

**MEMORANDUM  
CITY OF LANCASTER, CA**

TO: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

FROM: Vice Mayor Ron Smith

DATE: August 9, 2011

SUBJECT: **Report on the Activities of the Board of Directors for District No. 14 of the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County**

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**Recommendation:**

Receive a report of the proceedings and issues discussed at the July 28, 2011, District No. 14 Board of Directors meeting of the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County.

**Background:**

District No. 14 of the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County is organized to receive through their trunk sewers the wastewater from all of the City of Lancaster, a small region of the westerly portion of the City of Palmdale, and a smaller region of the unincorporated County of Los Angeles. A Board of Directors comprised of a representative from each city and the County generally meets monthly to review and decide upon the business of the District.

At the July 28, 2011, special meeting, the Board of Directors considered the following agenda items:

- The Board approved the introduction of an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of credit cards, debit cards, and electronic funds transfer as payment for District fees and charges. The Districts would charge a “convenience” fee which would not exceed the cost of providing the service causing the Districts to be cost-neutral. This is on every District’s agenda and would allow customers to pay fees with credit cards, etc. for everything except what is charged on a property tax bill.
- The Board adopted the fiscal year 2011-12 operating fund budget and authorized the related appropriations. The total appropriations which include operating and maintenance, capital expenditures, bond and loan repayment, and an emergency contingency fund are \$44,330,000. This is down 46% from fiscal year 2010-2011 chiefly because the Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant is almost fully constructed and should be operational by December 2011. District staff project the total number of sewage units at 67,880, a 2% increase over last year. With the per unit sewage charge at \$360.00, the total service charge revenue is \$24,437,000.
- Board and District staff met in closed session under Government Code section 54946.9 regarding the Antelope Valley Groundwater Adjudication. No action was taken that requires reporting.