

**GOLDEN HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING**

**MAY 15, 2025**

**5:00 PM**

**21415 REEVES STREET**

The GHCS D Board of Directors duly met for a Regular Meeting on May 15, 2025, at 21415 Reeves Street, Tehachapi, California.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 5:01 PM

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** David Benham, John Buckley, Matt Guggemos,  
Joe King

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Scott Wyatt

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Christopher Carlson, General Manager; Davin Blain  
Water Operations Manager; Brian Barnett Business Analyst

**2. CLOSED SESSION INPUT:**

No Public Comment

**3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:**

Director Benham referenced the items listed on the Agenda for Closed Session and advised the Board and public that these items would be discussed under Closed Session.

Motion to adjourn to Closed Session was made by Director King at 5:02 PM, seconded by Director Buckley and carried by the following vote:

**AYES:** Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, King

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Wyatt

**CLOSED SESSION – CONDUCTED IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM.**

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Government Code § 54956.9, subd. (d)(1)  
Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. 22PR00156

**B. EMPLOYMENT**

Government. Code § 54957 (b)(1):  
Title: Performance Evaluation - General Manager

Motion to adjourn to Closed Session was made by Director King at 5:45 PM, seconded by Director Buckley and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, King  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Wyatt

**OPEN SESSION – 6:00 P.M.**

**4. FLAG SALUTE:**

Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**5. REPORTING ON CLOSED SESSION:**

No Reportable Action.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**Item #10 brought to this point in the meeting**

**7. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Staff presented report on the District's financial statements.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Motion to approve the consent calendar A-D was made by Director Buckley, seconded by Director Guggemos and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, King  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Wyatt

**9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:**

General Manager provided a report to the Board and public.

**10. HONOR FLIGHT KERN COUNTY DONATION REQUEST:**

Board approved a donation of \$3,000 to the Honor Flight Kern County to allow a veteran from the Golden Hills community to attend this prestigious event was made by Director Buckley, seconded by Director Guggemos and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, King  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Wyatt

**Move Item #19 to this point in the Agenda**

**11. FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 REVISED BUDGET NO. 2:**

Board reviewed and approved FY 2024-25 Revised Budget No. 2 was made by Director Buckley, seconded by Director Guggemos and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, King  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Wyatt

**12. FISCAL YEAR 24-25 CIP CLOSEOUT PRESENTATION:**

Staff presented a report on the District's FY 24-25 CIP Closeout.

**13. FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 PROPOSED BUDGET:**

Board reviewed the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Proposed Budget.

**14. PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN:**

Board reviewed the Proposed Capital Improvement Plan in conjunction with the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Proposed Budget.

**15. PROPOSED RESERVE POLICY:**

Board reviewed the Proposed Reserve Policy in conjunction with the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Proposed Budget.

**16. PROPOSED INVESTMENT POLICY:**

This item was tabled per the finance committee recommendation.

**17. 2025 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:**

Board approved recommendation from the Ad-hoc Scholarship Committee to award scholarships of \$1,250 each to Bryce Segale and Tailey Jelleschitz was made by Director King and seconded by Director Guggemos and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, King  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Wyatt

**18. RESOLUTION NO. 25-18 ESTABLISHING AND/OR CONSOLIDATING THE DISTRICT'S CHARGES AND FEES FOR CERTAIN WATER SERVICES:**

Board approved Resolution No. 25-18 increasing the fee for "Processing and Recording of Lein" to one-hundred twenty (\$120.00) from ninety (90.00) effective May 15, 2025 was made by Director King, seconded by Director Guggemos and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, King

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Wyatt

**19. TVRPD PARK FUND PRESENTATION:**

Board heard the informational presentation from Corey Torres, General Manager, TVRPD and Corey Costelloe, Assistant City Manager, City of Tehachapi, regarding the Park fund used by TVRPD and the COT to improve/create parks and recreation activities within the City and surrounding areas in Tehachapi.

**20. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- 1) Finance – King gave a report.
- 2) Personnel – No report given

**B. AD HOC COMMITTEES:**

- 1) Surrounding Community – No report given.
- 2) Nature Park Activity Priorities – No report given.
- 3) Scholarship Committee – Director King gave a report

**C. REVIEW OF AD HOC COMMITTEES AND ASSIGNED OBJECTIVES.**

Dissolved the scholarship committee

**D. REVIEW OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES.**

None

**21. NEW BUSINESS:**

Look at how much it would cost to continue the Gazette.

**22. ADJOURN MEETING:**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:22 PM was made by Director King, seconded by Director Guggemos and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, King

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Wyatt

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Christopher Carlson, Secretary

David Benham, Chair