

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDWAY CITY  
SANITARY DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
14451 CEDARWOOD AVENUE  
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683**

**April 5, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Rice called the regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Midway City Sanitary District to order at 14451 Cedarwood Avenue, Westminster, California on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 5:00 P.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Al P. Krippner (arrived at 5:06 P.M.)  
Joy L. Neugebauer  
Tyler Diep (absent)  
Frank A. Cobo  
Margie L. Rice

**OTHERS AT MEETING:**

Ken Robbins, General Manager  
Robert Housley, Finance/HR Director  
James Eggart, General Counsel  
Danielle Gerardo, Board Secretary

**PLEDGE AND INVOCATION**

Finance/HR Director Housley led the Pledge of Allegiance. Director Neugebauer gave the Invocation.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2016**

A motion was made by Director Neugebauer, seconded by Director Cobo, to make corrections on pages 5 and 8 of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 15, 2016. The motion was approved by the following 3-0 vote:

**AYES:** Cobo, Neugebauer and Rice

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:** Diep, Krippner

A motion was made by Director Neugebauer, seconded by Director Rice to approve the amended minutes of the regular meeting of March 15, 2016. The motion was approved by the following 3-0 vote:

AYES: Cobo, Neugebauer and Rice

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Diep, Krippner

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 22, 2016**

A motion was made by Director Neugebauer, seconded by Director Cobo, to approve the minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of March 22, 2016, with a correction on page 2. The motion was approved by the following 4-0 vote:

AYES: Cobo, Krippner, Neugebauer and Rice

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Diep

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 29, 2016**

A motion was made by Director Neugebauer, seconded by Director Cobo, to approve the minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of March 29, 2016, as presented. The motion was approved by the following 4-0 vote:

AYES: Cobo, Krippner, Neugebauer and Rice

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Diep

**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES**

**A. Demands in the amount of \$ 324,408.88**

#	CK #	Date	AMOUNT	VENDOR
1				HANDCUT CHECKS:
2	8265	3/17	13.78	City of Westminster - Water Usage for Hammon Lift Station 01/13/2016-03/08/2016
3	8266	3/17	83.29	The Gas Company - District Office, Maintenance Shop, & Wash Rack Usage Fees for March 2016
4	8267	3/17	445.91	Verizon Business - Internet Connection for SCADA System for March 2016
5	8268	3/17	190.00	Westminster Chamber of Commerce - Spirit of Westminster Award Table
6	8269	3/25	197.58	AT&T - Brookhurst Lift Station Service for March 2016
7	8270	3/25	11,152.35	CalPERS Retirement - Retirement Contributions for March 2016

