

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSAMOND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

5:00 PM Closed Session
6:00 PM Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday March 12, 2025
District Board Room
3179 35th Street West
Rosamond, CA 93560

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Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM by President Stewart

ROLL CALL

Director Greg Wood	Absent (arrived at 5:15 PM)
Director Byron Glennan	Absent (arrived at 5:18 PM)
Director Rick Webb	Present
Vice President Gregory Washington	Present
President Ben Stewart	Present
General Manager (GM) Kim Domingo	Present
Director of Public Works John Houghton	Absent(arrived at 5:55 PM)
Director of Administration/Board Secretary Sherri Timm	Present
Legal Counsel, John Komar, Esq.	Present via Zoom at 5:15PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Webb and seconded by VP Washington.

Motion passed 3 ayes. Directors Wood and Glennan absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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None.

VOLUNTARY PUBLIC ROLL-CALL VIA ZOOM

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CLOSED SESSION

A motion to go into Closed Session at 5:03 PM was made by VP Washington and seconded by Director Webb.

Motion passed 3 ayes. Directors Wood and Glennan absent.

CS 1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code section § 54957.6

Representative: Kim Domingo

Organization: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local 1902.

**CS 2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES Performance Evaluation: General Manager.
(Govt. Code, § 54957.)**

PUBLIC REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made to come out of closed session at 6:01 PM by Director Webb and seconded by VP Washington.

Motion passed 5 ayes.

No Reportable Action.

6:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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None.

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None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

CC 1 Review of the check/voucher register dated February 18, 2025 through March 3, 2025 | Payroll (Direct Deposit) dated February 26, 2025.

A motion to approve CC 1 was made by VP Washington and seconded by Director Wood.

Motion passed 5 ayes.

MINUTES

M1. Approve February 26, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes .

A motion to approve M1 was made by Director Webb and seconded by Director Wood.

Motion passed 5 ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

NB 1. Approve Continuation Letter with Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP, for Audit Services for Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2025, 2026 and 2027. (Presenter GM Kim Domingo)

A motion to approve NB1 was made by Director Wood and seconded by VP Washington.

Motion passed 5 ayes.

NB 2. Approve Task Order 2025-3 with AECOM for Engineering Services for the Water Reclamation Plant Percolation Pond Project. (Presenter GM Kim Domingo)

A motion to approve NB2 was made by Director Wood and seconded by Director Webb.

Motion passed 5 ayes.

NB 3. Approve Task Order 2025-4 with AECOM for Engineering Services for the Water Service Replacement Project – Myrtle and Melvin Streets (Presenter GM Kim Domingo).

A motion to approve NB3 was made by Director Webb and seconded by VP Washington.

Motion passed 5 ayes.

NB 4. Approve Task Order 2025-5 with AECOM for Engineering Services for the Administration Building HVAC Replacement Project. (Presenter GM Kim Domingo).

A motion to approve NB4 was made by Director Wood and seconded by VP Washington.

Motion passed 5 ayes.

NB 5. Approval of Letter of Intent with Quantum Energy for an Energy Survey to Determine the Feasibility of a Direct Energy System Purchase Agreement. (Presenter GM Kim Domingo).

A motion to approve NB5 was made by VP Washington and seconded by Director Wood.

Motion passed 5 ayes.

DISCUSSION

D 1. Proposed Local Government Cooperation Board. (Presenter Director Greg Wood)

Director Wood brought this item to the board to see if the idea has merit. During his campaign for his seat on the water board, some community members expressed a desire for local municipal agencies to meet quarterly to seek opportunities to work together for the betterment of Rosamond. Members would include representatives from RCSD, Southern Kern Unified School District and the Rosamond Municipal Advisory Committee.

President Stewart understands the desire to form this group of community representatives and would support pursuing the idea on an as-needed basis. He explained that there is little overlap between the responsibilities of the different agencies and that they are already able to attend each other's meetings as needed.

Director Webb expressed support for investigating the viability of the idea and agreed that the meetings should be held only when there is work to do.

