### RESOLUTION NO. 2017-2106

# A RESOLUTION APPROVING POLICIES FOR BOARD TRAVEL AND COMPENSATION

### THE LAS GALLINAS VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors has determined that a comprehensive list of Policies and Procedures for the Board of Directors is in the best interest of the District.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors has compiled a comprehensive list of Policies and Procedures to serve as the rules and regulations of the Board of Directors.

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Directors did adopt such comprehensive list of Policies and Procedures on July 9, 2009,

WHEREAS, such policies may need to be updated,

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of Directors of the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District approves the following revised policy section: B-50 Training/Conferences/Seminars/Travel/Meals and B-60 Board Member Compensation, which are attached as Exhibit A. The Board of Directors has determined at a public hearing that these actions constitute the performance of official duties within the meaning of Government Code § 53232.1(b) such that compensation is warranted.

The previously approved B-50 Training/Conferences/Seminars/Travel/Meals and B:60 Board Member Compensation Policies are hereby revoked and declared null and void.

If any policy or portion of a policy contained within the Policies and Procedures is in conflict with rules, regulations, or legislation having authority over the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District, said rules, regulations or legislation shall prevail.

The Policies and Procedures shall remain in effect until amended by at least a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

I hereby certify that the forgoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly passed and adopted by the Sanitary Board of the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District, Marin County, California, at a meeting thereof held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2017, by the following vote of the members thereof:

AYES, and in favor thereof Members: Clark, Elias, Greenfill, Morry, Schrichmen

NOES, Members: none.

ABSENT, Members: None. ABSTAIN, Members: None.

Teresa Lerch, District Secretary

APPROVED:

Russ Greenfield, President of Board of Directors

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## B-50 TRAINING/CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/TRAVEL/MEALS

#### Purpose

This policy establishes the rules for attendance at training, conferences, seminars and other travel.

Since trips and travel expenses for training, conferences and seminars are being paid for with public funds, it shall be the responsibility of the official undertaking the trip to make every effort to attend the entire conference and/or as many sessions as possible to attain maximum benefit. Board members will limit expenses being borne by the District to be within the allowed limits.

B-50-10 Attendance Encouraged, but Limit on Number of Conferences. Board Members are encouraged to attend educational training, conferences and seminars, and serve as representatives of the District at professional meetings that clearly benefit the District and are directly related to improving the operation of the District. In general, Board Members are limited to four (4) conferences or seminars per calendar year for which the District will pay expenses per the approved usual and reasonable travel related reimbursement chart below. For multi-day conferences, compensation shall be at a maximum of one meeting per day. If travel to a conference requires travel of four hours or more, portal to portal, the Board member may charge for that day.

One day conferences without overnight travel will not be considered in the annual attendance limit and will be reimbursed as a special meeting. Board Members are required to submit a Meeting Attendance Request or a Conference Registration Form in advance of the requested travel. In order to receive approval for reimbursement, the requests should be submitted at least five business days prior to the Board Meetings.

B-50-20 Usual and Reasonable Costs. The Board will comply with Government Code §53232.2. The District will pay all usual and reasonable costs associated with attendance at approved training, conferences, seminars, and other travel, including, but not limited to, registration, lodging, mileage, meals, ground transportation and travel. Actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties shall be reimbursable. Itemized receipts are required to be submitted for reimbursement. Usual meal related expenses shall be limited in total amount per day to the current District per diem amounts, which are pursuant to the prevailing U.S. General Services Administration's (GSA) current breakdown of meal reimbursement expenses per Internal Revenue Service (IRS) guidance. Attachment 1 contains a breakdown of the Daily Total for partial days and the maximum Daily Total for California locations.

Hotel receipts are not adequate for documentation for food expenses. The expenses shall be presented to the Board for approval through the normal administrative process.

Transportation (ie – by passenger vehicle, scheduled shuttle or taxi) reimbursement for travel to San Francisco Airport or Oakland Airport will not exceed a maximum of \$46.00 one way.

Cash tips unsubstantiated by receipts (i.e. - bellman, hotel maid) shall be reimbursed as incidental expenses subject to the prevailing US General Services Administration's current breakdown of incidental expenses.

Transportation expenses to an offsite event that is scheduled as part of a conference or meeting shall be reimbursable. Itemized receipts are required to be submitted for reimbursement. Tips for transportation such as cabs and shuttles that are included in the receipt from the driver shall be reimbursable and not included in the incidental expense portion of the daily expense limit specified by the US General Services Administration.

**B-50-30** Expenses for Non-Conference Related Meetings. A Board member may attend a meeting that is not part of a conference where District business is discussed. Reasonable expenses for transportation and meals shall be reimbursed, subject to the substantiation requirements and meal and incidental expense allowances described above, after receiving approval from the Board.

**B-50-40 Report to Board.** A Board member who attends a conference/seminar/meeting etc. for which the District has paid expenses shall make an oral or written report to the Board, detailing what was learned that benefits the District.

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### B-60 BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION

### Purpose

This policy establishes compensation for Board Members to attend meetings.

**B-60-10** Limit on Meetings. Board Members shall be compensated for up to the legal limit of six meetings per month and one meeting per day. Compensation shall apply to both Regular and Special Board meetings, Board committee meetings, meetings for organizations related to District business and professional meetings and conference attendance. If travel to a conference requires travel of four hours or more, portal to portal, the Board member may charge for that day. The travel day is included in the overall 6 meeting per month and one meeting per day limit.

To qualify for compensation for meetings of organizations related to District business, Board approval is required. Board members requesting attendance at meetings, including meetings of organizations related to District business, training, conference and/or seminars, shall submit their request to the entire Board at least five business days prior to the meeting.

**B-60-20 Compensation Rate.** Board Member's meeting stipend shall be set at the maximum allowable under Senate Bill 1559 effective January 1, 2001. Furthermore, the aforementioned new meeting stipend should be considered for increased annually the maximum allowable under Senate Bill 1559 on the first day of January in each succeeding year thereafter.

B-60-30 Compensation for Training, Seminars, Conference, etc. See B-50-10/20.

**B-60-40** Tally Sheets. To receive compensation, Directors should provide a monthly meeting tally sheet (available from the District Secretary) within five days after the end of the month.

**B-60-50** Reimbursement for Expenses. Board Members shall be compensated for all reasonable and legitimate expenses incurred in attending meetings or taking trips on behalf of the District that have been authorized by the Board. Expense reports shall be submitted within 30 days of attendance at the meeting. Any disputes shall be settled by majority vote of the Board.

**B-60-60 Prevailing District Mileage Rate**. Reimbursement for travel by private car shall be at the prevailing IRS mileage rate.

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