8	8271	3/25	43,070.07	CalPERS Health Premium - Healthcare Premium for April 2016
9	8272	3/25	315.23	Office Max - Restock District Office Supplies for March 2016
10	8273	3/25	2,952.30	SDRMA Delta Dental - Dental Insurance Premium for April 2016
11	8274	3/25	914.50	The Standard Life Insurance - Life Insurance & AD&D Premium Coverage for April 2016
12	8275	3/30	40.00	City of Westminster - Hydrant Meter Water Usage for February 2016
13	8276	3/30	6,536.02	Southern California Edison - District Office \$5673.82, Brookhurst Lift Station \$77.19, Westminster Lift
14				Station \$309.64, Willow Lift Station \$133.97, Hammon Lift Station \$341.40.
15	8277	3/30	454.21	First Bankcard (NC) - Restock District Kitchen Supplies for March 2016
16	8278	3/30	1,166.04	Verizon California - District Office Phones & Lift Stations for March 2016; \$677.37 District Office,
17				\$162.89 Willow Lift, \$162.89 Westminster Lift, \$162.89 Hammon Lift.
18	8279	3/30	385.60	Vision Service Plan - Monthly Premium for April 2016
19	8280	3/30	11,152.35	CalPERS Retirement - Retirement Contributions for March 2016
20			<b>79,069.23</b>	<b>HANDCUT CHECKS SUBTOTAL</b>
21				
22				<b>REGULAR CHECKS:</b>
23	8281	4/1	153.60	Neugebauer, Joy - Health Insurance Reimbursement for April 2016
24	8282	4/1	104.90	Rice, Margie - Health Insurance Reimbursement for April 2016
25	8283	4/1	156.73	Advanced Gas Products - Cylinder Rental for February 2016; Restock (2) Boxes of Gloves, (3.1) Gallons
26				Liquefied Propane
27	8284	4/1	110.00	Asbury Environmental Services - (2) Drums of Used Oil & Gasoline Filters
28	8285	4/1	9,759.43	Bodyworks - Restock (12) Cam Followers, (1) Dump Cylinder, (1) Arm Raise Cylinder, & (1) Grip Cylinder
29	8286	4/1	779.74	Cummins Cal Pacific - Restock (18) Spark Plugs
30	8287	4/1	2,371.28	Daniels Tire Service - Restock (12) Recaps
31	8288	4/1	300.00	ehs International, Inc. - Traffic Control/ Flagger Safety Education Seminar
32	8289	4/1	446.73	G & K Services - Uniform Services for March 2016
33	8290	4/1	240.00	Glyn's Mobile Opacity Testing - Perform Diesel Opacity Testing for (4) Trucks
34	8291	4/1	30.77	Hilco Fastener Warehouse - Restock (16) Hex Nuts & Bolts
35	8292	4/1	3,125.00	James F. McConnell - Lobbyist/Professional Services Rendered in Receipt of MSRC Grant
36	8293	4/1	1,400.00	Jaycox Construction CNG - Equipment Review & PM Service of CNG
37	8294	4/1	312.00	Konecranes - Inspection & Preventative Maintenance for March 2016
38	8295	4/1	1,610.29	Los Alamitos NAPA Auto Parts - Restock (2) Funnels, (4) Air Filters, (4) Bottles Liquid Metal Polish, (4) Amber
39				Lamps, (3) Dry Lube Spray, (8) Oil Filters, (12) Brakleen
40	8296	4/1	22,868.60	Paulus Engineering, Inc. - 1-1/2' Pipe Repair for District Yard
41	8297	4/1	69,190.50	Rainbow Transfer Recycling - Tonnage from 03/01/2016 through 03/15/2016
42	8298	4/1	3,528.73	Rosemead Oil Products - Restock (1) Drum Hydraulic Oil, (1) Drum Motor Oil, & (55) Gallons of Lubricant
43	8299	4/1	736.00	Rutan & Tucker, LLP - Legal Services for February 2016
44	8300	4/1	581.87	RWC Group - (1) Motorized Mirror for Restock
45	8301	4/1	453.60	Sign Design - (2) 23"x93" Signs for Restock
46	8302	4/1	935.96	South Coast AQMD - AQMD Fee for FY 2015-2016 for Hammon & Westminster Lift Stations
47	8303	4/1	480.60	TSP Printing - (10,400) Customer Notice Tags for Restock
48	8304	4/1	441.00	Wespac Security Services - Burglar, Fire, & Gas Alarm Services for January through March 2016
49	8305	4/1	1,500.00	White Nelson Diehl Evans - Interim Billing for Rainbow Environmental Services Review
50			<b>121,617.33</b>	<b>REGULAR CHECKS SUBTOTAL</b>
51				

51			
52			<b>PAYROLL</b>
53	3/15	56,137.84	Payroll - Staff Checks Taxes & Direct Deposits
54	3/15	1,100.00	Payroll - Nationwide Deferred Compensation (100% Paid By Employees)
55	3/15	650.00	Payroll - Nationwide Deferred Compensation (100% Paid By Employees)
56	3/25	6,337.56	Board of Director's Payroll for the Month of March 2016 Check # 15839 - 15842
57	3/28	520.67	Board of Director's Nationwide Deferred Compensation for March 2016 (100% Paid By Directors)
58	3/29	57,226.25	Payroll - Staff Checks Taxes & Direct Deposits
59	3/29	1,100.00	Payroll - Nationwide Deferred Compensation (100% Paid By Employees)
60	3/29	650.00	Payroll - Nationwide Deferred Compensation (100% Paid By Employees)
61		<b>123,722.32</b>	<b>PAYROLL SUBTOTAL</b>
62			
63		<b>324,408.88</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES (HANDCUT, REGULAR, PAYROLL)</b>
64			
			<b>BANK TRANSFERS</b>
	3/23	606,604.19	Transfer Funds from Money Market to Checking Account
	3/24	1,000,000.00	Transfer Funds from Checking Account to LAIF

A motion was made by Director Krippner, seconded by Director Cobo, to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$ 324,408.88. The motion was approved by the following 4-0 vote:

AYES: Cobo, Krippner, Neugebauer and Rice

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Diep

## REPORTS

### Report of President

President Rice reported that Jeff Snow from Rainbow approached her at the Spirit Awards luncheon and asked her again to sign a letter to customers. She told him that she could not sign the letter unless the MCSD Board approved it.

