



Ordinance 22-01-18: Director Compensation (Replacing Ordinance 98-10-20)

AN ORDINANCE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MEINERS OAKS WATER DISTRICT AMENDING DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Water Code (“Water Code”) Section 20201, the governing board of a water district may, by ordinance adopted pursuant to Division 10, Chapter 2 of the Water Code and in accordance with Water Code Section 20202, increase the compensation received by members of the governing board for each day’s attendance at meetings of the board, or for each day’s service rendered as a member of the board by request of the board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code Section 20202, in any such ordinance increasing the amount of compensation which may be received by members of the governing board of a water district, the increase may not exceed an amount equal to five percent (5%) for each calendar year since the effective date of the last increase; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code Section 20202, any such ordinance may authorize compensation for a total of up to ten (10) days in any calendar month; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 98-10-20 adopted by the Board of Directors (“Board”) of Meiners Oaks Water District (“MOWD”) following a public hearing held on October 20, 1998, the Board last adjusted the amount of compensation authorized to be paid to the members of the Board to the amount of \$150.00 for each full meeting of the Board and \$50.00 for each committee meeting, for up to three (3) meetings in any calendar month; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to establish the amount of compensation by way of this Ordinance in accordance with the provisions of the Water Code; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Water Code Section 20203 and Section 6066 of the California Government Code, a public hearing was held on January 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., or soon thereafter, and a notice of said hearing was duly published in Ojai Valley News, a newspaper of general circulation, once a week for two weeks as follows: on December 24, 2021 and December 31, 2021;

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MEINERS OAKS WATER DISTRICT DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 The amount of compensation to be received by the members of the Board for each day’s attendance at meetings of the Board and for each day’s service rendered by a member of the Board by request of the Board shall be in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). Said increase does not exceed an amount equal to five percent (5%) for each calendar year since the date of the last adjustment. The categories of meetings, services, events, and other types of occasions that constitute the performance of official duties and for which said

compensation shall be paid shall be those specified in the Board Compensation Policy (“Policy”) set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2 In accordance with Section 20202 of the California Water Code, no member of the Board shall receive the compensation set forth in Section 1 of this Ordinance for more than ten (10) days in any calendar month.

Section 3 All ordinances, resolutions, or administrative actions by the Board, or parts thereof, that are inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby superseded only to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4 The President of the Board shall sign this Ordinance and the Secretary of the Board shall attest thereto, and pursuant to Section 20204 of the California Water Code, this Ordinance shall take effect sixty (60) days from the date of adoption.

Section 5 If any section, subsection, clause or phrase in this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby. The Board hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases or the application thereof be held invalid.

Section 6 The Recitals set forth above are incorporated herein and made an operative part of this Ordinance.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2022, by the following vote:

Ayes: _____
Noes: _____
Absent: _____

Mike Etchart, President
Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Summer Ward, Board Secretary

MEINERS OAKS WATER DISTRICT BOARD COMPENSATION POLICY

General

Directors receive \$250 per day (“daily meeting stipend”) for each day’s attendance at meetings, as defined in this policy. Such compensation is in addition to any reimbursement for meals, lodging, travel and expenses consistent with District policy.

Meetings And Service Subject To Daily Meeting Stipend

To be entitled to a daily meeting stipend under this policy, the event in question must constitute one of the following:

1. A meeting of the Board within the meaning of Government Code section 54952.2(a);
2. A meeting of a District committee within the meaning of Government Code section 54952(b);
3. An advisory body meeting within the meaning of Government Code section 54952(b);
4. A conference, organized educational activity, or similar gathering conducted in compliance with Government Code section 54952.2(c), including ethics training required by Government Code Section 53234 et seq.;
5. A meeting of any multi-jurisdictional governmental body on which the Director serves as the District’s designated representative;
6. The participation by a Board member in legal, administrative, or other official proceedings on behalf of the District; and
7. Any meeting attended or service provided on a given day which the Board determines constitutes the performance of official duties and for which the Board provides approval of payment of a daily meeting stipend, including, without limitation, attendance at member agency meetings and/or workshops, participation in District staff interviews and/or termination meetings, and production of technical/expert level work of at least two (2) or more hours.

Aggregate Limits

The number of days for which a Director receives a daily meeting stipend will not exceed the aggregate limits established by state law and District policy. Said District policy provides that compensation shall not exceed ten (10) meetings/days per month.