states there is nothing to report.

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

Manrique gives updates on projects and reviews the report.

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

Dictos presents financial statements for the month of May.

#### **G. ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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