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**GOLDEN HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**AGENDA**

**FOR THE REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 18, 2024**

**4:00 PM**

**21415 REEVES STREET**

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

To be interactive and responsive to the Golden Hills community and provide those services within our authority.

## **CLOSED SESSION – 4:00 PM**

### **1. ROLL CALL:**

Directors present:

Directors absent:

Others present:

### **2. CLOSED SESSION INPUT:**

This portion of the meeting is set aside for members of the public to address any matter on the closed session portion of the agenda. Individuals desiring to address the Board must state their name before giving their presentation.

### **3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:**

Chair to reference Closed Session Item as presented on Agenda, and then Board to adjourn to Closed Session.

#### **A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2) and (d)(4): two matters.

#### **B. EMPLOYMENT**

Government. Code § 54957 (b)(1):

Title: Performance Evaluation - General Manager

#### **C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

Government. Code, § 54957.6.

Agency Negotiator: General Manager

Employee Organization: TEAMSTERS

#### **D. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

Government. Code § 54956.9 – One Item.

Description of Property: Water Rights

Agency Negotiators: General Manager, Legal Counsel

Negotiation Parties: Golden Hills CSD and Potential Seller

Under Negotiation: Price and terms

**E. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR:**

Government. Code § 54956.9 – One Item.  
Description of Property: 416-392-01  
Agency negotiators: General Manager  
Negotiation Parties: Golden Hills CSD and J. Torres Co., Inc.  
Under Negotiation: Lease price and terms

**OPEN SESSION – 6:00 P.M.**

**4. FLAG SALUTE:**

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

**5. REPORTING ON CLOSED SESSION:**

Report any action(s) taken during Closed Session

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

This portion of the meeting is set aside for members of the public to address any matter not on this agenda, and over which the Board has jurisdiction. Individuals desiring to address the Board must state their name before giving their presentation.

**The Brown Act prohibits the Board from discussing items raised during the Public Comments section that have not been placed on the Agenda.** Board members may, however, respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff for factual information, or request staff to report back to the Board at a later meeting. Also, the Board may take action to direct the staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

**7. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Monthly financial reports to be presented to Board and public.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

All items listed on the Consent Calendar shall be considered routine and will be enacted upon by one roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board or an audience member requests specific items to be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

- A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOLDEN HILLS CSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON MARCH 21, 2024.
- B. RESOLUTION 24-14, EXPENSES OF THE DISTRICT
- C. RESOLUTION 24-15, EXPENSES OF THE DISTRICT.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Consent Calendar.

Motion Director \_\_\_\_\_, seconded Director \_\_\_\_\_

**9. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT:**

General Manager to provide a report to the Board and public.

**10. REVIEW OF SPECIAL PLANNING MEETING HELD MARCH 2, 2024:**

Board to recap discussion. (Requested by General Manager.)

**11. NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) FIREWISE USA PROGRAM:**

Board to hear Firewise Ad Hoc report regarding the steps required to create Firewise Communities within Golden Hills to combat the recent home insurance policy difficulties for current and future homeowners.  
(Requested by General Manager.)

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Direct the General Manager to expend appropriate resources, (flyers, Board room meeting space, staff time, electronic message board, etc.) to help facilitate the creation of Firewise Communities throughout Golden Hills.

Motion Director \_\_\_\_\_, seconded \_\_\_\_\_

**12. CURRENT STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SB 1383, CALIFORNIA’S SHORT-LIVED CLIMATE POLLUTANT REDUCTION STRATEGY:**

Board to hear Solid Waste Ad Hoc report regarding the status of the ongoing CalRecycle Corrective Action Plan, policies, procedures, and public outreach efforts regarding the implementation of SB 1383. (Requested by General Manager.)

**13. RESOLUTION 23-18 ESTABLISHING AND/OR CONSOLIDATING THE DISTRICT'S CHARGES AND FEES FOR CERTAIN WATER SERVICES:**

Annual review of Resolution 23-18 as determined by the Board of Directors. (Requested by General Manager.)

**14. RESOLUTION NO. 24-16 INCREASING BASE AND CONSUMPTIVE RATES IN DIRECT CORRELATION WITH THE INCREASE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:**

Board to review and consider for approval Resolution No. 24-16, increasing base and consumptive rates by 4.2 percent (0.042%) effective July 1, 2024, in direct correspondence with the CPI increase as indicated through comparisons of the "CPI, All Urban Consumers, All Items Index, Western Cities with populations between 50,000 and 1,500,000" (the CPI-U) as outlined in the recently adopted 2023 Water Rate Study. (Requested by General Manager.)

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Resolution No. 24-16 increasing the base and consumptive rates by 4.2 percent (0.042%) effective July 1, 2024.

Motion Director \_\_\_\_\_, seconded \_\_\_\_\_

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

Board to hear from Steven Miles concerning potential donation from the GHCSO to support the Honor Flight Kern County program and nominate a veteran from the community to participate in the event. (Requested by General Manager.)

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approve a donation of \$1,500 to the Honor Flight Kern County to allow a veteran from the Golden Hills community to attend this prestigious event.

Motion Director \_\_\_\_\_, seconded \_\_\_\_\_

**16 COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. STANDING COMMITTEES:

- 1) Finance – Directors King and Shaw
- 2) Personnel – Directors Shaw and Wyatt

B. AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- 1) Surrounding Community – Director Benham
- 2) Land Revenue Evaluation – Directors King and Wyatt
- 3) Solid Waste – Director King
- 4) Firewise Ad Hoc – Director Shaw
- 5) Scholarship – Director’s Benham and Buckley

C. REVIEW OF AD HOC COMMITTEES AND ASSIGNED OBJECTIVES.

Board to review current Ad Hoc committees and assigned objectives.

D. REVIEW OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

Board to review current standing committees and personnel assigned.

**17. NEW BUSINESS:**

This portion of the meeting is set aside to provide the Board an opportunity to bring to the attention of the other Board members and the public, matters which have come to their attention. No action can be taken on any matter discussed during this portion of the meeting; however, a Board member may request that a subject be placed on an upcoming agenda.

**18. ADJOURN MEETING:**

Motion Director \_\_\_\_\_, seconded Director \_\_\_\_\_