

**GOLDEN HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 21, 2024**

**5:00 PM**

**21415 REEVES STREET**

The GHCS D Board of Directors duly met for a Regular Meeting on November 21, 2024, at 21415 Reeves Street, Tehachapi, California.

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

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** David Benham, Joe King, David Shaw, Scott Wyatt

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** John Buckley

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

**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 made by Director Wyatt at 5:03 PM, seconded by Director Shaw and carried by the following vote:

**AYES:** Benham, King, Shaw, Wyatt

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Buckley

**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. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR:**

Government Code § 54956.9  
Description of Property: Water Rights  
Agency negotiators: General Manager & Legal Counsel  
Negotiation Parties: Golden Hills CSD and Potential Seller  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms

Motion to adjourn from Closed Session made by Director Shaw at 5:58 PM, seconded by Director Wyatt and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, King, Shaw, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buckley

**OPEN SESSION – 6:02 P.M.**

**4. FLAG SALUTE:**

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

**5. REPORTING ON CLOSED SESSION:**

A bid of the lease for some land between Golden Hills CSD and Parsons Hay LLC (Wyoming Corp).

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Joseph Walsh – Interested in old golf course activities and improvements.

**7. 2023-2024 AUDITED FINANCIAL SUMMARY:**

Board heard the presentation on the District's 2023-2024 Audited Financial Summary from Daniells, Phillips, Vaughn & Bock, motion to approve the 2023-2024 Audited Financial Summary as presented was made by Director Shaw, seconded by Director Wyatt and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, King, Shaw, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buckley

**8. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Staff presented report on the District's financial statements.

**9. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

AYES: Benham, King, Shaw, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buckley

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

General Manager provided a report to the Board and public.

**11. RESOLUTION NO. 24-39 RECOGNIZING DAVID SHAW’S SERVICE TO THE GOLDEN HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT:**

Motion to adopt Resolution 24-39 Recognizing David Shaw’s service to the Golden Hills Community Services District was made by Director King, seconded by Director Wyatt and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, King, Shaw, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buckley

**12. FREESTONE RENEWABLES REQUEST TO ADD 24 MONTHS TO THE DEVELOPMENT TERM OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT AND FORGIVE/WAIVE QUARTERLY PAYMENTS UNTIL QUARTER 4, 2025:**

Board heard the request made by Freestone Renewables and motioned to add an additional 24 months to the development term as well as Forgive/ Waive quarterly payments due to the district until the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2025 was made by Director Wyatt, seconded by Director Shaw and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Shaw, Wyatt

NOES: King

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buckley

**13. DECEMBER 2024 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:**

Motion to cancel the December Board meeting scheduled for December 19, 2024 was made by Director King, seconded by Director Wyatt and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, King, Shaw, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buckley

**14. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. STANDING COMMITTEES:

- 1) Finance – No report given.
- 2) Personnel – No report given.

B. AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- 1) Surrounding Community – No report given.
- 2) Nature Park Activity Priorities – No report given
- 3) District Security and Code Enforcement – No report given.

C. REVIEW OF AD HOC COMMITTEES AND ASSIGNED OBJECTIVES.

Dissolve District Security and Code Enforcement.

D. REVIEW OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

Contingent upon certification of the election, appoint Mr. Guggemos to the finance committee and Director Shaw will be the new committee member.

For personnel, appoint Director Benham to replace Director Shaw

**15. NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**16. ADJOURN MEETING:**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:04 was made by Director Wyatt, seconded by Director King and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, King, Wyatt

NOES: Shaw

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buckley

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

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Christopher Carlson, Secretary

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David Benham, Chair