

Santa Maria Cemetery District

Special Board Meeting Minutes

Location of Meeting: 1501 S. College, Santa Maria, CA 93454

Meeting Date: March 29, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Diaz at 9:00 am

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Lee Diaz Chairperson, John Tunnell Trustee, Cole Lucas Trustee, Mark Evans Trustee. Absent: Bob Engle Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT: Becky Badenell, District Manager, Karen A. O'Neil of Kirk & Simas, Tony Ramirez; Operations Manager, Darryl Scheck; Local SEIU Representative, Daniel Wiggins; JD Humann, Razi Syed; Santa Maria Times, 2 Santa Maria Cemetery employee union members and numerous members of the public

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lynn Ramirez spoke about cemetery operations and the crews hard work and dedication. Jeff Harshbarger spoke of cemetery operations and the sensitivity of doing burials and burying children and babies. Janet Harshbarger also spoke about the sensitivity of burials. Darryl Scheck urged the board to not contract out. Tony Ramirez urged the board to not contract out. The Board Chair thanked the public for their comments. A trustee of the board added that the Board respects the employees and did not want to harm the employees. He explained that the board has a fiduciary obligation to oversee the fiscal planning and for that reason was exploring, but had not made a commitment to contract out the labor.

Old Business: Contracting out; No action taken.

Union Extension; No action taken. District manager was directed to contact Ken Caves, a union negotiator.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am