

Sanger/Del Rey Cemetery District

Special Meeting – Board of Trustee’s
February 19, 2026
Sanger/Del Rey Cemetery District, 1:00 P.M.
568 South Rainbow Avenue
Sanger, CA

AGENDA

Any Agenda item may be discussed in a different order, if necessary. The Board may take action whether items are listed as action, information or discussion.

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>Staff Recommended Action</u>
1. Call to Order – Determination of quorum – President	
2. Recognize and Hear From Visitors	
This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Board on items within its jurisdiction but not on this Agenda. NOTE: Prior to action by the Board on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item. Unscheduled comments may be limited to 3 minutes.	
All items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by Cemetery staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Board or public wishes to comment or ask questions. Items pulled from the Calendar will be considered separately.	
3. Communications/Correspondence None.	Information
4. CAPC Nomination for Ken Sonksen (Interim General Manager)	Motion to Approve
5. Policy 606.4 – Repurchase of Burial Rights (Interim General Manager)	Information
6. CLOSED SESSION –	

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

As provided in the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code., the Governing Board may meet in closed session with members of its staff and its attorneys. These sessions are not open to the public and may not be attended by members of the public. The matters the Board will meet on in closed session are identified appropriately in open sessions as requiring immediate attention and arising after the posting of the

agenda. Any public reports of action taken in closed session will be made in accordance with Government Code.

(1) Potential Litigation (1) case – California Government Code Section 54956.9

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Comments:

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| (a) Public | Information |
| (b) Staff | Information |
| (c) Management | Information |
| (d) Trustee's | Information |

8. ADJOURNMENT –

Motion to Approve

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Agenda – Supporting Data
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SUBJECT: RECOGNIZE AND HEAR FROM VISITORS

SUMMARY:

This is the portion of the meeting that is reserved for persons desiring to address the Board on any matter not otherwise on the agenda and within the oversight jurisdiction of the Board. Speakers shall address all comments to the President and the Board as a body and not to any particular Board Member or member of the staff. Speakers should limit their comments to three (3) minutes.

BACKGROUND/COMMENTS:

Public agencies are required by law to provide an opportunity for the public to address the Board of Trustee's on issues of concern whether or not those issues appear on the agenda.

FINDINGS:

At the time of posting of this agenda no advance requests to address the Board have been made.

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Agenda – Supporting Data
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SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

SUMMARY:

None.

BACKGROUND/COMMENTS:

None.

FINDINGS:

None.

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Agenda – Supporting Data
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SUBJECT:

CAPC HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

SUMMARY:

Consideration of approving the nomination of Mr. Ken Sonksen for Honorary Membership in the California Association of Public Cemeteries (CAPC).

BACKGROUND/COMMENTS:

Ken Sonksen served the Sanger/Del Rey Cemetery with distinction for over 45 years. Throughout his tenure, Mr. Sonksen demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication, and professionalism in the operation and management of the District.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Board of Trustees asks questions and gains an understanding of the issue.
2. Board of Trustees adopt Resolution 2602 Nomination for Honorary Membership CAPC

Respectfully Submitted

Paul Hernandez, Interim General Manager

February 20, 2026

CAPC Awards Committee:

At the Special Board Meeting held on February 19th 2026, the Board of Trustees of the Sanger Del Rey Cemetery District unanimously approved the nomination of Mr. Ken Sonksen, formerly of the Sanger Del Rey Cemetery District, for Honorary Membership to California Association of Public Cemeteries.

Ken has faithfully served his district for over 45 years. Throughout his tenure, he demonstrated exceptional commitment, professionalism, and leadership. His extensive knowledge and insight were valuable assets to the District and a source of inspiration to colleagues and peers alike. Through his perseverance, legislative involvement and steadfast work ethic, he has left a lasting and meaningful impact on both the District and the community.

