



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ARVIN COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
August 21, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Arvin Community Services District duly met at a Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at 309 Campus Dr., Arvin, CA 93203.

The meeting was called to order by President Reyna at 6:06 PM

Directors Present: Ojeda, Alvarez, Reyna. Directors Absent: Gallardo, Pantoja.

Others Present: General Manager/Board Secretary – Raul Barraza, Jr.; Legal Counsel – Alan J. Peake; District Engineer – Dee Jaspar.

Pledge of allegiance: The Pledge was led by President Reyna.

### **Agenda Item #1 Public Comment**

Juan Hernandez Garcia, Field Representative for Dr. Jasmeet Bains office, came to introduce himself and let us know they can try to help us in any form.

### **Agenda Item #2.: Consent Calendar**

- a. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2023**
- b. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2023**
- c. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2023**
- d. Accounts Payable for August 7, 2023 – August 18, 2023**

A motion was made to table items 2.a. and 2.b. and approve items 2.c. and 2.d. by Director Ojeda and seconded by Vice President Alvarez.

AYES: Ojeda, Alvarez, Reyna

### **Agenda Item #3: Public Hearing: Board to discuss and take possible action re: Resolution 23-04: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Arvin Community Services District finding of Project Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act**

Public hearing was opened at 6:07 p.m. by President Reyna. No public comment on the item. Public Hearing was closed at 6:08 p.m.

General Manager and Legal Counsel discussed the resolution regarding finding a CEQA Exemption for the Solar Project based on the documents submitted during the Arsenic Mitigation Project. After a small discussion, a motion was made by Director Ojeda, and it was seconded by Vice President Alvarez.

AYES: Ojeda, Alvarez, Reyna.

### **Agenda Item #3. a.: Board to discuss and take action re: Approval of Contract with SiteLogIQ for Arvin CSD Solar Project**

General Manager and Legal Counsel presented contract with SiteLogIQ for the construction of a solar project for Arvin CSD. A motion was made by Director Ojeda and seconded by Vice President Alvarez.

AYES: Ojeda, Alvarez, Reyna.



**Agenda Item #4: Board to discuss and take possible action re: Financing for District Solar Project**

General Manger informed the board of directors that the loan from Bank of America for the solar project will be approved September 7<sup>th</sup>. District will work with City of Arvin to finalize solar easement agreements. Direction was given to follow up with City of Arvin for special meeting dates.

**Agenda Item #5: Board to discuss and take action re: Optimized Investment Partners regarding Investment Options for Arvin CSD**

General Manager informed the Board of Directors that he had checked with the references shared by Optimized and received good reports from all managers spoken to. Optimized also shared numbers where the end revenue was higher than forecasted. After a small discussion, a motion was made by Director Ojeda and seconded by Vice President Alvarez.

AYES: Ojeda, Alvarez, Reyna

**Agenda Item #6: Staff Comments**

**General Manger:** Informed the board that there were no issues from the storm.

**Legal Counsel:** No comment.

**District Engineer:** The work on Well 13 (mechanical and chemical cleaning) will be started by Bakersfield Well and Pump next week. Well 18 will be receiving emergency generator this week.

**Agenda Item #7: Board Member Comments:**

- a. **Director Gallardo:** absent.
- b. **Director Ojeda:** No comment.
- c. **Director Pantoja:** Absent.
- d. **Vice President Alvarez:** No comments.
- e. **President Reyna:** No comments.

**Agenda Item #8: Closed Session: a. Conference with Labor Negotiators: General Manager and District Legal Counsel: Laborers International Union of North America 777 Gov't Code 54957.6**

Item was tabled for next meeting.

**Agenda Item #9: Adjournment**

A motion was made by Director Ojeda and seconded by Vice President Alvarez to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

AYES: Ojeda, Álvarez, Reyna.

**Submitted by:**

*Raul Barraza, Jr.*

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**Board Secretary/General Manager**

**Attest:**

*Aurelio Reyna*

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**Board President**