

# Surfside Colony Storm Water Protection District

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## Minutes of the January 19th, 2026 General Meeting of the Board of Trustees Surfside Office – B89 - 7:00 p.m.

**Trustees Present:** President V. John Kriss, Dave Chamberlain, Ryan Hill, and Darcy McMahon.

**Trustees Absent:** Secretary Eric Springer.

**Staff Present:** District Clerk Chris Montana.

**Community:** Gayle Mueller Winnen, Tara Amundson, Rudy Lalonde, and Linda Garofalo of Surfside Colony Community Services District; Dru Roland of Surfside Colony, Ltd.

President Kriss called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. and reflected on knowing Paul Mesmer as a neighbor and Board member. President Kriss recalled his unique dedication to public service, integrity and thoughtfulness. Paul Mesmer joined the Community Services District's Board in 2014, became its President in 2017, and was an asset to the community and a friend.

Community Input: Linda Garafalo, as a resident of Surfside Colony, stated that she continues to try to resolve pipe issues beneath her residence and has been in contact with the City of Huntington Beach. She stated that the City of Huntington Beach will investigate abandoned storm water pipes from across P.C.H. to Surfside. Upon President Kriss' request, she agreed to bring a map to next month's meeting, if available.

Review and Possible Approval of the December 15th, 2025 General Board Meeting Minutes: After Board members reviewed the Minutes of the December 15th, 2025 General Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Trustee Chamberlain moved for approval, Trustee MacMahon seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### Surfside Colony, Ltd. Project Status and Operations Update:

a. Review and Possible Approval of 2nd Quarter Surfside Colony, Ltd. Reconciliation of Amounts Paid by District to Expenses Incurred: Clerk Montana distributed the 2nd Quarter Surfside Colony Ltd. Reconciliation of Drainage and Erosion Contract amounts and discussed year-to-date overpayment variance in the amount of \$12,415 resulting primarily from repairs and maintenance not yet being performed and timing of payment of liability insurance premium. A motion was made and carried as follows:

**MOTION:** President Kriss moved to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2025-26 Surfside Colony Ltd. Reconciliation of Expenses as prepared. Trustee McMahon seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Review of Project Template for Beach Cleaning Equipment and Possible Approval of Reimbursement: Clerk Montana distributed the Project Approval template for Beach Tech 2000 Beach Cleaning Equipment purchased by Surfside Colony, Ltd. in the amount of \$37,939.06 (see attached). This amount represented one-half of total cost, as both this District's Board and the Surfside Colony Community Service District's Board agreed at last month's meetings that a 50% cost share was appropriate. After review and discussion, a motion was made and carried as follows:

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**MOTION:** Trustee Chamberlain moved to approve reimbursement to Surfside Colony, Ltd. in the amount of \$37,939.06 (50% of invoice total) for purchase of the Beach Tech 2000 Beach Cleaning Equipment. Trustee Hill seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Review and Possible Approval of Current Bills Presented:** Clerk Montana presented check #'s 1602-1605 for a total of \$52,933.81, consisting of the January 2026 Drainage and Erosion billing in the amount of \$13,047.08, Project Cost Reimbursement expense of \$37,939.06, and \$1,947.67 for general and administrative expenses. Checks were approved and signed as presented.

**Clerk's Report, Fund Balance, and Review of Trial Balance:** Clerk Montana reviewed the trial balance with the Board. The fund balance as of January 19, 2026 was reported to be \$831,711.

a. **Review and Possible Amendment of the 2025-26 Budget:** The Board agreed to amend the 2025-26 budget to incorporate the Project Cost Reimbursement expense for the Beach Cleaning equipment approved above in the amount of \$37,939. The amendment would be funded by decreasing budget increases to Project Reserves to zero. A motion was made and carried as follows:

**MOTION:** Trustee Kriss moved to amend the 2025-26 Budget to incorporate the Project Cost Reimbursement expense of \$37,939 for Beach Cleaning Equipment and to reduce 2025-26 increases to the Project Reserve to zero. President Kriss seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

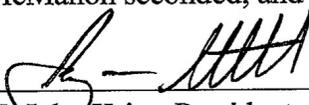
b. **Review and Possible Approval of 2025 State Controller's Financial Transaction Report:** Clerk Montana distributed the 2025 State Controller's Financial Transaction Report and supporting trial balance prepared on the accrual basis. A motion was made and carried as follows:

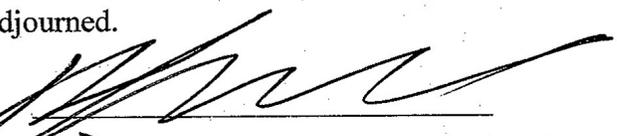
**MOTION:** Trustee McMahon moved to approve the 2025 accrual-basis trial balance and to authorize the District Clerk to electronically file the 2025 Financial Transaction Report with the State Controller's Office. Trustee Hill seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Sand Replenishment Project Update:** President Kriss had no updates from prior month's report, and continues to reach out to the City of Huntington Beach, as a stakeholder, for input.

**Board Member Items / New Business:** Trustee Chamberlain requested Surfside Colony, Ltd. look into the removal of random slabs of concrete on the beachfront. Surfside Colony Property Manager Supervisor Dru Roland agreed to investigate.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Trustee Chamberlain moved for adjournment at 7:40 p.m., and to schedule next month's Board meeting for February 16th, 2026. Trustee McMahon seconded, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

  
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W. John Kriss, President  
Ryan Hill, Trustee

  
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Dave Chamberlain, Trustee