

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

September 9, 2013

Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. in Committee Room 2-145 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

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

Members absent: Director Lowenthal.

Other Board members present: Directors Fleming and Kurtz.

Staff present: Arita, H. Beatty, Becerra, Bednarski, Bennion, Burton, Claisse, Dymally, L. Carrillo, Coffey, H. Collins, D. Edwards, Freeman, J. Green, Hattar, G. Johnson, Kightlinger, Krysa, Lambeck, Man, Nobriga, M. Parsons, M. Rojas, Shraibati, Slifko, M. Stewart, 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 MEETING HELD August 19, 2013.

Motion Carried Moved: Director Steiner Seconded: Director Camacho

Votes: Unanimous

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-1 Subject: Appropriate \$5.1 million; and authorize: (1) preliminary design to rehabilitate prestressed concrete cylinder pipe (PCCP) portions of the Second Lower Feeder; (2) agreement with Black & Veatch for engineering services; (3) agreement with ICF International for preparation of environmental documentation; and (4) agreement with DHI, Inc. for a system-wide hydraulic model (Approp. 15471)

Presented by: No presentation was requested.

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is categorically exempt and

- a. Appropriate \$5.1 million;
- b. Authorize preliminary design to rehabilitate PCCP portions of the Second Lower Feeder;
- c. Authorize agreement with Black & Veatch in an amount not to exceed \$1.78 million to provide engineering services;
- d. Authorize increase of \$800,000 to the agreement with ICF International, for a new not-to-exceed total of \$950,000, to prepare environmental documentation; and
- e. Authorize agreement with DHI, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$975,000 to develop a system-wide hydraulic model.

Motion Carried Moved: Director De Jesus Seconded: Director Morris

Votes: Unanimous

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: CIP Quarterly Report for June 2013
Presented by: Engineering Services Group Unit Manager Tobin Tellers

Mr. Tellers provided a progress update on the accomplishments and expenditures for the fiscal year 2012/13 Capital Investment Plan.

- b. Subject: Update on seismic upgrade projects at the Diemer plant
Presented by: Engineering Services Group Principal Engineer Mike Claisse

Mr. Claisse provided an overview of Metropolitan's seismic upgrade work that is in progress to improve the reliability of the Diemer plant.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

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

Mr. Green provided an update on current system operations. Water System Operations Unit Manager Theresa Slifko then provided information on the California Department of Public Health's draft maximum contaminant level for hexavalent chromium.

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

Mr. Johnson provided a report on a planned comprehensive assessment and rehabilitation program of Metropolitan's welded steel, reinforced concrete, and cast iron pipelines.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on October 7, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Thomas Evans
Chair