

**GOLDEN HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING**

**OCTOBER 16, 2025**

**5:00 PM**

**21415 REEVES STREET**

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

**OPEN SESSION:** Convened at 5:02 PM

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

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Scott Wyatt

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

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

**AYES:** Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, King

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Wyatt

**CLOSED SESSION – CONDUCTED IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM.**

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

Government. Code            § 54956.9 (d)(2) and (d)(4): One Matter

Motion to adjourn from Closed Session was made by Director King at 5:49 PM, seconded by Director Guggemos and carried by the following vote:

AYES:            Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, King

NOES:            None

ABSTAIN:        None

ABSENT:         Wyatt

**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:**

None

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**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 Buckley, seconded by Director King and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, King

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Wyatt

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

General Manager provided a report to the Board and public.

**10. GOLDEN HILLS NATURE PARK MASTER PLAN PROJECT:**

Board reviewed for adoption Resolution 25-31, MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR THE NATURE PARK MASTER PLAN PROJECT in accordance with requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines. Adopted Resolution 25-31 and authorize the General Manager to prepare the necessary Notice of Determination to be filed with the Kern County Clerk and the State Office of Planning and Research was made by Director Buckley, seconded by Director King and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, King

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Wyatt

**11. F WELL SOLAR GROUND MOUNT LANDSCAPING:**

Board discussed some potential landscaping options pertaining to the Solar Project located at the south end of the district's facilities.

Shrubbery, trees and grass looking covers on the fence to cover the solar panels as much as possible. Look into costs for these options and bring back to the Board for adoption. Look at lights in the parking lot so they aren't lighting up the neighborhood.

**12. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- 1) Finance – King 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.
- 3) District Lands Revenue Generation – King gave a report.

**C. REVIEW OF AD HOC COMMITTEES AND ASSIGNED OBJECTIVES.**

None

**D. REVIEW OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES.**

None

**13. NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**14. ADJOURN MEETING:**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:45 PM was made by Director Buckley, seconded by Director King and carried by the following vote:

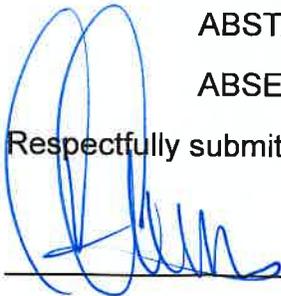
AYES: Benham, Buckley, Guggemos, King

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

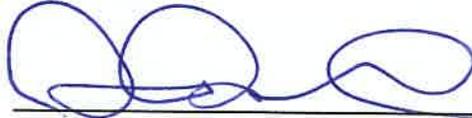
ABSENT: Wyatt

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher Carlson, Secretary

Approved:



David Benham, Chair