



GOLETA CEMETERY DISTRICT

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Goleta Cemetery District was held

June 10, 2025, at 4:00 pm

Goleta Cemetery District Office
44 S. San Antonio Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Present: Terry Dressler, Board Chairman
Gene Geller, Board Vice-Chairman
Claudia Chyla, Board Secretary
Rick Bower, District General Manager
Carrie Troup, CPA, District Accountant

Absent: None

1. Meeting called to order 4:00 pm. Welcome to all present.

2. Roll Call

Terry Dressler, Board Chairman – Present
Gene Geller, Board Vice-Chairman – Present
Claudia Chyla, Board Secretary – Present

3. Public Comment: None

4. Adoption of Agenda:

The Board adopted the agenda as presented. Motion by Mr. Geller, second by Ms. Chyla.
Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.

5. Correspondence / Information for Board:

Trustees – None
District Manager Bower – Reported on the successful Memorial Day Celebration.

6. Approve Draft Meeting Notes of Notes of April 8, 2025, Regular Board Meeting:

The Board adopted the meeting notes as presented. Motion by Mr. Geller, second by Ms. Chyla. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.

7. Reports: District General Manager and District Accountant:

- a.** Services for April: 3 (1 Casket / 2 Cremation)
Services for May: 13 (7 Casket / 6 Cremation)
Services for 2025 through May: 52 (25 Casket / 27 Cremations); 2024: 48 (22 / 26)
- b.** Presentation of District's April & May's financial report by Carrie Troup, CPA

Action Items (The Board will discuss and may take action on the following items):

8. Old Business:

General Manager Bower and the Board discussed the (first draft) preliminary design options from RJM Design Group for the Master Plan Expansion Project.

9. New Business:

- a. Presentation by Sandra Wheeler, Vice President / Investments, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, San Luis Obispo, regarding possible alternative investment options for District Funds.
- b. General Manager Bower presented proposed projects for FY 2025-2026. He discussed the master plan and design, re-slurry roads, office paint, canvas awning replacement, concrete pad replacement, and painting of metal shop roof.
- c. General Manager Bower presented and the Board approved the Operations Budget for FY July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. Motion by Mr. Geller, second by Ms. Chyla. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.
- d. General Manager Bower requested Board consideration of his recommendation to change the District's procedure for paying District bills/obligations from utilizing the County Treasurer's office to internally, using the Districts existing business checking account with Community West Bank.
- e. LAFCO is calling for "Nomination of one Regular Special District Member to serve the unexpired term as the special district member on LAFCO." If a Board Member requests nomination, Board Chair will be appointed by Board action to the LAFCO "Independent Special District Selection Committee." No Action Taken.

10. Items for next regular meeting Agenda – scheduled for August 12, 2025

Updates for Master Plan Expansion Project.

11. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm. Motion by Mr. Dressler, second by Ms. Chyla. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Bower, Clerk of the Board
Goleta Cemetery District Board of Trustees