

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
LATHROP IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lathrop Irrigation District convened on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 4:03 p.m. at 1235 Academy Dr, Lathrop, California. The meeting was noticed as an optional online meeting for members of the public and staff.

Board of Directors Present:	Juan Vega, Ravi Kotecha, Michael Dell’Osso
Directors Absent:	None
Also Present:	Curtis Bryant, Erik Jones, Terry Truscott (via online until 4:14), Keri Richards (via Online), Brian Biering, Esq.
Public Present:	Sandeep Khanuja, LID Customer, several unidentified members of the public

There being a quorum present, the meeting was declared in order by Director Vega.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Board President Vega noted that since there were several members of the public who wished to address the Board, he was requesting that each speaker limit the time to 5 minutes to allow everyone a chance to speak.

An unidentified member asked about the fixed charges that appear on the bills each month.

LID Customer Sandeep Khanuja commented on several issues previously discussed and requested a meeting to obtain information regarding PG&E rates, PG&E’s involvement in the District territory and his application for additional solar installation.

Director Vega responded to questions regarding NEM 2.0 and 3.0 with regard to PG&E and reminded the attendees that NEM as originally created no longer exists. Director Vega also pointed out that the questions regarding Mr. Khanuja’s solar application have been addressed by staff numerous times and at this point the continuous interruptions in the office have put strain on staff time to respond to one customer when the policy has been clearly explained.

Director Kotecha requested clarification regarding some of the questions and concerns and explained the fixed charges- Directors Kotecha and Vega recommended the website as sources of information regarding rates and billing questions.

Members of the public inquired as to what the next step is, Director Vega asked members to make appointments with staff to answer questions in more detail.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF** March 15, 2023 Special Board Meeting (date corrected from the Agenda) and April 26, 2023 Regular Board meeting: Director Kotecha made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2023 Special Board meeting and Director Vega seconded the motion. Director Dell’Osso abstained from approving the minutes from the March 15, 2023 meeting as he was not in attendance at the meeting. The motion was approved on a vote of 2-0-1. Director Dell’Osso made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2023 Regular Board

meeting and the motion was seconded by Director Vega. Director Kotecha abstained from approving the minutes of the April 26, 2023 Regular Board meeting as he was not in attendance at the meeting. The motion was approved on a vote of 2-0-1.

#### STAFF REPORTS:

- a. Mr. Bryant updated the Board on the security measures implemented to deter theft at the switchyard, stating some adjustments had been made that increased the effectiveness. According to law enforcement this has been an issue for many businesses in the area and the stolen metals are being shipped and sold in Mexico and local law enforcement has been very active in the investigations.
- b. Staff reported that the newly commissioned auditing firm for the 2021-22 annual audit had recommendations that the previous year's book be re-opened and they wanted to change the way the Bond procurement was detailed in the previous year's audit because of their interpretation of the GASB laws. Staff indicated that once the books have been closed it is unlikely that the books can be reopened, that we would need to notate the changes in the current year and make footnotes explaining the changes. Staff will work with the audit firm to accomplish this.
- c. Mr. Bryant updated the Board on the progress of the budget process, indicating that it should be ready to present at the June meeting.

**DISTRICT COUNSEL'S REVIEW OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION MODIFICATION:** Mr. Biering presented some language change recommendations to the existing Tariff to clarify some of the obligations of the District and customers, stating that the existing tariff was in line with other utilities' policies and procedures. The Board members and Mr. Biering discussed the involvement of the Board in setting policy and staff's duties to carry out those policies. Mr. Biering stated he would prepare a final version of the recommendations and discuss with Mr. Bryant and prepare a Resolution for a future meeting to approve the agreed upon changes.

**DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Mr. Bryant stated that the substation testing was ongoing and all equipment appears to be working properly. Mr. Jones advised that a coordination study needs to be completed every 6 years and he is working at quotes, expecting the cost to be about \$30,000. He also advised that there would be upcoming load testing on the batteries in the substation equipment, which would require de-energizing the lines but customers would not be affected.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mr. Bryant presented the April 2023 warrants for approval, as well as a report on the District's cash position as Ms. Truscott had to leave the meeting early. Director Kotecha made a motion to approve the warrants, Director Dell'Osso made a second to the Motion. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote. The Board reviewed the Cash Balance and Budget to Actual reports presented as well.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Board members discussed ways to help customers better understand the billing, suggested perhaps a video or sample bill with an explanation on the website. Ms. Richards demonstrated several resources which are currently available and all agreed that more information could be provided.

Next regular Board meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2023. Director Kotecha indicated he may not be available but would let staff know.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 pm on a motion made by Director Dell'Osso and a second Director Kotecha, the motion with a passed 3-0 vote. Mr. Khunuja remained to discuss questions with Board and staff after the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Keri Richards*

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KERI RICHARDS,  
Secretary