

**Crestline Sanitation District
Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes
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**Date/Time: February 3, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.
Place: Crestline Sanitation District Office
24516 Lake Drive, Crestline, CA 92325**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 p.m. by Chairman Nelsen and was proceeded by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board of Directors Present:

Ken Nelsen, Chairman
Matthew Philippe, Vice Chairman
Niki Wiessner, Director
Sherri Fairbanks, Director
Mike Harris, Director

Crestline Sanitation District Employees Present:

Dawn Grantham, General Manager
Brandon Ricksecker, Operations Manager
Jeanette Nelsen, Fiscal Asst., Recording Secretary

Others Present:

John Ohanian, General Manager; Hesperia Venture 1
Douglas Wance, Legal Counsel; Buchalter Nemer
Jordan Thompson, CFA, CPA; Schlegel Capital, LLC

Others Present via Zoom:

Steve Kennedy, Legal Counsel; Brunick, McElhaney, & Kennedy
Robert Schlegel, Managing Member

Public:

Tom Weddle, General Manger, Crestline Village Water
Rhea-Frances Tetley, Reporter, Alpine Mountaineer

Old Business

John Ohanian and the Board discussed a longer-term agreement from the original 2017 Settlement Agreement. Ohanian discussed the Mitigation Bank, and needing to agree on a longer-term agreement to establish the Bank. The Board was concerned with Hesperia Venture 1, LLC not meeting their discharge requirements; maintaining the land and preventing ponding. The Board and Ohanian discussed creating a scope of work, which will be brought back to a future meeting. Tom Weddle, General Manger, Crestline Village Water, asked about any future usage of water in the community, and if Hesperia Venture 1 would have first rights. The Board said there will be no minimum requirement of quantity, but currently the District's water cannot be used on the mountain, since it is not tertiary.

Recess to Closed Session

The Board, Legal Counsel, and Management recessed to closed session at 11:11 a.m.

Reconvene to Open Session

The Board, Legal Counsel, and Management reconvened to open session at 12:10 p.m.

Announcement of Reportable Closed Session Actions

1. Regarding Hesperia Venture I, LLC., no action was taken.
2. The Board authorized General Counsel to move forward with obtaining an agreement of services with an outside law firm to conduct an investigation of various allegation that have occurred regarding misconduct at the District and that will be brought back to the Board at the next regular meeting. In the meantime, General Counsel has been instructed to advise the Union that such an investigation will be taking place. No other reportable action was taken.

Directors Comments

- * Vice Chairman Philippe is glad to hear the Seeley Creek Slope project is done. Thanked staff for getting it done before the rain.
- * Director Harris was glad to see Crestline Village Water was in attendance. Also, looking forward to the action of Hesperia Venture I, LLC.
- * Director Wiessner was glad Hesperia Venture I was able to meet with the Board and is hopeful for future meetings.
- * Director Fairbanks wanted the Board to bring ideas to Dawn Grantham, General Manager, first and she could bring relevant information back to the Board.
- * Chairman Nelsen was happy to see so much interest from the community. Thanked the Board for their questions and response to Ohanian, keeping it professional, but they understood the concerns of the Board. A job well done.

Future Meetings

Thursday, February 13 at 3:00 pm

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 12:15 p.m.

APPROVE: _____ **DATE:** _____

ATTEST: _____ **DATE:** _____