

**SELMA-KINGSBURG-FOWLER
COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT**

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF DIRECTORS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Board Meeting of the Selma-Kingsburg-Fowler County Sanitation District was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Robertson.

DIRECTORS

Nathan Magsig (P)
Juan Mejia (P)
Vince Palomar (P)
Scott Robertson, Vice Chair (P)
Buddy Mendes, Chairman (A)

STAFF AND CONSULTANTS

Veronica Cazares, General Manager/Secretary
Alicia Kirk, Executive Assistant to the G.M.
Tricia Miller, Administrative Services/HR Manager
Hilda Cantu Montoy, General Counsel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There being no comment from the public, a motion to approve the agenda of the Board meeting of September 14, 2023, was made by Director Mejia and seconded by Director Palomar and approved by a unanimous voice vote:

AYE: Director Magsig, Palomar, Mejia, Vice Chair Robertson,

NO:

ABSENT: Chairman Mendes

ABSTAIN:

PUBLIC FORUM

Public comment was given by Selma City Manager Fernando Santillan. SKF Vice Chairman Robertson had reported under Board Member Communication/Agenda items at the August 10, 2023, District Board meeting that during the August 7, 2023, Selma City Council meeting a Selma Council member asked to put the item of the City of Selma withdrawing from SKF sewer system on a future City Council Agenda. City Manager Santillan spoke on that matter during Public comment. Vice Chairman Robertson asked for the record to show that as this item was not asked to be placed on the Agenda prior to this meeting, no action or discussion can be taken at this time. Vice Chairman Robertson thanked City Manager Santillan for his comments. General Counsel for SKF asked for Mr. Santillan to provide her with a copy of his written statement.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items placed on the consent calendar are routine in nature. They may be approved by one motion, second, and majority vote. Any Board member or member of the public may request removal of any item from the consent calendar for independent consideration.

- A. Minutes of August 10, 2023, Regular Board Meeting (*p.1*)
- B. Warrant List Reports of August 2, 2023, August 16, 2023, August 30, 2023 (*p.5*)
- C. Cash Activity Report of, August 31, 2023 (*p.8*)

There being no comment from the public, a motion to approve the consent calendar was made by Director Palomar and seconded by Director Mejia and approved by a unanimous voice vote:

AYE: Director Magsig, Palomar, Mejia, Vice Chair Robertson
NO:
ABSENT: Chairman Mendes
ABSTAIN:

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Subject: Request for Proposal – SKFCSD Beneficial Reuse of Class-B Biosolids (*p.10*)

Recommendation: That the Board approve a 5-year agreement with Synagro West LLC. in the amount of \$67.44 per wet ton hauled for fiscal year 2023-24 and a cost increase based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) per year and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement.

District staff issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for SKFCSD Beneficial Reuse and Hauling services. Annual removal and testing of Biosolids are an EPA and WDR requirement. Two proposals were submitted. One being from Synagro West LLC. (Synagro) and the other from CleanInfusion. District Staff recommended to the Board that Synagro was the most responsive bidder. Synagro's 5-year contract includes a CPI increase annually which has averaged 4.7% over the previous 5-year contract with Liberty Composting. The estimated cost range for the five-year period is approximately \$80,500 to \$97,000. Staff explored capping the CPI with Synagro, but they said that is their uniform language for all agreements. Staff will monitor the CPI and if it becomes prohibitively high, staff will consider terminating the Agreement with 30 days' notice under the termination without cause provision of the Agreement. At present how we handle our solids is tied directly to our permit. The question was asked if the District has a large enough area to dry the solids, or maybe purchase a dryer in the future and take to the County Landfill as a filler. On January 1, 2024, SB 1383 will prohibit organic materials to be

taken to a County landfill. If the District did decide to produce Class A, we would need to obtain a Stockpiling Permit as it takes about three years of drying. It was said that it would take the area of roughly one pond at SKF to hold the material. It was suggested to look for creative ways to deal with the material in the future.

There being no comment from the public, a motion to approve a 5-year agreement with Synagro West LLC. in the amount of \$67.44 per wet ton hauled for fiscal year 2023-24 and a cost increase based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) per year and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement was made by Director Magsig, and seconded by Director Mejia and approved by a unanimous voice vote:

AYE: Director Magsig, Palomar, Mejia, Vice Chair Robertson

NO:

ABSENT: Chairman Mendes

ABSTAIN:

BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATION/AGENDA ITEMS

Director Palomar said that Kingsburg will be hosting their annual Crayfish Festival on Saturday September 16th from 5pm-10pm.

Vice Chair Robertson said that this Saturday in Selma has the Parkin in the Park car show and BBQ in Lincoln Park.

Director Mejia said that the Fowler Fall Festival kicks off on October 7, 2023

Director Magsig stated that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors adopted a Memorial Resolution in honor of former SKF General Manager Ben Munoz, Jr. It will be presented to his family.

Vice Chair Robertson reported that the City of Selma had requested to put on their agenda to look into the possibility of leaving SKF. It is incontrovertible and is on the record that a Selma City Council Member did say that. As it is his duty to report this, he did so, and will see what the City of Selma develops from that. As City Manager Santillan said, there are issues that the City of Selma will be considering in the future.

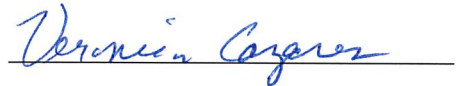
GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS

General Manager Cazares gave an update on the North St. Pump Station Request for Proposal, the 18th Ave Pump Station in Kingsburg, Solar 4-year Guarantee report, District Engineer Position, the Sewer Rate Study with Raftelis, Collection System Master Plan-Upcoming meetings with PAC.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice-Chairman Robertson declared the meeting adjourned on a motion made by Director Palomar, and seconded by Director Magsig, and approved by a unanimous voice vote at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Veronica Cazares, General Manager

Approved,



Buddy Mendes, Chairman
of the Board