In accordance with Article III, Section V of the By-Laws of the California Association of Public Cemeteries, Inc., honorary membership requires nomination by three or more associate or corporate members. The Sanger Del Rey Cemetery District is a corporate member in good standing and is honored to submit this nomination in recognition of Mr. Sonksen's distinguished service and contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Johnson
Board President
Sanger Del Rey Cemetery District

RESOLUTION 2602
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
SANGER/DEL REY CEMETERY DISTRICT
NOMINATING KEN SONKSEN FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP IN THE
CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC CEMETERIES

WHEREAS, the Sanger/Del Rey Cemetery District, is a Special District, created pursuant to the Health and Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees may, from time to timerecognize individuals who have rendered distinguished service to the District and to the public cemetery profession; and

WHEREAS, Honorary Membership in the California Association of Public Cemeteries is intended to recognize individuals who have made substantial and lasting contributions to the public cemetery profession;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Sanger Del Rey Cemetery District hereby nominates Mr. Ken Sonksen for Honorary Membership in the California Association of Public Cemeteries and directs staff to forward this nomination to the appropriate committee of the California Association of Public Cemeteries for consideration. The governing body of the Sanger/Del Rey Cemetery District elects to adopt Resolution No. 2602 Nominating Ken Sonksen for Honorary Membership in the California Association of Public Cemeteries, effective February 19th, 2026.

Adopted this day of _____, 20____, by the Board of Trustees of the Sanger/Del Rey Cemetery District, at a special meeting thereof.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Mark D. Johnson, President
Board of Trustees

Rene Gonzalez, Secretary
Board of Trustees

Motion Made/Seconded by: _____

Ayes: _____

Noes: _____

Abstain: _____

Approved as to Legal Form:

Meggin Boranian, District Counsel

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SUBJECT:

POLICY 606.4 – REPURCHASE of INTERMENT RIGHTS

SUMMARY:

Review and discussion regarding the financial and policy implications of Policy 606.4 governing the repurchase of interment rights.

BACKGROUND:

Policy 606.4 currently states:

“The District shall re-purchase interment rights at the original purchase price or up to one-half the current price of the same, whichever is higher.”

This policy requires the District to compensate the owner of unused interment rights at either the original purchase price or up to fifty percent (50%) of the current price, whichever is greater.

However, for approximately the past thirty years, the District’s consistent business practice has been to repurchase interment rights at one-half (50%) of the current price, rather than applying the “whichever is greater” calculation. This practice has been applied uniformly and has provided administrative consistency and financial predictability.

FINDINGS:

While the intent of Policy 606.4 appears to provide fairness to burial right owners, there is a discrepancy between the written policy and the District’s long-standing business practice.

1. The written policy provides for repurchase at the original purchase price or up to one-half of the current price, whichever is greater. In practice, the District has consistently repurchased at one-half of the current price only. This creates a potential governance

and compliance concern, as administrative action should align with adopted Board policy.

OPTIONS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:

1. Amend Policy 606.4 to reflect the District’s business practice of repurchasing at one-half of the current price, which would read:

“The District shall repurchase interment rights at one- half the current price of the same.”

2. Enforce Policy 606.4 as currently written

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Board of Trustees asks questions and gains an understanding of the issue.
2. Board of Trustees gives direction to either amend Policy 606.4 to align with the District’s business practice or provide alternative direction to ensure policy clarity and governance consistency.

Respectfully Submitted

Paul Hernandez, Interim General Manager

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SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION –

Based on Government Code Section 54956.9- Potential Litigation (1) case

SUMMARY:

None needed as due to confidential nature of subject matter.

BACKGROUND:

The District is authorized to conduct Closed Sessions as needed and authorized by the Government Code.

FINDINGS:

None applicable.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Conduct Closed Session and if any action is taken, report said action in Open Session.

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Agenda – Supporting Data
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SUBJECT: OTHER BUSINESS

SUMMARY:

An opportunity for various meeting participants to express matters of concern not otherwise addressed in the Agenda.

BACKGROUND:

Public entities are required to provide an opportunity for those who attend their public meetings to express concerns that are not otherwise addressed in the Agenda.

Sanger/Del Rey Cemetery District provides this opportunity for all participants to express such concerns, in the following order:

1. The public
2. The consultants
3. The district staff
4. The General Manager
5. The Trustee's

No action may be taken on an item raised in this report of the meeting, except that the Trustee's may direct that any item it deems appropriate, be placed on a subsequent agenda.

FINDINGS:

None

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No action is required.