



MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, March 9, 2023, 9:00 A.M.
Dudek Annex2 North Conference Room
750 2nd St, Encinitas, CA

Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call.

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Whispering Palms Community Services District was called to order by Board President Doug Manatt at 9:05 a.m.

PRESENT

Doug Manatt
Al Panton
Bill Haynor
Ed Munsch
Byron Hanchett

ABSENT

GUESTS

STAFF

Chuck Duffy, GM
Paula Melendrez, Asst. GM

Public Comment – None.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consideration of Energy Costs Related to the Solar Installation at the Whispering Palms Sewer Treatment Plant.

Director Panton provided an historical overview of SDGE’s electrical cost per kWh at the Whispering Palms Sewer Treatment Plant from 2017 to present. Director Manatt then provided his analysis, utilizing a series of charts to illustrate the various components of the SDGE invoices, such as cost/day, kWh/day, expected and actual solar production/day, and SDGE usage vs. solar production. After much discussion, the board agreed that the panels are producing solar power as specified, and that increased costs from SDGE along with winter storms and higher flows have caused costs to increase. SDGE bills would have been significantly higher without solar due to SDGE’s increased pricing. General Manager Chuck Duffy will work with the district engineer and operations team to see if any changes can be made at the plant to reduce power usage.

Adjournment

The March 9, 2023 Special Meeting of the Whispering Palms Community Services District Board of Directors was adjourned by Board President Manatt at 10:35 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

ATTEST:

Paula Melendrez, Board Secretary

Chuck Duffy, General Manager

Approved by the Board of Directors: March 14, 2023