

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKESIDE WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON October 5, 2021**

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
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Secretary:	Brett Sanders
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- 1) Call to Order by Board President Robak
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge was led by Board President Robak
- 3) Approval of Agenda. Motion by Director Johnson to accept the agenda as presented.

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

- 4) Opportunity for Public Comment Pertaining to Items Not on the Agenda (Items must meet the requirements of Government Code Section 54954.2).
- 5) Approve Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on September 7, 2021. Motion by Director Hilliker to approve the minutes as submitted.

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

- 6) Public Hearing – To Take Public Input on Modifying the Water Rates Specifically Adjustments to the District’s Water Meter Service Charges. Board President Robak called the public hearing to order at 5:35 p.m. and called upon the General Manager to provide an introduction to the proceedings. Administrative Services Manager Swaringen provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the reasons for the increase and timeline of past increases as well as surveys showing the comparable meter service charges at agencies within urban San Diego County. Graphs were presented that showed the revenue deficit’s projected over the next three years and the projected revenue recovery to narrow the deficit. The request for the increase amounts to a 15%

increase across all meter sizes within the District. Projected annual increase totals \$105,560 per year.

- 7) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Resolution 21-11 Amending Section 2.13-2 (B) 1a of the Administrative Code, Water Rates and Charges, to be Effective January 1, 2022 and Finding Such Action Exempt from the California Environmental Quality act. The General Manager provided brief summary of action required and recapped the Board Report submitted to the Board. Also, stated that the threshold of protest letters has not been met as the District has received two protest letters. Confirmed that the increase across all meter sizes is projected to amount to a \$105,560 revenue increase per year. An example of the increase for our most common 5/8" meter is \$2.07 every two-month billing period. Motion by Director Johnson to approve Resolution 2021-11 as presented.

Motion: Johnson

Second: Neumeister

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

- 8) 20-Year Service Award to Administrative Services manager Jeanne Swaringen. The General Manager provided a presentation of Ms. Swaringen's duties and accomplishments to the District and how her efforts and success has been maintained at a very high level over the many areas of responsibilities required by the District. Jeanne was thanked by the General Manager and the Board for her 20 years of committed service to the District, with Director Johnson sharing a story of meeting Jeanne at a Riverview Water District open house and being motivated to run for a position on the Riverview Board.
- 9) Review August 2021 Treasurer's Report to note and file for the annual audit. Approved to note and final for audit.
- 10) Approve Demands of the Treasurer for September 2021. Motion by Director Hilliker to approve the Demands of the Treasurer as submitted.

Motion: Hilliker

Second: Johnson

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

- 11) Operations Report.

- 1) Sherman Reservoir Roof Replacement: 100% complete with the fence and entrance gate complete. District crews will install privacy slats in the chain link as the final task.
- 2) Johnson Lake Reservoir Recoating: Contractor on site and blasting and coating the interior currently 80% complete. The District has approved dehumidifier use to allow for coating work full time with no down time except for rain. Coaltar enamel flooring has been removed and will be replaced with epoxy. Pictures shown of the scaffolding, blasting and coating and the dehumidification system.
- 3) Johnson Lake Reservoir Recoating Operational Summary: Carry to November meeting
- 4) Wintergardens Pump Station: 75 HP motor failed. This station needs a crane to remove motor out through roof openings. The motor will be rebuilt using the same iron frame

and core and replacing the copper windings. The station has a second pump and motor to maintain pumping reliability.

- 5) County Projects:
 - Woodside Ave. Improvement is in the final design phase.
 - Ashwood Street Imp. 8" main is on the scheduled to be lowered to accommodate a larger storm drain pipe in the same location required by the County. Likely night work.
 - 6) Poly Service Replacements: Continue replacements as needed.
 - 7) 0 main breaks, 1 service leaks, and 0 fire hydrants hit
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- 12) CWA Report. Financial Strategy Group presented the final LRFP to the Finance Committee and the full board. An amendment was submitted by the City of San Diego to add third party consultants to review cost of service studies, rate designs, and the CIP planning a prioritization. Likely to add significant costs to the WA to implement and also may cause the Water Authority's bond rating to go down. Close vote to implement the resolution amendment to the LRFP.
 - 13) Director's Report and Ad Hoc Sub-Committees Reports. None
 - 14) Manager's Quarterly Report. The General Manager reported on:
 - 1) Update on Roof Installation and Solar RFP Progress: Roof complete will follow with the Solar RFP.
 - 2) Strategic Plan and Asset Management Plan Update. Summarized goals and initial progress of the two plans. Will have a complete update at the November meeting.
 - 3) State of California SWRCB Billing Arrearage's Payments: Program is going forward to provide payment for limited customer billings that are past due. Approximate total to recover and apply to customer accounts is \$50,000. District will provide additional info to the state.

Articles Included:

California Water Agencies Resolve Colorado River Dispute
Higher Water Costs on the Horizon for San Diego Region.

- 15) Adjourn; There being no further business the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Attest:

Brett Sanders, Board Secretary
Lakeside Water District

Steve Robak
Board President