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STAFF REPORT

TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: Michael Sauer, General Manager
Steven B. Quintanilla, General Counsel
DATE: April 8, 2025
RE: Ordinance Increasing Trustee Board Meeting Compensation

SPECIFIC REQUEST OR RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees introduce and subsequently adopt Ordinance No. 01-2025 increasing Trustee compensation to \$200.00 per Board meeting for a maximum of six meetings per month.

BACKGROUND

Health & Safety Code Section 9031(a) provides that the Board of Trustees ("Board") Board may provide, by ordinance or resolution, that each of its members may receive compensation in an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) for attending each meeting of the Board. Health & Safety Code Section 9031(a) further provides that a Trustee shall not receive compensation for more than six Board meetings in a calendar month, but if the District compensates its members for more than four meetings in a calendar month, the Board shall annually adopt a written policy describing, based on a finding supported by substantial evidence, why more than four meetings per calendar month are necessary for the effective operation of the District. Health & Safety Code Section 9031(e) provides a compensable Board meeting includes, but is not limited to, regular meetings, special meetings, closed sessions, emergency meetings, Board field trips, District public hearings, or meetings of a Board Committee.

Health & Safety Code Section 9031(b) provides that the Board may by ordinance, pursuant to the Water Code commencing with Section 20200 of the Water Code, increase the amount of compensation received for attending Board meetings. Water Code Section 20202 provides that in any ordinance adopted to increase the amount of compensation above the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100), the increase may not exceed an amount equal to five percent, for each calendar year following the operative date of the last adjustment.

Water Code Section 20203 provides that no such ordinance shall be adopted except following a Public Hearing and that Notice of the Public Hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation (such as the Valley News)

AGENDA ITEM

INFORMATION CONTINUED:

pursuant to Government Code Section 6066. Government Code Section 6066 provides that publication of the Notice of the Public Hearing shall be once a week for two successive weeks, with at least five days intervening between the respective publication dates, at least 14 days prior to the Public Hearing. Finally, Water Code Section 20204 provides that such an ordinance shall become effective 60 days from the date of its final passage (second reading).

Based on compensation calculations, attached hereto, the Trustees are eligible to earn up to \$ \$252.70 per Board meeting.

Attachments:

1. Annual Compensation Calculations
2. Ordinance