GM Robbins stated that he has asked Jeff Snow to send the letter to him at the District so that he can bring it before the Board and get it approved. He stated that he believes it is the same letter that Cheryl Brothers, Mayor of Fountain Valley signed and sent out to its customers.

## Report of General Manager

GM Robbins reported that the District needs to update its emergency supplies because it has been five years since any were purchased. GM Robbins stated that, if the Board recalled from the CR&R tour, there were large metal boxes on their property. He asked Dean Ruffridge of CR&R what the cost would be to purchase one to store the District's supplies inside in order to keep them out of the elements. He stated that he was quoted \$1,200 plus a small delivery fee and would like to purchase one of the 10 x 10 metal storage containers from CR&R. Water tanks, extra propane tanks and emergency supplies would be kept inside.

GM Robbins reported that the 2004 sewer vacor truck #M64 (the newest one of two) needed a new hydraulic cylinder and a new radiator at a cost of approximately \$1,800.

GM Robbins reported that Safety Day is approaching and stated that the District needs to purchase additional coloring books and crayons to hand out.

GM Robbins reported that, regarding the Annual Beverage and Recycling Grant, the payment resolution (#2016-03) that the Board adopted on March 15, 2016, was sent back by CalRecycle which said that the grant is not complete because the City of Westminster must approve the resolution since it is the recognized agency for this area.

Director Neugebauer asked if the check would continue to come to the District.

GM Robbins confirmed that it would continue to come to the District unless the City of Westminster doesn't approve it. It should be on the City of Westminster agenda on April 13, 2016. GM Robbins stated that he worked with City of Westminster employee Marwan on the staff report, but if the City Council doesn't approve it and decide to take it on themselves they can, but that they will have to promote recycling with it or lose it. The grant is for approximately \$23,000, which helps to pay for approximately 50% of the District's annual calendar, coloring books and other recycling promotions that the District provides to its customers.

GM Robbins stated that CalRecycle has requested a meeting regarding the new organics program. The City of Westminster has still not responded to the meeting request so GM Robbins stated that he asked CalRecycle if they could go ahead with the meeting in order to show compliance since time is of the essence, and the City could meet with them at a later date. The meeting will be an afternoon phone conference call and is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2016.

Director Neugebauer asked for confirmation that there are no State requirements for residential programs at this time, only commercial.

GM Robbins confirmed that there are only commercial requirements at this time.

Director Neugebauer stated that she has a comment for that under Board Concerns.

GM Robbins stated that the residential portion that will affect the District is that organic waste is no longer going to be used for Alternative Daily Cover (ADC) at the landfill so the District will lose that recycling percentage and will go from around 72% or 73% down to around 50%.

Director Neugebauer stated that the green waste that is used for cover will no longer be charged to the District and won't be part of its percentages.

GM Robbins stated that the District will not receive recycling credit for it.

GM Robbins stated that on April 4, 2016 the sewer crew, while out working, noticed a trash can on fire at the bus stop on All American Way. They were able to douse the fire with the vacor truck and call the fire department.

### **Report from Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) Meeting on March 23, 2016**

Director Neugebauer reported that the meeting was opened with a Certificate of Appreciation to former Director Lisa Bartlett, who is now Chair of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, and will no longer be attending OCSD as the Representative of the Board. Michelle Steel will be attending in her place. Director Neugebauer stated that, unbeknownst to many, Lisa Bartlett attended Westminster High School.

Director Neugebauer reported that the Board approved each of the recommendations from the committee meetings and, most importantly, reviewed the Public Affairs Strategic Plan. Refunding was approved and at that time OCSD was given a AAA credit rating. At the end of the meeting the representative from Stanton commended the City of Irvine for joining the waste agreement and several others also spoke and applauded. Director Neugebauer stated that she is sure that the lengthy deliberations clarified a lot of issues that will benefit the District and other agencies that are included in the agreement including limiting imported waste from outside the County.

Director Krippner asked if the applause for the Mayor of Irvine was due to the fact that they finally signed it.

Director Neugebauer stated that it was signed and negotiated in order to benefit their City and hopefully other cities and agencies.

President Rice asked what the District gained by their delaying it.

