

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKESIDE WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON October 8, 2024**

At the time and place provided by law for the holding of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lakeside Water District; to-wit at the meeting place of said Board at 10375 Vine Street, Lakeside, California, at 5:30 p.m. the Board duly convened, the following members present.

Directors:	Frank Hilliker Pete Jenkins Steve Johnson Eileen Neumeister Steve Robak
Secretary:	Brett Sanders

- 1) Call to Order by Board President Hilliker.
- 2) Prayer/Invocation – Director Johnson introduced Father Derek Twilliger to provide the prayer for the night’s meeting.
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge was led by Kasey Pitchford
- 4) Approval of Agenda. Motion by Director Johnson to accept the agenda as submitted.

Motion:	Johnson	Second:	Jenkins
Vote:	Ayes	5	Hilliker, Jenkins, Johnson, Neumeister, Robak
	Noes	0	
	Abstain	0	
	Absent	0	

- 5) Opportunity for Public Comment Pertaining to Items Not on the Agenda (Items must meet the requirements of Government Code Section 54954.2). No Comments.
- 6) Approve Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on September 10, 2024. Motion by Director Jenkins to approve the as presented.

Motion:	Jenkins	Second:	Johnson
Vote:	Ayes	5	Hilliker, Jenkins, Johnson, Neumeister, Robak
	Noes	0	
	Abstain	0	
	Absent	0	

- 7) Review the August 2024 Treasurers Report for the Annual Audit. Request to Note and File in Preparation. Approved to Note and File
- 8) 5-Year Service Acknowledgement for Kasey Pitchford the District’s Customer Service and Billing Manager. General Manager Sanders provided a summary of Kasey’s experience at the District and her new role as Customer Service and Billing Manager

and the great job she is doing. Board President Hilliker congratulated Kasey and the Board gave her a round of applause and support for many more years at the District.

- 9) Operations Report. Superintendent Johnze provided a summary of the following items.
- a. Johnson Lake Reservoir. District crews have prepped and taken the reservoir out of service to complete warranty work as directed by Harper Eng.
 - b. SCADA Alarm System Repair: Added a new alarm autodialer that sends alarm calls to the District, our answering service to contact our on call duty operator.
 - c. Lead service lateral inventory completed and ready for submittal to the EPA.
 - d. Pump Station Structures: Structure repairs have been done by District crews.
 - e. AWP Pipeline Crossings and Inspections. Orion continues through Mapleview and towards Riverside Dr.
0 Mainbreak, 1 Service Leak, 0 Fire Hydrants

- 10) Consider Resolution 24-14 for the Pass-Through Adjustment to offset the wholesale rate increase from the San Diego County Water Authority and to declare the action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. Lakeside Water District Administrative Code 2.13-2(B)(2)(a). General Manager Sanders summarized the process of the pass through increase and the calculation used to make the determination of the \$0.68 per unit wholesale pass through increase for 2025.

Motion: Robak

Second: Neumeister

Vote:	Ayes	5	Hilliker, Jenkins, Johnson, Neumeister, Robak
	Noes	0	
	Abstain	0	
	Absent	0	

- 11) Consider Revision to Administrative Code Section 8.1-11 Retirement. General Manager Sanders proposed a revision that would ensure that only full time employees who work more the 1,760 hours per year would be eligible for the "Post-Retirement Health Care" benefit in addition to other stated service requirements. Motion by Director Robak to approve Code revision as presented.

Motion: Robak

Second: Neumeister

Vote:	Ayes	5	Hilliker, Jenkins, Johnson, Neumeister, Robak
	Noes	0	
	Abstain	0	
	Absent	0	

- 12) Summary of Review by Utility Cost Management of the District's SDGE accounts. General Manager Sanders described the savings being proposed by UCM by submitting and requesting revisions to rates applied by SDGE to District accounts. Once rates are in effect UCM will notify the District and once a year an audit of the savings will be reported to the District to support the annual payment.

- 13) Approve Demands of the Treasurer for September 2024. Motion by Director Robak to approve the demands as presented.

Motion: Robak

Second: Neumeister

Vote:	Ayes	5	Hilliker, Jenkins, Johnson, Neumeister, Robak
	Noes	0	
	Abstain	0	
	Absent	0	

14) CWA Report – CWA Representative Hilliker reported that the Board moving towards and continuing to work for litigation resolution with MWD. The Board has extended the General Manager’s contract one year after a successful first year. Also recapped the election of Board Members as Officers: Nick Serrano, Chair, himself as Vice Chair, and Joy Lydnes, as Secretary.

15) Director’s Report and Ad Hoc Sub-Committees Reports. No reports.

16) Manager’s Quarterly Report. The General Manager reported.

1) Yerba Valley Annexation Update: Working with the USDA after some delays

- Native American feedback from local tribal agencies has been submitted.
- Updated financial reports have also been submitted.
- Special Fixed charge assessment has been allocated to annexed properties
- Forwarded form for property sale notification to each property.
- Current District expenditures to day approximately \$800,000.

2) Update on the State of California Water shutoff Protection Act Legal Alert:

- CA Attorney General sent a Legal Alert to water agencies to remind agencies of requirements of the Water Shutoff [protection Act.
- Builds on SB998 and now SB3 passed with expanded protections of the Act.
- The District is already in compliance with conditions already in place for customers having trouble paying their water bill.

Water Shut Off Legal Alert
 Water Authority Selects New Chair
 CWA News Release: San Diego Region Well Prepared

17) Closed Session: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Gov. Code 54957(b)(1))

Title: General Counsel – Board President Hilliker announced that the Board voted: (1) to transition general counsel legal services from Procopio to Ms. Adriana Ochoa’s new firm, Snell & Wilmer, effective September 23, 2024, in order to ensure the continuity of legal representation for our agency, and (2) to authorize the General Manger to execute the necessary authorization and agreements that effect this transition including a new Engagement with Snell & Wilmer. The Board directed the General Manager to verify the hourly rate remains the same as is currently in effect with Procopio before submittal of the new agreement.

17) Adjourn; There being no further business the meeting adjourned to the next Regular Meeting to be held on November 5, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Attest:

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Brett Sanders, Board Secretary
 Lakeside Water District

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Frank Hilliker
 Board President