



Town of Discovery Bay

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ARTICLE I

NAME

This unit of local government shall be known as the Town of Discovery Bay, a Community Services District, with powers and territorial boundaries as prescribed in Resolution No. 97/295 of the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, State of California, dated June 10, 1997, and as provided by law.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purposes of the Town of Discovery Bay, as approved by the Local Agency Formation Commission and by law, are

- A. To Operate as a Community Services District and provide water distribution, wastewater connection and treatment; and parks, landscaping and recreation services to the residents of Discovery Bay.
- B. To provide for those exercise of those powers set forth in Government Code §61000 et seq. (Community Services District Law).
- C. To continue the advisory responsibilities of the Discovery Bay Municipal Advisory Council;
- D. To serve the residents of the Town of Discovery Bay, in the manner provided by law.

ARTICLE III

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Board of Directors

The governing body of the District shall consist of five (5) elected Directors, each of whom shall serve for a term of four (4) year staggered terms. During elections every two (2) years, either two (2) or three (3) Directors are elected to serve to the District for the next four (4) years.

Section 2. Compensation

The Board may authorize each Director to receive compensation of One Hundred and Fifteen Dollars (\$115.00) for each meeting of the Board attended, and One Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$115.00) for each day's service not to exceed Six Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$690.00) per month as provided in Government Code §61047 and Chapter 2 commencing with Section 20200 of Division 10 of the Water Code.

Director participation in and completion of any mandatory training program for Directors required by California law shall be considered a single "day of service" approved for compensation only upon the Director's actual completion of each mandatory training program and the Director's delivery of a written report to the Board regarding the Director's participation in and completion of the mandatory training program at the next Board meeting following the Director's completion of the mandatory training program.

Director attendance at Regional Meetings shall only count as a compensated day of service when attendance at a Regional Meeting is specifically authorized in advance by the full Board.

Travel and such other necessary expenses actually incurred in performing District duties shall be reimbursed, and such reimbursement shall be in addition to the compensation specified herein consistent with the authorized Reimbursement and Travel Policy.

Section 3. Vacancies

- A. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled in accordance with Government Code § 1780.
- B. Vacancies shall be deemed to exist as provided in Government Code § 1770.

Section 4. Resignation

A Director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board, to the President, or to the Secretary of the Board. Any such resignation shall take effect at the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein; and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section 1. Elected Officers

The elected officers shall be chosen by the Board from among the five (5) members of the Board and shall consist of a President (who may be called "Chair") and a Vice-President (who may be called "Vice-Chair").

Section 2. Terms and Responsibilities of Elected Officers

Elected Officers of the Board, as provided in Article IV, Sec. 1, shall be elected by the Board at the first meeting in January and shall serve for one (1) year, said term to commence upon election. All elected officers shall be eligible to serve successive terms, except that the President shall be eligible to serve not more than two (2) full successive terms as President.

Board members shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, including, but not limited to, the participation in and completion of any mandatory training program for Board members required by California law.

Board members may serve on Standing Committees, Ad Hoc Committees, and attend Regional Meetings as necessary.

Board members shall be assigned to attend Regional Meetings. Director attendance at Regional Meetings as a representative of the Board shall only be compensated as a day of service, when attendance at a specific Regional Meeting is approved in advance by the full Board.

Regional Representation is to be assigned based upon the position held by the Board member and the seniority of each member of the Board. Board members will have preference of committee selections in the following order: President and Vice-President, followed by the senior most next consecutive Board members. In the event seniority cannot be determined due to the date of assumption of office, the Board member with the highest vote count in their most recent election shall prevail as the senior member for purposes of this selection procedure. This procedure shall be used to fill Primary and Alternate members to respective Regional Representation. Board Members shall be assigned to the Regional Meetings for a two-year term.

The Board shall maintain five (5) advisory Standing Committees. Two members of the Board of Directors shall be assigned to each Standing Committee. The Standing Committees and their subject matter and responsibilities are as follows:

1. WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMITTEE

- a. Provide guidance/policy recommendations regarding all water and wastewater operations and planning.

2. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

- a. Provide guidance/policy recommendations regarding community center operations/activities, parks and recreation activities and landscaping efforts.

3. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- a. Provide guidance/policy recommendations regarding budgets, investments/debt and the Public Financing Authority.

4. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- a. Provide guidance/policy recommendations regarding all Town of Discovery Bay Community Services District external communications activities.

5. INTERNAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

- a. Provide guidance/policy recommendations regarding Town of Discovery Bay Community Services District personnel policies and general administration of the organization.

Each advisory Standing Committee shall meet within the boundaries of the Town of Discovery Bay Community Services District or at a Town of Discovery Bay Community Services District facility. Each Standing Committee shall establish its meeting schedule, which shall, at a minimum, meet at least quarterly. Said meetings shall be noticed pursuant to the Brown Act.

Board Standing Committees are to be assigned based upon the position held by the Board member and the seniority of each member of the Board. Board members will have preference of committee selections in the following order: President and Vice-President, followed by the senior most next consecutive Board members. In the event seniority cannot be determined due to the date of assumption of office, the Board member with the highest vote count in their most recent election shall prevail as the senior member for purposes of this selection procedure. This procedure shall be used to fill two appointees to each Standing Committee. Board Members shall serve on the Standing Committee for a two-year term. Board members may voluntarily trade committee assignments with another Board member by mutual consent.

The Board may establish Ad Hoc Committees that may become necessary from time to time to receive input from the public on a specific subject matter and limited in term, and formed by Resolution of the Board.