Director Neugebauer stated that the District won't know unless they are privy to the negotiations.

GM Robbins stated that the District's \$114,000 will stay the same, but the City of Irvine negotiated other options such as travel-pathways and roadwork to the landfill, and they also receive a tax for having the landfill within their jurisdiction.

Director Neugebauer stated that the most important part to her was that they can negotiate and limit importing solid waste from outside the County, which has become the pattern in the landfills.

President Rice stated that she didn't think that we should ever have started importing because it is cheating the District in years to come out of the use of its own landfills.

Director Neugebauer stated that unfortunately, Orange County Waste doesn't listen to the smaller voices, but they listened to the City of Irvine since they are larger and pay more into it. She stated that the General Manager will probably learn about more of the details.

President Rice stated that she would like to hear about those details.

Director Krippner asked why there are pathways through the dumpsite.

GM Robbins stated that where the 5 and the 405 freeways meet is in Irvine and the trucks must use the City's streets and roads to reach the landfill.

#### **Report from the City of Westminster Spring Festival on March 19, 2016**

Director Krippner stated that he would like all of the events listed under Reports in chronological order.

Director Cobo reported that there was a good turnout for the Spring Festival and he was glad the District's trucks were there because the kids love them.

Director Neugebauer stated that there were a lot of people from Garden Grove and that the District's location within the event was not as good as last year.

President Rice reported that she had a lot of people from Westminster stop by to say hello including City employees.

Director of Operations/Safety Castro and Lead Sewer Worker Grimes were also there with two of the Districts trucks – one of the new CNG refuse trucks and one sewer vector truck.

#### **Report from the City of Westminster Spirit Awards Luncheon on March 31, 2016**

Director Cobo reported that he was very happy to be there to support David Hernandez and that his family was very proud and excited for him.

President Rice stated that David Hernandez's daughters were a pleasure.

Director Neugebauer reported that David Hernandez's family was very interesting. She said that there were some excellent pictures taken and that the District should send one along with a write-up to the Westminster Herald to be printed.

**Report from the Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) Quarterly Meeting on March 31, 2016**

Nobody attended the ISDOC Quarterly meeting on March 31, 2016.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Consider and Approve Scheduling all of the Public Budget Workshop/Study Sessions and Public Hearing for Budget Adoption for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017)

A motion was made by Director Neugebauer, seconded by Director Cobo, to schedule the Public Budget Workshops/Study Sessions on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 10:30 A.M., Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 5 P.M., Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 5 P.M. and the Public Hearing for Budget Adoption for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 5 P.M. The motion was approved by the following 4-0 vote:

AYES: Cobo, Krippner, Neugebauer and Rice

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Diep

B. Consider Approval of Attendance to the Orange County Water Summit on Friday, May 20, 2016

A motion was made by Director Neugebauer, seconded by Director Cobo, to approve attendance for Board members and Staff who wish to attend the Orange County Water Summit on Friday, May 20, 2016 at the Westin South Coast Plaza from 7:30 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. The motion was approved by the following 4-0 vote:

AYES: Cobo, Krippner, Neugebauer and Rice

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Diep



C. Consider Attendance to Special Districts Legislative Days May 17-18, 2016 in Sacramento, California

A motion was made by Director Cobo, seconded by Director Neugebauer, to approve attendance for Board members and Staff who wish to attend the Special Districts Legislative Days on May 17-18, 2016, in Sacramento, California. The motion was approved by the following 4-0 vote:

AYES: Cobo, Krippner, Neugebauer and Rice

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Diep

D. Consider Approving the 2016-17 Annual Salaries and Step Ranges for Management and Administration Employees

Director Neugebauer stated that she would not be supporting this item (not to include all of the positions - the Finance Director or the Director of Operations) because she has a problem with the piggybacking every time on the employees that are paid at a much lower scale, and 3% back there is less than 3% up here usually.

Director Cobo stated that he was in support of the annual salaries and step ranges.

President Rice stated that she feels the employees work hard and even though there is a difference in their salaries, there is a difference in the jobs too, and that backup staff does a good job and do deserve it. She stated that it's not so much about the raises as about giving steps and ranges even though they are not represented.

Director Cobo stated that he knows that they are not a part of the bargaining table but that they work hard doing their jobs and representing the District.

Director Neugebauer stated that she believes in merit and not an automatic 3% just because they negotiated it in the back.