Director Washington expressed concern that engaging in this idea could be a distraction from RCSD's limited scope of authority, reducing RCSD efficiency in providing the best service to customers. He agreed that there are already mechanisms in place for the municipal agencies to coordinate efforts by attending each other's meetings.

Director Glennan pointed out that two directors of the RCSD board are already assigned to each of these municipal agencies who should be available to interface with them.

President Stewart requested that Director Wood draft an actionable item for a future agenda.

GM Domingo commented that the rewrite of the committee policy could include provisions for this type of cooperation.

D 2. Partnership with SKUSD for United Street Park. (Presenter Director Greg Wood)

Director Wood has been approached by some community members as to how RCSD could help get United Street Park reopened. He recognized the fact that RCSD was once given responsibility over parks with no funding mechanism, which resulted in many challenges and frustrations. This culminated in RCSD returning responsibilities for local parks back to Kern County.

It seems that the current impediment to opening the park is the cost of irrigation water. Director Wood is interested in a plan that would have the school district grant RCSD the water rights attached to the park property, which RCSD could then deliver to the park at the cost of extraction and delivery alone.

Director Glennan was unsure if the park site will ever be used in the future for an additional school site. Director Webb pointed out that the land was unsuitable for a school due to geographic features.

President Stewart expressed fond memories of using the park and his dismay at its current condition. He has not seen efforts on the part of the school district, who has responsibility for the park, to move this or any other plan forward. He expressed support to assist in the effort, should another agency want to take the lead in such a project. He expressed gratitude for Director Wood bringing the topic, which seems to have existed on the periphery for some time, out in front of the board.

Director Webb expressed concern for having buy-in and support from the county, that the school district and RCSD could not make the project sustainable on their own.

John Houghton informed the board that the park property has no water rights.

GM Domingo said that the cost of groundwater extraction and delivery accounts for most of what RCSD is charging customers already.

D 3. Discuss Committee Assignments. (Presenter President Ben Stewart)

President Stewart asked the board members if there is any interest in reassigning committee members based on their experience of serving on their assigned committees over the last few months.

Director Webb suggested that each director have the opportunity to serve on each committee during their tenure on the board. This would give each director breadth of experience and help ensure both continuity and fresh ideas to each committee.

The directors each individually expressed a desire to continue serving in their current assignments.

D 4. Discuss Attendance at Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant Open House. (Presenter President Ben Stewart)

President Stewart brought this item to draw attention to the upcoming public tour of wastewater plants in Lancaster on March 15th and in Palmdale on March 22nd. He provided information and sign up information for the event.

Director Washington is already planning on attending the Palmdale plant tour and is interested in hosting such a tour at the Rosamond plant in the future.

DIRECTOR REPORTS/COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

President Stewart- Encouraged people to attend the wastewater treatment plant tours and lauded the board's communication and ability to work together through differences of opinion.

Director Webb- Excited to see the discussion and direction that is happening with the current board and staff.

Director Glennan- Congratulated the RSH girls basketball team on winning the regional tournament and earning a spot to compete in the state championship.

Director Wood- Encouraged the board and public to attend the Lancaster wastewater tours.

He also touted the Rosamond plant for its unique aspects and encouraged setting up public tours, especially for local school children.

He and Dir Stewart will be travelling to the Mecca leachate facilities next week.

GENERAL COUNSEL UPDATE

John Komar, Esq
No report.

GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE

Kim Domingo reported he will be attending the trip next week to Chiquita Canyon and Mecca to investigate the potential impacts of RCSD accepting leachate. He will be out of the office from April 1st until April 21st. Cancellation of the April 9th board meeting should be considered.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Sherri Timm reported a total of 10 residential accounts were disconnected in March for non-payment. She will be out of the office from March 25th through March 27th, attending the SDRMA Spring Education Day training.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

John Houghton reported provided written report to the board. He also spoke on the removal of rags and flushable wipes from the sewers, and the crew uncovering several manholes that were paved over with asphalt.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM by President Stewart.

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Respectfully submitted:



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