

ALTA HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, March 21, 2024  
TIME: 11:00 A.M.  
PLACE: DINUBA FIRE DEPARTMENT, 496 East Tulare Street, Dinuba, CA 93618

---

**MISSION: WE EXIST TO ENHANCE THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OF ALL RESIDENTS OF  
THE DISTRICT FROM CONCEPTION TO FINAL PASSING**

1. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 11:06 a.m. by Chairperson, Yvette Botello.

2. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS, STAFF AND GUESTS

BOARD ATTENDANCE

AREA I	JAVIER QUEVEDO	VICE CHAIR	PRESENT
AREA II	KATHY GRANT		ABSENT
AREA III	YVETTE BOTELLO	CHAIR	PRESENT
AREA IV	MARTHA SWAIM		PRESENT
AREA V	MARGIE DAVIDIAN		PRESENT

STAFF

CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	JANA SPADE	PRESENT
DISTRICT COUNSEL	ALEX PELTZER	PRESENT
INTERIM CLERK OF THE BOARD	ADRIANA MACIAS	PRESENT

GUESTS

Greg Chastain, Fire Chief	City of Dinuba – Fire Department
Yolanda Valdez, Superintendent	Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District
Raffi Soghomonian, Director of Facilities	Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District
Javier Gomez, Regional Program Commissioner	Cutler-Orosi AYSO

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

Superintendent Yolanda Valdez informs the board that the Cutler Aquatic Facility is open and looking forward to partnering with the district and other non-profits to provide water safety to the public.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval of January 18, 2024, Minutes– Board Clerk

Chairperson Botello requested that the minutes be corrected to reflect the names of the appointed Chairperson and Vice Chair. Clerk Macias made adjustments necessary. Chairperson Botello was re-elected as Chair person and Vice-Chair Quevedo was re-elected as Vice-Chair. Motion to approve January 18, 2024 Minutes as corrected by Martha Swaim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Margie Davidian, Approved 4-0.

5. **GRANT APPLICATIONS, REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

**5.1 Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District – Grant Application**

Vice Chair Quevedo recuses himself from the discussion and vote.

Director of Facilities Raffi Soghomonian of Cutler-Orosi Unified School District presented information on a grant for lighting for five soccer fields at three school sites. Javier Gomez, Regional Program Commissioner for Cutler-Orosi AYSO soccer program spoke about the need for facilities in the evening for children and adults to play on. Gomez confirmed they had over 250 children signed up for their most recent season and that is not including the adult league that also plays. Gomez further explains how the program has grown quickly after the completion of the Cutler Sports Complex and there is not enough space to accommodate every sport or team without this grant. Director Swaim expressed concern that the use of funds may not meet the priorities of the district's policies. Superintendent Valdez advised that the lights themselves are not the highlight of the grant, it is what the lights will provide to the community. The lights will allow more teams to be accommodated to play after the sun goes down. Valdez expressed the need for a productive and healthy outlet for the community which she believes does align with the district's priorities. Being able to play soccer year-round will allow the community to be active in addition to staying out of trouble.

**Motion to approve grant as requested by Martha Swaim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Margie Davidian, Approved 3-0.**

**5.2 City of Dinuba Fire Department – Grant Application**

Fire Chief Chastain presented a grant application to fund the salary of 3 single-role EMT's and an ambulance on an 18-month rotation. The City has expressed the desire to enter an MOU with the District with a 3-year guarantee with an option to renew. Chief Chastain explains that there is a shortage of Paramedics and EMTs not just in Dinuba but the entire country. Qualified individuals have been hard to come by. Chief Chastain further explains that it is easier to locate EMTs rather than Paramedics which is one of the reasons the City has resubmitted this grant application with the adjustment of personnel type to be funded. Single-role EMTs do have a lower salary than Paramedics. Chief Chastain explains the ideal outcome would be that the EMTs, which are considered entry level, would train on the job, and promote to fill the vacant positions that have shown difficult to fill thus leaving opportunity for more to follow when the entry level positions become available again. The boundaries of the ambulance district are nearly identical to that of Alta Healthcare District. The board agrees to consider the MOU with a condition that District provided funds be kept in a separate account and unused funds be returned by the fiscal year end.

**Motion to approve consideration of an MOU with the conditions set forth by Vice Chair Quevedo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Director Davidian, Approved 4-0.**

6. **OLD BUSINESS – STRATEGIC PLANNING – Counsel Peltzer**

**6.1 Amended Policy V – Conflict of Interest Code**

Counsel Peltzer presented a new Conflict of Interest Code also referred to as Policy V. The new code simplifies the current code, eliminates repetitive information, and add the position of Clerk of the Board to the list of individuals who must file a Form 700. Once approved the board is

required to then approve a resolution that will accompany the amended code and be sent to the Tulare County Board of Supervisors. The code is not effective until the Board of Supervisors has approved the Amended Conflict of Interest Code.

**Motion to approve Amended Conflict of Interest Code by Vice Chair Quevedo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Swaim.**

**Resolution 2024-01**

**Vote: Yes – 4 ; No – 0 ; Absent – 1**

6.2 Update Grant Acceptance Process  
- Grant Agreement

**No Action Taken, keep on Agenda.**

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS – CFO Spade

7.1 Report of Current Investment Account

7.2 Flash Report

CFO Spade advises that the District’s reserve account is healthy and will be budgeted to be distributed over the next few years.

7.3 YTD Budget to Actual

7.4 Grant Status Report

CSET – Meals on Wheels is due for a grant report. CFO Spade will make contact and notify that the report is due at the May meeting.

7.5 2023-24 Budget Status Report

7.6 Budget Adjustments

No adjustments are necessary. CFO Spade will have a draft 2024-2025 budget on the agenda for the May meeting. CFO Spade will also be inquiring with the District’s bank on a second person obtaining administrative access to the accounts just to view statements.

8. CLOSED SESSION - Board to adjourn to Closed session for the following Matters

8.1 No Items

9. MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS – Board/Staff

9.1 No Items.

10. NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 11 AM

Location – Dinuba Fire Department

11. ADJOURNMENT 12:26 PM - Yvette Botello, Chair

CERTIFICATION: THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ORIGINAL AGENDA WAS POSTED AT THE DINUBA BRANCH LIBRARY BY 11 AM March 18, 2024.

IF ANYONE WANTS COPIES OF ANY OF THE REFERENCED BOARD MATERIALS THEY MAY CONTACT THE INTERIM CLERK OF THE BOARD, ADRIANA MACIAS AT 559-372-2400 OR [clerk@altahcd.com](mailto:clerk@altahcd.com).

Respectfully Submitted,



Adriana Macias, Interim Clerk of the Board