THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

March 9, 2015

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. in Committee Room 2-145 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Peterson, Vice Chair Blois, Directors Barbre, Beard, Calkins, Camacho (entered at 12:35 p.m.), Dake, De Jesus, Evans, Lefevre, Morris, and Steiner.

Member absent: Director Lowenthal.

Other Board members present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Ackerman, Atwater, Ballin, Dear, Hogan, Kurtz, Lewinger, McKenney, and Tu.

Staff present: Arita, Becerra, Bednarski, G. Boyd, G. Breaux, Campbell, L. Carrillo, Casillas, Claisse, Clark, Coffey, H. Collins, Ghaly, J. Green, Hattar, Hernandez, Jones, Kightlinger, Krysa, Lambeck, A. Lopez, M. Lopez, Man, Nobriga, Parsons, Riss, Rojas, Scully, Shraibati, Spradling, M. Stewart, Takeguchi, Tucker, Upadhyay, and Zinke.

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 FEBRUARY 9, 2015.

Motion:	Carried		
Moved:	Director Steiner	Seconded:	Director Morris
Ayes:	Directors Barbre, Beard, Blois, Calkins, Dake, De Jesus, Evans, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, and Steiner		
Noes:	None		
Abstentions:	None		
Absent:	Directors Camacho and Lowenthal		

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 2 absent.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

7-1 Subject: Appropriate $1.07 million; and authorize replacement of flow meters on the Casa Loma and San Diego Canals (Approp. 15480)

Presented by: None

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

a. Appropriate $1.07 million; and
b. Authorize replacement of flow meters on the Casa Loma and San Diego Canals.

Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director Lefevre

Ayes: Directors Barbre, Beard, Blois, Calkins, Dake, De Jesus, Evans, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, and Steiner

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Camacho and Lowenthal

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 2 absent.

Director Camacho entered the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-4 Subject: Appropriate $3.96 million; award $996,600 contract to Environmental Construction, Inc. for revegetation at the Robert B. Diemer Water Treatment Plant; and authorize: (1) completion activities for the Diemer Oxidation Retrofit Project; and (2) increase of $76,000 to an agreement with Helix Environmental Planning, Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total of $386,000 (Approp. 15389)

Presented by: Engineering Services Group Principal Engineer Michael Claisse

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed projects are exempt from CEQA, and

a. Appropriate $3.96 million;
b. Award $996,600 contract to Environmental Construction, Inc. for revegetation at the Diemer plant;
c. Authorize Metropolitan force completion activities for the Diemer Oxidation Retrofit Project; and
d. Authorize increase of $76,000 to an agreement with Helix Environmental Planning, Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total of $386,000.

Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director Steiner

Ayes: Directors Barbre, Beard, Blois, Calkins, Camacho, Dake, De Jesus, Evans, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, and Steiner

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Director Lowenthal

The motion passed by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

8-5 Subject: Appropriate $3.56 million; award $2.09 million contract to Lasater Construction Company, Inc. to replace wastewater systems at the Julian Hinds and Eagle Mountain Pumping Plants; and authorize increase of $110,000 to an agreement with MWH Americas for a new not-to-exceed total of $1.01 million (Approp. 15385)

Presented by: Engineering Services Group Engineer Ricardo Hernandez

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

a. Appropriate $3.56 million;
b. Award $2.09 million contract to Lasater Construction Company, Inc. to replace the wastewater systems at Julian Hinds and Eagle Mountain Pumping Plants; and
c. Authorize increase of $110,000 to an agreement with MWH Americas, for a new not-to-exceed total of $1.01 million.

Moved: Director Lefevre Seconded: Director Beard

Ayes: Directors Barbre, Beard, Blois, Calkins, Camacho, Dake, De Jesus, Evans, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, and Steiner

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Director Lowenthal

The motion passed by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

8-6 Subject: Authorize execution of a purchase contract with Pacific Air Center in the amount of $2,179,128 for the purchase of a 2015 Model 208 Cessna Caravan aircraft complete with all specified equipment and avionics.

Presented by: Water System Operations Section Manager Glen Boyd

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project and is not subject to CEQA, and authorize execution of a purchase contract with Pacific Air Center in the amount of $2,179,128 for the purchase of a 2015 Model 208 Cessna Caravan aircraft complete with all specified equipment and avionics.

Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director De Jesus

Ayes: Directors Barbre, Beard, Blois, Camacho, Dake, De Jesus, Evans, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, and Steiner

Noes: Director Calkins

Abstentions: None

Absent: Director Lowenthal

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 1 no, 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Update on Colorado River source water protection

Presented by: Water System Operations Engineer Maria Lopez

Ms. Lopez provided an update on key source water protection activities associated with the Colorado River. These efforts include (1) Chromium-6 remediation near Topock, AZ; (2) Perchlorate remediation in Henderson, NV; and (3) Uranium Mill Tailings Cleanup near Moab, UT.

3. 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 operations.

b. Subject: Engineering Services Manager's report

Presented by: Engineering Services Group Manager Gordon Johnson

Mr. Johnson provided an update on the La Verne Shops upgrade project.

4. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

Director Beard requested the number of acres to be revegetated at the Diemer Plant.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on April 13, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Glenn Peterson
Chair