

Del Rey Community Services District
**Minutes of the
Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
September 19, 2024
7:00p.m.**

President Reyna called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:04p.m.

Directors present: Maria Reyna, Daniel Ramirez, Joaquin Nunez,
Stephanie Garza (arrived at 7:23p.m.)

Directors absent: Rolando Sanchez

A-2 The Board leads in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A-3 **Approval of Agenda:** Reyna asks to remove D-1 and D-2 for further discussion. Reyna made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of items D-1 and D-2. Ramirez seconds the motion. All in favor; three ayes: Reyna, Ramirez, Nunez. All Absent; two absent: Garza, Sanchez. Motion passed.

B. SCHEDULED AND UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS:

Nikiko Masumoto shared an opportunity provided by the Fresno Arts Counsel Small Rural Arts Fund that is open to rural communities up to \$3,000, so she thought why not Del Rey? Her dad grew up here, so Del Rey has a special place in her heart. She said she brought it up to Maria Reyna and District Manager Arias, and they were excited, so she wanted to come share. They came up with an idea- a single arts festival for Cinco de Mayo. DR can apply, wanted to bring it up this evening not sure if it needs specific approval. Reyna stated the school is on board and they have set a date for May 9. She explained she, the school, Nikiko, and DM Arias would like to have the festival whether the grant is approved or not. Leticia from CRLA wondered if they could get translation for the public. She asked for clarification on the removal of D-1 and D-2. Reyna responded they are both removed for this session. DM Arias translates for the public. Joey Lopez wanted to touch basis on a few things. First, trunk or treat, he opens they would appreciate candy donations or any other donations. It will take place on Halloween to provide a safe place for the kids. He asked if they could check all the lights at the park before the event it would greatly help. He explains POM allowed them to use the generator lights. DM Arias explains the lights at the basketball court can't be found/fixed, so he needs to contract somebody specifically to fix it. Joey Lopez asks if maintenance can focus on keeping the park clean because the event will be at basketball top.

C. CONSENT CALENDAR:

C-1 Approve payments for vendors for West America Bank – August 2024, a Total Amount of \$141,620.89.

C-2 Approve payments for vendors for West America Bank – September 13, 2024, a Total Amount of \$43,840.49.

C-3 Approval of Minutes of August 15, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.

Ramirez asks about Quinn company check 4076 for about \$2,000. DM Arias explains it was to service the generators at the plant. Ramirez asks about PG&E solar payment of 12 payments and why it went up. Reyna explains PG&E went up, and it's the true-up payment plan to be paid over 12 months. DM Arias translates for the public. Reyna opens the item to the public. Public member Leticia from CRLA asks if the panels are already purchased, and if it's part of the payment. DM Arias explains the District doesn't pay for panels but pays the total amount of energy produced by the panels. Reyna explains the payments are only for the true up plus the monthly fee. Public member Joey Lopez asks if the District can buy the panels eventually so they can get rid of the big payments. He explains how his panels produce enough energy that PG&E owes him money and essentially doesn't

have a PG&E payment. Reyna and DM Arias explain how much they pay for their true up. DM translates for the public. Ramirez made a motion to approve items C-1 to C-3. Nunez seconds the motion. All in favor; four ayes: Reyna, Ramirez, Nunez, Garza. All Absent; one absent: Sanchez. Motion passed.

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS (DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS):

D-1 Discussion/Direction on updating the policy for water and sewer connection fees. Item removed.

D-2 Discussion/Direction for Resolution mandating residents to keep yards clean. Item removed.

D-3 Discussion/Direction to hire landscaping for lawn services/maintenance in the District. Reyna asked if DM Arias checked for prices. DM Arias states he hasn't looked into it. He states he can check but would like to know what they would like him to look into. Reyna states she recommends sprinklers. Ramirez thinks maintenance just in front of the office and understands it would be a big lump sum at first then a regular monthly fee. DM Arias translates for the public. Nunez states there is an individual that lives by his brother's house does this type of work at a reasonable price, and he will bring information to DM Arias. DM Arias translates for the public. Reyna opens the item to the public for comment. Public member 1 asks what the workers do and why they can't do it. Reyna explains they want to put new sprinklers because they aren't working, so they would need to hire someone to do that. She would like to get the office to look good because it gets rented out, but the guys will still maintain the parks. Discussion. Direction for DM Arias to look into quotes.

D-4 Discussion/Direction to track and keep record of work and job duties for workers at the plant. Ramirez suggests DM Arias to sit with the workers and tell them what to do, ask how long it takes, and set schedule. DM states he started with a weekly report, but he doesn't like to babysit them - they know what should be done. If he gets complaints he sits with them to figure it out, but as far as written reports, he doesn't do them. Ramirez asks about a specific worker. DM Arias explains he can't talk about employees specifically by name but can discuss their general duties, and if he would like to know specifics he can come to the office to discuss. Ramirez explains the grass at the park is yellow now and needs better maintenance. Nunez states it was because before one employee used to water the park at 5:30AM and was not getting paid for it. Now that that person no longer does it, the appearance has gone down. DM Arias translates for the public. Discussion. Garza asks if they could offer Squid more money to clean the park on Saturdays if he wanted to. Ramirez would like to add to next agenda to get another guy to maintain and clean.

D-5 Discussion/Direction to accept the new billing system. DM brought it because UB Max was acquired by gWorks. Unfortunately to update to the new system, there's a big price hike. It previously cost \$750 but now will be around \$5,200 annually. Manrique asks if this system will be compatible with the new meters. DM Arias states they will be. Reyna asks if they are the cheapest. DM Arias states he hasn't checked for others. Reyna opens the item to the public for comment. Public member Leticia asks if they have the same perks or if they offer more. DM Arias explains it has a lot of new features. Ramirez asks if the District will use most features offered because that would make sense to get it but if not then it wouldn't be worth it. DM Arias translates to the public. Public member Rumaldo Reyna was under the impression the new system with the meters came equipped with that and allowed the resident to check their meters. President Reyna states the meter system gives the residents access to their meter readings, but a billing system is separate and still needed to pay bills. Reyna gives direction to look into other systems and options.

E. DIRECTOR COMMUNICATIONS/AGENDA ITEMS

Ramirez mentions the park and bleachers look ugly but that was already discussed. No other reports.

F. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

F-1 Report of District Manager (Report by Carlos Arias)

DM Arias reports he met and will meet with CalRecycle to see what they need to do to comply and most likely will qualify. He mentions they are requiring monitoring what is being disposed - food can be disposed in the green can. He had a meeting with Nikiko about Cinco de Arte Del Rey Festival. It's still in the process, applying for grant, and willing to have the festival whether the grant is received or not. He had a meeting with Sanger West High School. The kids want to do a community project and decided to do it in Del Rey at the park. They brought up ideas and how to get the funds through fundraisers. He believes it will help the community get together. They don't have a date set yet, but it is still in the works.

F-2 Report of District Counsel (Report by Michael Linden)

LC Linden states there is nothing to report.

F-3 Report of District Engineer (Report by AM Consulting)

Alfonso Manrique gives updates on projects and reviews the report.

F-4 Report of District Accountant (Report by Paul Dictos)

Dictos hands out and reviews the County Fund report for the fiscal year and explains the money being used will be reimbursed. He continues to review the financial report for the month of August and highlights key points. He explains the District will get a significant increase in revenue once POM is annexed.

G. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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