A. General Responsibilities of the Board President

1. Shall preside at all meetings of the board and such other meetings approved by the Board, and have authority to call for short recesses during meetings unless a majority of the Directors by vote oppose a recess.
2. Cooperatively work with the General Manager/Board Secretary and Staff on the preparation of CSD Meeting Agendas and its contents.
3. Shall serve as official spokesperson for the Board.
4. Shall designate Directors or others to represent the Board at various meetings, hearings, and conferences, as confirmed by the Board. May co-sign all checks for warrants approved by the Board.
5. Shall perform such other duties as necessary to carry out the work of the Board.
6. Shall perform such duties as prescribed by law.

B. General Responsibilities of the Vice-President

1. Shall serve in the absence of the President.

C. Senior Most Board Member

1. Shall serve in the absence of the President and the Vice-President.
2. In the event seniority cannot be determined due to the date of assumption of office, the Board member with the highest vote count in their most recent election shall prevail as the senior member for purposes of this selection procedure.

ARTICLE V

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Section 1. Appointed Officers

- A.** The appointed officers of the District shall be General Manager, and a Secretary, who may be the same person, but neither of whom shall be a Director. The duties of the appointed officers shall be as specified in law, and as directed by the Board.

- B.** Pursuant to Government Code §61050(b), the treasurer of the County of Contra Costa shall serve as the District Treasurer, and shall be the depository and have the custody of all of the district's money except those accounts that are authorized under the Community Services District laws and/or in effect prior to January 1, 2006.

The Board may appoint such other officers as it deems necessary.

Section 2. General Responsibilities of the General Manager

- A.** Appraise and evaluate the effects of the Board policies and the manner of their execution, and the efficiency of District personnel in terms of services rendered to the people of the District.

- B.** Provide leadership to staff in identifying District needs, establishing priorities and determining the objectives, which will achieve the established goals of the District.

- C.** Encourage and assist staff in the performance of their duties and encourage their professional growth.

- D.** Ensure evaluation of personnel under his/her direction.

- E.** Interpret and publicize the programs and services of the District for and to the public.

- F.** Provide financial oversight of the District and Contra Costa County pursuant to funds on deposit at that agency.

- G.** Lead the District management team in the preparation of the budget, control of expenditures, inventory control, program planning, changing priorities and public relations.

- H.** Perform the function of the District's Public Information Officer.

- I.** Participate in community activities.

- J. Continue a program of professional development to assure and enhance staff's professional growth.
- K. Keep the Board informed of all communications affecting the District.

Section 3. General Responsibilities of the Secretary of the Board

- A. Certify official documents and letters as required.
- B. Maintain the official files and records of the Board.
- C. Prepare the agenda for the Board meetings.
- D. Prepare and distribute minutes of the meeting of the Board.
- E. Maintain historical record and newspaper articles.
- F. Post agendas, minutes, public notices and proposed action documents as required by Board and government regulations.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular and Special Meetings

- A. The Board shall hold a regular meeting on the first (1st) and third (3rd) Wednesdays of each month, at the District Office located at 1800 Willow Lake Road, Discovery Bay, California 94505. Such regular meetings shall be for considering reports of the affairs of the District and for transacting such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting. Such meetings may be altered as to date, time and place, as provided for in a Resolution adopted by the Board.
- B. Special meetings may be called in accordance with the California Ralph M. Brown Act of 1953, as amended (hereafter Brown Act).

All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Brown Act.

Section 2. Quorum

The Board shall be empowered to conduct the business of the District whenever there is present at a properly called meeting, a quorum, as defined as comprising a majority of the existing Directors; normally three (3); except as otherwise provided by law. Pursuant to Government Code §61045, the affirmative votes of three (3) members of the Board are required for action to be taken.

Section 3. Voting

- A. Voting shall only be conducted at proper noticed meeting where a quorum has been established and members are physically present.
- B. Voting shall be by voice, show of hands, or roll call vote.
- C. Any vote that is other than unanimous shall be recorded by name of the voting member and whether the member voted "AYE", "NO" or "ABSTAIN".

Section 4. Notice of Regular and Special Meetings

- A. Notices of Regular Meetings shall be pursuant to the Brown Act. Such notices shall specify the place, the day, and the hour of the meeting and accompanying the notice shall be a copy of the agenda for that meeting.
- B. Notices of Special Meetings shall be pursuant to the Brown Act. In the case of special meetings, the notice, written or by telephone, shall specify the specific nature of the business to be transacted.

ARTICLE VII

PAYMENTS, CONTRACTS, AND REPORTS

Section 1. Payments

All checks, warrants, drafts, or other orders for payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of, or payable to, the District, shall be signed or endorsed by at least two of the District officials listed below:

- General Manager
- Assistant General Manager
- Finance Manager
- Member of the District Board of Directors

Section 2. Contracts

The Board, except as in the Bylaws otherwise provided, may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute any instrument in the name of, and on behalf of, the District. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless so authorized by the Board, no officer, agent, or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the District by any contract or engagement, to pledge its credit, or to render it liable for any purpose or to any amount.

Section 3. Reports

The Board shall prepare and cause to be sent an annual water quality report to the residents of the District.

ARTICLE VIII

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Rosenberg's Rules of Order, current edition or such other authority as may be subsequently adopted by resolution of the Board is to apply to all questions of procedure and parliamentary law not specified in these Bylaws or otherwise by law. All motions made at Board meetings shall require a second to the motion prior to the Directors voting. The President of the Board may unilaterally call for a recess at any time during a Regular or Special Meeting of the Board. The Board President may unilaterally adjourn the meeting unless a majority of the Board votes to continue the meeting.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws may be repealed or amended, or new Bylaws may be proposed, by resolution and the affirmative vote of at least three (3) members of the Board at any regular meeting of the Board, provided notice of such proposal shall be in compliance with the Brown Act, as amended.