

GOLDEN HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

JULY 17, 2025

5:00 PM

21415 REEVES STREET

The GHCSO Board of Directors duly met for a Regular Meeting on July 17, 2025, at 21415 Reeves Street, Tehachapi, California.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 5:00 PM

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

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

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 5:03 PM, seconded by Director Guggemos and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, King, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

CLOSED SESSION – CONDUCTED IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM.

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code § 54956.9, subd. (d)(1)
In the Matter of the Bozenich Family Trust dated August 10, 1999;
Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. 22PR00156

B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR:

Government. Code § 54956.9
Description of Property: 222-010-38
Agency negotiators: General Manager
Negotiation Parties: Golden Hills CSD and Doug Stein
Under Negotiation: Sales price and terms

C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Government. Code: § 54957.6
Agency Negotiator: Board President
Unrepresented Employee: General Manager

Motion to adjourn to Closed Session was made by Director Buckley at 5:40 PM, seconded by Director King and carried by the following vote:

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

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:

Public Speaker from Larkspur.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Staff presented report on the District's financial statements.

Director Guggemos left this point of time of the meeting.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Guggemos

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

General Manager provided a report to the Board and public.

10. RESOLUTION 25-22 APPROVING STANDBY OR AVAILABILITY CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

Board approved Resolution 25-22 providing for water standby or availability charges for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 was made by Director King, seconded by Director Wyatt and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Guggemos

11. RESOLUTION 25-23, APPROVING THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND PLACEMENT OF CHARGES AND PENALTIES DESCRIBED THEREIN ON THE TAX ROLL IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 61115(b):

Board approved Resolution 25-23 providing for the placement of charges and penalties in accordance with Government Code Section 61115(b) was made by Director Wyatt, seconded by Director Buckley, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Guggemos

12. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT:

Board adopted a second amendment of the General Managers Employment Agreement adjusting compensation in the amount of \$153,000 was made by Director Buckley, seconded by Director King, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Guggemos

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. STANDING COMMITTEES:

1) Finance – King gave a report.

2) Personnel – No report given

B. AD HOC COMMITTEES:

1) Surrounding Community – Benham gave a report.

2) Nature Park Activity Priorities – King gave a report.

C. REVIEW OF AD HOC COMMITTEES AND ASSIGNED OBJECTIVES.

None

D. REVIEW OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

None

14. NEW BUSINESS:

None

15. ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:00 PM was made by Director King, seconded by Director Wyatt and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Guggemos

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

/s/ _____

/s/ _____

Christopher Carlson, Secretary

David Benham, Chair

Agenda item #16 was not on the original posted agenda and was added by the following vote upon convening of Open Session at 5 p.m. and discussed after agenda item #6.

To include Agenda Item #16

Motion to make the findings recommended by staff under Government Code section 54954.2(b)(2) to add the item to the agenda was made by Director King, seconded by Director Guggemos, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, King, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

16. SOLAR PROJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH SCE INTERCONNECTION UPGRADES AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:

Board adopted the SCE interconnection upgrades and budget adjustment of \$230,447.88 was made by Director Wyatt, seconded by Director Guggemos, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, King, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

