



Commissioners

Dr. Vincent Stewart – Chair
Donald Becker – Vice Chair
James Vandenberg
Patricia S. Parham
Joel R. Price

**MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, January 25, 2024
9:00 a.m.
LOWER PLAZA ASSEMBLY ROOM
Hall of Administration**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Stewart called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** - Commissioners Present: Chair Stewart, Vice-Chair Becker, Commissioners Vandenberg, Parham and Price; Staff Present: Cheryl Shaw, Commission Assistant, Emily Gardner, Law Advisor, and Mike Curnow, CEO Labor Relations.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL** – The minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of November 16, 2023, were approved on motion by Commissioner Parham and seconded by Commissioner Vandenberg
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS** – Request for Appeal Hearing from Suspension, Salvador Diaz-Rubin, Case # 24-691-19-01, Watershed Protection District.

David Fleisch, Assistant Director of the Public Works Agency, was present on behalf of the Watershed Protection District. Mr. Diaz-Rubin was also present.

Mr. Fleish stated the agency had no opposition to the petition. Ms. Gardner confirmed that the petition appeared sufficient and that the Commission had jurisdiction to hear the matter. Mr. Diaz-Rubin confirmed that he is unrepresented and requested an informal hearing. Chair Stewart advised Mr. Diaz-Rubin to notify the Commission's Assistant should he obtain counsel.

On motion by Commissioner Vandenberg, seconded by Commissioner Price, the Commission unanimously found the appeal request sufficient. Chair Stewart assigned the hearing panel to consist of Commissioner Vandenberg, as chair of the panel, and Commissioners Becker and Price. Ms. Gardner will act as the hearing panel's legal counsel. The chair further requested Ms. Shaw to coordinate a date for the hearing.

VII. OLD BUSINESS – Report from Staff regarding the relationship between the Meyers-Milias Brown Act and the Ventura County Civil Service Ordinance.

Ms. Gardner addressed the Commission and answered questions. Staff was directed to research the process required to amend or repeal the Civil Service Ordinance. Staff was further asked to audit the extent of binding arbitration clauses contained in Memoranda of Agreements in other counties.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL – None.

IX. COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS

A. Statement of Economic Interest Form 700 filing deadline reminder.

Ms. Shaw reminded the Commission that the Form 700 filing deadline is April 2, 2024.

B. Discussion regarding content and form for the Commission's Activity Reports to the Board of Supervisors.

Staff was directed to keep the existing format for reports made to the Board of Supervisors.

X. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.