

**BRIDGESTONE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT
POLICY AND PROCEDURES REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENT**

(As approved and adopted at the Board of Directors Meeting on July 16, 2024)

1. POLICY STATEMENT. The District's Board of Directors (the "Board") encourages members of the public to speak and provide comments at the Board's open meetings in accordance with this Policy and Procedures regarding Public Comment (this "Policy"). At all open Board meetings the Board shall provide the public an opportunity to address any matter on the agenda; provided that members of the public may address any matter unless a Board member raises a point of order. Any Board member may raise a point of order as to whether a matter presented by a member of the public is related to an agenda item. Decisions of the Board's presiding officer are final. In implementing this Policy, the Board shall act reasonably and not discriminate among members of the public based on the views expressed. The Board shall not prohibit public criticism of the Board.

2. NOTICE. The District shall include an item for public comment near the beginning of each agenda for an open Board meeting. The District may, but is not required to, include an item for public comment near the end of each such agenda. **Public comments will be permitted only during the specified time on the agenda. Members of the public may not participate in the Board's discussions.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT CARD. The District shall make Public Comment Cards (each a "Card") available prior to each meeting. Members of the public who desire to provide public comment must complete a Card prior to the start of the meeting and turn it in to the General Manager. If public comment is listed near the end of the agenda, the Card may be submitted to the General Manager at any time during the meeting, provided the member of the public avoids disrupting the meeting. All inquiries submitted on Cards shall be posted to the District's website within a reasonable time following each meeting. The District's General Manager, with the assistance of the appropriate District consultant(s), shall provide a written response to each inquiry that is submitted on a Card which shall also be posted to the District's website.

4. CONDUCT OF THE PUBLIC. When called by the presiding officer, the individual should stand at the designated place and state his or her name and affiliation prior to offering comments. All comments should be addressed to the Board as a whole and not to individuals. Members of the public shall refrain from making accusatory or threatening remarks. If a Board member believes any comments to be accusatory or threatening, the presiding officer may rule the individual out of order and terminate the public comment from such individual.

5. RESPONSE TO INQUIRY. The Board shall limit response to any matter not included on the agenda to only a statement of specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy. Any deliberation or decision about such matters shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on a future agenda.