Director Cobo stated that it would be one thing if they weren't doing their jobs right, but there are no problems or issues and they are being productive.

Director Neugebauer stated that when she doesn't have to make corrections publicly to the minutes she would support this item. She stated that she didn't enjoy making corrections and that it reflects negatively on the District when they get on the website.

A motion was made by Director Cobo, seconded by President Rice to support and approve the 2016-17 annual salaries and step ranges for management and administration employees.

Director Neugebauer asked if this was just to approve the step. She asked if the General Manager will do individual evaluations or if the unrepresented employees were automatically going to get it on their next paycheck.

GM Robbins responded no.

Director Neugebauer confirmed that each person will be evaluated and will not each necessarily receive it, because she believes in merit.

Director Krippner stated that he has a problem with steps so he would be abstaining.

Director Cobo stated that he was not willing to go through that.

GM Robbins stated that if the Board wanted to change how the District does it they can but that is the way it has always been done. The step chart is the same one that the Board approved from 2014 and there was no increase to the chart even though the represented employees received an increase. Staff still needs to do a survey to find out what each position is being paid by other agencies and then adjust accordingly, which the Board will have to approve and then the Board could change the way raises are distributed.

President Rice stated that you get what you pay for and if you want good workers you're going to have to pay for it.

Director Neugebauer again asked for confirmation that the step raises won't be automatic, that it's just increasing the step, but that each position will be evaluated and get up to 3% if they move up a step.

GM Robbins stated that it would not be automatic and that any raises would be after evaluations in July, not on the next payroll, but that Staff puts it on the agenda at this time of the year because if the Board approves it, it helps with the budgeting process.

The motion made by Director Cobo, seconded by President Rice, to support and approve the 2016-17 annual salaries and step ranges for management and administration employees as presented in the staff report was repeated. The motion was approved by the following 3-0-1 vote:

AYES: Cobo, Neugebauer and Rice

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Krippner

ABSENT:

**E. Consider Request of Fleet Maintenance Lead Worker Juan Salce to Receive 40 Hours of Vacation Pay in Lieu of Time Off**

A motion was made by Director Neugebauer, seconded by Director Cobo, to approve the request of Fleet Maintenance Lead Worker Juan Salce to receive 40 hours of vacation pay in lieu of time off. The motion was approved by the following 4-0 vote:

AYES: Cobo, Krippner, Neugebauer and Rice

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Diep

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

A. Daily Pilot Article, March 10, 2016 – Sewer District Draws up Comic Book Super Hero to Illustrate Underground Challenges, Duties (Costa Mesa Sanitary District)

B. Memo from GM Robbins – Curbside Organic Waste Recycling

No action was taken on informational items.

**BOARD CONCERNS/COMMENTS**

Director Neugebauer referred to the June 2016 page of the Districts calendar and the statement that reads, *"In 2014, 51% of recycled materials were recovered at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) from the black containers. These were additional tonnage fees incurred at the time of delivery. Total tonnage in 2014 was 36,675 of which 6,561 was delivered recyclables from our blue containers, or 22% of our waste stream. In 2014 we averaged 73% diversion in residential waste stream."* She stated that before the District spends a lot of staff time on something the State has not mandated yet, which is residential food waste pickup, that the Board and Staff should set a goal to get those recyclables into the blue containers. Director Neugebauer stated that in the minutes from the last meeting, there is a statement by the General Manager where he states that we will have to raise fees due to the food waste. Instead, she would like it to say that the District would "consider" raising fees because the District wouldn't only be considering raising fees, it would be considering increasing economies of scale in other areas to cut costs. If the District can get the recyclables moved from the black to the blue container, it will more than pay for the other program.

Director Neugebauer stated that she would like to see a proposal from Staff on how the District can improve on the amount of recyclables being put in the blue container instead of the black one, and to make the community members aware that if they want

their rates to remain stable they will have to start putting the recyclables into the blue container.

President Rice stated that the District needs to work out a way to educate the public.

Director Neugebauer stated that when she was on the Calendar Committee it didn't occur to her and she feels that the District is failing in that area.

Director Cobo stated that the District needs to let the community know that it is working to keep costs down but if the community doesn't do its part, the costs may go up at some point. He stated that they need to be educated because the District has no control over that if they don't do their part.

GM Robbins stated that the District has been trying to educate through the calendar for five or six years but that nobody reads it.

