

**GOLDEN HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY 16, 2025**

**5:00 PM**

**21415 REEVES STREET**

The GHCSO Board of Directors duly met for a Regular Meeting on January 16, 2025, at 21415 Reeves Street, Tehachapi, California.

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 5:03 PM

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

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** John Buckley

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Christopher Carlson, General Manager; 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 King at 5:05 PM, seconded by Director Wyatt and carried by the following vote:

**AYES:** Benham, Guggemos, King, 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 § 54956.8  
Description of Property: Water Rights  
Agency negotiators: General Manager & Legal Counsel  
Negotiation Parties: Golden Hills CSD and Potential Sellers  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms

Motion to adjourn from Closed Session made by Director Wyatt at 6:02 PM,  
seconded by Director King and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Guggemos, King, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buckley

**OPEN SESSION – 6:04 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:**

Scott Hammer – Curious when debris piles would be removed from Nature Park.

**7. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Staff presented report on the District's financial statements.

**8. FY 2024-25 REVISED BUDGET:**

Board reviewed and approved the FY 2024-25 Revised Budget with motion made by Director Guggemos, seconded by Director Wyatt, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Guggemos, King, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buckley

**9. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

AYES: Benham, Guggemos, King, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buckley

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

General Manager provided a report to the Board and public.

**11. SALE OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY:**

Board opened bid(s) from contiguous landowner(s) of property, APN # 222-440-01-8, determined nonexempt from the Surplus Lands Act. Motion to reject the bid was made by Director Guggemos, seconded by Director Wyatt and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Guggemos, King, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buckley

Board opened bid(s) from contiguous landowner(s) of property, APN # 468-230-08-1, determined nonexempt from the Surplus Lands Act. Motion to accept the bid was made by Director Benham, seconded by Director King and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Guggemos, King, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buckley

**12. GHCS D WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM CAPACITY AND FLOW OVERVIEW:**

Board heard staff presentation regarding current domestic water storage capacity, well production capabilities, expected vs. maximum flow rates and pressure variations throughout the GHCS D water distribution system during standard and extreme demands. No action taken.

**13. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS:**

**PRESIDENT**

Nominations: Director Benham was made by Director Wyatt, seconded by Director Guggemos, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Guggemos, King, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Benham

ABSENT: Buckley

**VICE-PRESIDENT**

Nominations: Director King was made by Director Guggemos, seconded by Director Wyatt, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Guggemos, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: King

ABSENT: Buckley

**ACWA-JPIA REPRESENTATIVES for 2025.**

Nominations: Director Buckley and Director Wyatt was made by Director King, seconded by Director Benham, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Guggemos, King

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Wyatt

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 – Committee met and discussed volleyball courts, disc golf and pickleball courts.

C. REVIEW OF AD HOC COMMITTEES AND ASSIGNED OBJECTIVES.

No action taken.

D. REVIEW OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

No action taken

**15. NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**16. ADJOURN MEETING:**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:52 was made by Director King, seconded by Director Guggemos and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Guggemos, King, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Buckley

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

/s/  
Christopher Carlson, Secretary

/s/  
David Benham, Chair