

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

March 11, 2013

Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. in Committee Room 2-145 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Evans, Vice Chair Brown, Directors Babcock, Barbre, De Jesus, Little, Morris, Peterson, Record, Steiner, and Wright.

Members absent: Directors Camacho, Grunfeld, Lowenthal, and Sanchez.

Other Board members present: Directors Ackerman, Dick, J. Edwards, Griset, Lewinger, Pringle, and Touhey.

Staff present: Ardalan, Arita, H. Beatty, Becerra, Bednarski, Bennion, Boyd, Breaux, Burch, T. Campbell, L. Carrillo, R. Cheng, Coffey, H. Collins, J. Green, Henry, G. Johnson, D. Jones, Kightlinger, W. Lieu, Man, McReynolds, M. Parsons, Pecs, G. Riss, B. Rogers, M. Rojas, Scully, Shraibati, Stites, M. Stewart, Tellers, O. Tucker, and B. Yamasaki.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION

No members responded.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD JANUARY 7 AND FEBRUARY 11, 2013.

Motion Carried Moved: Director Record Seconded: Director Morris

Votes: Unanimous

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

7-1 Subject: Appropriate \$800,000; and authorize seismic assessments of four hydroelectric power plants and pressure control structures (Approp. 15458)

Presented by: None

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination and
 a. Appropriate \$800,000; and
 b. Authorize seismic assessments of the Sepulveda Canyon Control Facility, Foothill and Greg Avenue Hydroelectric Plants, and the Carbon Creek Pressure Control Structure.

Motion Carried Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director De Jesus

Votes: Unanimous

7-2 Subject: Appropriate \$190,000; and authorize preliminary design of storm water management improvements at the F. E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant (Approp. 15477)

Presented by: None

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination and
 a. Appropriate \$190,000; and
 b. Authorize preliminary design of storm water management improvements at the Weymouth plant.

Motion Carried Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director De Jesus

Votes: Unanimous

7-3 Subject: Appropriate \$225,000; and authorize seismic assessments of three buildings at the F. E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant (Approp. 15477)

Presented by: None

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination and
 a. Appropriate \$225,000; and
 b. Authorize detailed seismic assessments of the Water Quality Laboratory, Engineering Building, and Central Stores Building at the Weymouth plant.

Motion Carried Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director De Jesus

Votes: Unanimous

7-4 Subject: Appropriate \$620,000; and award \$529,802.09 procurement contract to Multi W Systems, Inc. for service water pumps at the Joseph Jensen Water Treatment Plant (Approp. 15442)

Presented by: None

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination and
 a. Appropriate \$620,000; and
 b. Award \$529,802.09 contract to Multi W Systems, Inc. for procurement of service water pumps for the Jensen plant.

Motion Carried Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director De Jesus

Votes: Unanimous

7-5 Subject: Award \$246,051 procurement contract to MMC, Inc. for base isolators for the Upper Feeder's Santa Ana River Bridge (Approp. 15441)

Presented by: None

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination and award \$246,051 contract to MMC, Inc. to furnish base isolators for the Santa Ana River Bridge.

Motion Carried Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director De Jesus

Votes: Unanimous

7-6 Subject: Appropriate \$580,000; and authorize final design of erosion protection measures for the Whitewater Siphons on the Colorado River Aqueduct (Approp. 15341)

Presented by: None

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determinations and
 a. Appropriate \$580,000;
 b. Authorize final design of erosion protection measures for the Whitewater Siphons; and
 c. Authorize environmental permitting activities for three CRA projects.

Motion Carried Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director De Jesus

Votes: Unanimous

7-7 Subject: Appropriate \$270,000; and authorize final design and procurement to rehabilitate Service Connection G-01 on the Santa Monica Feeder (Approp. 15441)

Presented by: None

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination and
 a. Appropriate \$270,000; and
 b. Authorize final design to rehabilitate Service Connection G-01 on the Santa Monica Feeder.

Motion Carried Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director De Jesus

Votes: Unanimous

7-8 Subject: Authorize amendment to agreement with Power-Tech Engineers, Inc. for the Wadsworth Control and Protection Upgrade Project (Approp. 15467)

Presented by: None

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination and authorize an increase of \$206,000 to the existing agreement with Power-Tech Engineers, Inc., for a new not-to-exceed total of \$504,000.

Motion Carried Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director De Jesus

Votes: Unanimous

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Update on Capital Investment Plan
Presented by: Engineering Services Group Unit Manager Tobin Tellers

Mr. Tellers provided an update on the Capital Investment Plan projects underway for fiscal year 2012/2013 and on the top ten projects through December 2012.

Chief Operating Officer Debra Man stated that we are looking to re-prioritize and accelerate critical capital projects to take advantage of cost-saving opportunities due to the competitive bid market.

- b. Subject: Update on Metropolitan's Seismic Assessment Program
Presented by: Engineering Services Group Team Manager Mike McReynolds

Mr. McReynolds gave an overview of Metropolitan's Seismic Assessment Program and the tools currently being used. An assessment of the headquarters building will be presented at the April Engineering and Operations Committee meeting.

- c. Subject: Update on DWR's Hyatt and Thermalito Facilities
Presented by: Water System Operations Section Manager Lilly Shraibati

Ms. Shraibati gave an update on facility and equipment conditions at the Department of Water Resources Lake Oroville facilities.

- d. Subject: Update on Metropolitan's Infrastructure Security Program
Presented by: Metropolitan Security Manager Derrek Jones

In closed session, Mr. Jones provided an update on facilities security. No action was taken.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Subject: Water System Operations Manager's report
 Presented by: Group Manager Jim Green

Mr. Green provided a brief update on current operations and the recently completed and upcoming shutdowns. He also introduced new Water System Operations Section Manager Robert Cheng.

- b. Subject: Engineering Services Manager's report
 Presented by: Group Manager Gordon Johnson

Mr. Johnson gave a brief update on construction activities taking place at the F. E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant, including the Oxidation Retrofit Program, machine, fabrication, and coating shops, and electrical upgrades.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- An update on the seismic assessment of the headquarters building will be presented at the April meeting.
- Regular updates on DWR's Hyatt and Thermalito facilities will be presented to the committee.

Next meeting will be held on April 8, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Thomas Evans
Chair