

GOLDEN HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 19, 2025

5:00 PM

21415 REEVES STREET

The GHCS D Board of Directors duly met for a Regular Meeting on June 19, 2025, at 21415 Reeves Street, Tehachapi, California.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 5:02 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)
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 Buckley at 6:07 PM, seconded by Director Guggemos and carried by the following vote:

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

OPEN SESSION – 6:10 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

Move Agenda Item #11 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-C 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

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

General Manager provided a report to the Board and public.

10. GROUNDWATER WELL WAIVER REQUEST:

This item was tabled to hear Mr. Figueroa waiver.

11. GOLDEN HILLS GAZETTE CONTRACT AMENDMENT:

Board discussed possible amendments to the contract agreement between Golden Hills Community Services District (GHCS D) and Hilltop Publishers for the continued publication of the Golden Hills Gazette and directed staff to continue talks in regards to how much it costs for future issues and to bring back to the Board.

Director King left at this time during the Board meeting.

12. PUBLIC HEARING – FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 WATER STANDBY CHARGES:

Board conducted a public hearing to allow all persons owning property within the Golden Hills CSD to state their opinions and/or protests regarding the proposed water standby or availability charges.

13. PUBLIC HEARING – FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 PLACEMENT OF DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS ON TAX ROLL FOR COLLECTION PURPOSES:

Board conducted a public hearing to allow all persons to state their opinions and/or protests regarding the General Manager's report and the proposed collection of delinquent fees through placement on the tax roll.

14. FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 FINAL BUDGET:

Board reviewed the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in accordance with Gov. Code § 61110 and approved the Final Budget 2025-2026 as presented was made by Director Wyatt, seconded by Director Guggemos and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Guggemos, Wyatt

NOES: Buckley

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: King

15. FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND RESERVE POLICY:

Board approved the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Plan and Reserve Policy in conjunction with the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Adopted Budget as presented was made by Director Wyatt, seconded by Director Guggemos and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Guggemos, Wyatt

NOES: Buckley

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: King

16. 2025 DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION:

Board discussed and approved request for authorization to destroy old records pursuant to the District's Record Retention Policy was made by Director Buckley, seconded by Director Guggemos and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: King

17. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. STANDING COMMITTEES:

- 1) Finance – Guggemos 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.

C. REVIEW OF AD HOC COMMITTEES AND ASSIGNED OBJECTIVES.

None

D. REVIEW OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

None

18. NEW BUSINESS:

None

19. ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:13 PM was made by Director Guggemos, seconded by Director Wyatt and carried by the following vote:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

/s/
Christopher Carlson, Secretary

/s/
David Benham, Chair