

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT
A PUBLIC AGENCY
DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
ONE WILLIAM MOFFETT PLACE
GOLETA, CALIFORNIA 93117

March 2, 2010

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John S. Carter, Steven T. Majoewsky, George W. Emerson, John R. Fox, Jerry D. Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Kamil Azoury, General Manager, Jeff Salt, Operations Manager, Kathy Johnson, Office Manager, Richard Battles, Legal Counsel from Howell Moore & Gough, LLP

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Nation, Larry Meyer and Craig Geyer of Goleta West Sanitary District, Chuck Eckert, I.V. Property Owners' Association, Steven Amerikaner, Goleta West Sanitary District Legal Counsel from Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP

CALL TO ORDER: President Carter called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

POSTING OF AGENDA: The agenda notice for this meeting was posted at the main gate of the Goleta Sanitary District 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

BUSINESS:

1. **DISCUSSION OF PROPOSALS FOR DETACHMENT OF TERRITORIES FROM GWSD BY SANTA BARBARA COUNTY AND/OR CITY OF GOLETA**
Director Majoewsky advised the Board of the Ad Hoc Committee meeting he attended with representatives of Santa Barbara County and the City of Goleta, including Dan Singer, City of Goleta Manager, 2 Goleta City council members, Goleta City assistant attorney, and 2 staff members from Santa Barbara County. Director Majoewsky explained that the meeting was requested by Santa Barbara County and the City of Goleta to discuss proposals and alternatives for detachment of certain territories from Goleta West Sanitary District by Santa Barbara County and the City of Goleta. Director Majoewsky advised the Board that the

County is in the process of preparing a staff report that will be given to the County Board of Supervisors at their March 16, 2010 meeting with respect to detachment of Isla Vista from GWSD. He advised the Board that this staff report will provide 4 options regarding the Isla Vista detachment. City representatives advised those present that the City of Goleta would likely align with the SB County option chosen to be heard by LAFCO at a future date. Director Emerson advised the Board that there should be consideration of rates and adjustments that could result in response to the loss of property taxes that will no longer be available to offset any increase in fees to GWSD consumers. He advised those present that they should keep in mind that property tax is variable and not related to fees and that the City of Goleta may use property taxes to subsidize adjustments in the rate structure. There was further discussion of an alternative possibly being presented to the County Board of Supervisors that would detach Isla Vista from GWSD and simultaneously annex to Goleta Sanitary District. Mr. Geyer advised the Board that if this alternative were adopted, GSD would have the responsibility for rate stabilization and would face an Isla Vista voter block and a Prop 218 challenge. Mr. Eckert spoke for the Isla Vista Property Owners' Association and advised the Board that the IVPOA is against the detachment of GWSD and that any such attempt would result in an expensive vote as a result of a protest by property owners. After further discussion the Governing Board directed District Staff to draft a letter to Santa Barbara County regarding the alternative of simultaneous detachment of IV from GWSD and annexation to GSD.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

John S. Carter
Governing Board President

Kamil S. Azoury
Governing Board Secretary

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