Director Neugebauer stated that the first place she would put her foot is on Rainbow. She stated that at one time, Rainbow had an aggressive school program – they paid schools and had a competition for the schools to collect newspapers-and she asked if they were doing that anymore.

GM Robbins stated that Rainbow does not service the schools in the District anymore. The schools moved their service to Ware Disposal.

Director Rice stated that it is in their contract that they have to educate and she has seen nothing done recently in the District's schools, and that maybe the Board should emphasize that in a letter to Mr. Snow.

Director Neugebauer stated that education should be the District's primary challenge and not something that is not mandated yet. She asked if the District could sponsor a contest at the high school because the education should start with the younger people. She stated that the District needs to do better than the numbers in the calendar state.

GM Robbins stated that he will look closer at the Rainbow agreement and will bring back a recommendation as to how the District can better educate its customers on recycling.

Director Krippner stated that high school is too late and that it should be done sooner.

Director Neugebauer stated that this is true in some areas, but not here, where we have such an ethnic mix. Some of the high school kids are the educational communication tool to their families who don't understand English. She stated that Westminster and Midway City has a much more difficult task than some of its neighboring cities that are less ethnically imbalanced.

## **GM/STAFF CONCERNS/COMMENTS**

GM Robbins stated that Tuesday, April 19, 2016 is the Table Top luncheon with the Mayor of the City of Westminster and it should be interesting.

GM Robbins stated that the luncheon for Spirit Award recipient, David Hernandez is next Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 12 noon and the first budget meeting will be right before the luncheon at 10:30 A.M.

GM Robbins stated that he was told that the Finance/Review Committee for the City of Westminster completed their task and that they sent forward their recommendations. It should be on a Council meeting for discussion and he would be looking to see what those recommendations are. He stated that, as the Board knows, they already tried once to divert some of the Districts franchise fees and failed. He stated that he wants to make sure they don't try to do anything else to help fund other departments because the Districts money is from the ratepayers and is to pay for refuse and sewer operations and infrastructure. He stated that he hopes they got some good recommendations and hopefully they can implement some of them and get everything back on track because everyone wants the City to be top notch and don't want to see it fail. They started with 35 recommendations and narrowed it down so he is keeping his eye out for any news.

Director Neugebauer asked if it had been on the agenda or if the Board had taken any action for attendance to the Mayor's Ball on Saturday, May 7, 2016. She stated that last year the District purchased a table.

GM Robbins stated that it had not been approved yet but that it could be placed on the next agenda for Board consideration.

Finance/HR Director Housley stated that he had an update on the audit of CR&R and Rainbow. White Nelson Diehl Evans conducted a field audit partially last week and are going to go back to Rainbow and CR&R in a few weeks to close out the month. After that they will continue through the month of April doing field work. He stated that hopefully the District would hear something after that.

## **GENERAL COUNSEL CONCERNS/COMMENTS**

General Counsel Eggart requested clarification from the Board as to which of the newly scheduled budget workshops and hearings it wished for him to attend.

President Rice stated that it is up to the General Manager.

Director Neugebauer stated that if the Board had any questions, they would send them to him.

GM Robbins stated that General Counsel was only needed for the Public Hearing and Final Budget adoption, which would be on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 5 P.M.

Director Neugebauer stated that she wanted to thank the Board Secretary for being so faithful and prompt in notifying the Board of upcoming meetings, but if a larger font could be used she would appreciate it. She stated that she also appreciates the General Manager's report.

President Rice thanked Staff again.

## CLOSED SESSION

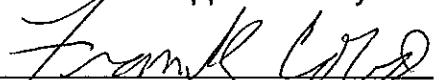
CLOSED SESSION: During the course of conducting the business set forth on this agenda as a regular meeting of the Board, the Chair may convene the Board in closed session to consider matters of pending real estate negotiations, pending or potential litigation, or personnel matters, pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.8, 54956.9, 54957 or 54957.6, as noted.

Reports relating to (a) purchase and sale of property; (b) matters of pending or potential litigation; (c) employment actions or negotiations with employee representatives; or which are exempt from public disclosure under the California Public Records Act, may be reviewed by the Board during a permitted closed session and are not available for public inspection. At such time as the Board takes final action on any of these subjects, the minutes will reflect all required disclosures of information.

None

## ADJOURNMENT

President Rice adjourned the meeting to Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at the District office at 10:30 A.M. at approximately 6:13 P.M.

  
Frank Cobo, Secretary