

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

June 13, 2016

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m. in Committee Room 2-145 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Peterson, Vice Chair Blois, Directors Barbre (entered at 12:25 p.m.), Beard, Camacho (entered at 12:19 p.m.), Dick (entered at 12:19 p.m.), De Jesus, Faessel, Galleano (entered at 12:20 p.m.), Lefevre, Morris, Steiner (entered at 12:19 p.m.), and Zurita.

Members absent: Directors Dake and Lowenthal.

Other Board members present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Ackerman, Dear, Hogan, Lewinger, McKenney, Ramos, Touhey, Tu, and Vasquez.

Staff present: Bachelder, Beatty, Benito, Breaux, T. Campbell, C. Chau, Coffey, H. Collins, L. Garcia, J. Green, Hattar, E. Jackson, G. Johnson, Kightlinger, Koch, Krysa, Lambeck, Mares, Pitman, Riss, M. Rojas, Schaffer, Scully, Shraibati, Sims, Spradling, M. Stewart, Tellers, O. Tucker, R. Velasquez, Yamasaki, 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 May 9, 2016.

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

The motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 7 absent.

Directors Camacho, Dick, and Steiner entered the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

7-2 Subject: Appropriate \$310,000; and authorize design and valve procurement to relocate piping for Service Connection OC-76 on the Allen-McColloch Pipeline (Approp. 15480)

Presented by: None

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is categorically exempt from CEQA, and
a. Appropriate \$310,000; and
b. Authorize design and valve procurement to relocate piping for Service Connection OC-76 on the Allen-McColloch Pipeline.

Moved: Director De Jesus Seconded: Director Morris

Ayes: Directors Beard, Blois, Camacho, De Jesus, Dick, Faessel, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, Steiner, and Zurita

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Barbre, Dake, Galleano, and Lowenthal

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 4 absent.

7-3 Subject: Appropriate \$700,000; and award \$343,625 contract to Environmental Construction, Inc. to replace blow-off valves on the Middle Feeder (Approp. 15480)

Presented by: None

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is categorically exempt, and
a. Appropriate \$700,000; and
b. Award \$343,625 contract to Environmental Construction, Inc. to replace blow-off valves on the Middle Feeder.

Moved: Director De Jesus Seconded: Director Morris

Ayes: Directors Beard, Blois, Camacho, De Jesus, Dick, Faessel, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, Steiner, and Zurita

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Barbre, Dake, Galleano, and Lowenthal

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 4 absent.

Director Galleano entered the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Director Barbre entered the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-4 Subject: Appropriate \$10 million; and authorize capital program for projects costing less than \$250,000 for fiscal years 2016/17 and 2017/18 (Approp. 15498)

Presented by: Engineering Services Group Interim Unit Manager Mai Hattar

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed actions are not defined as a project or are categorically exempt from CEQA, and

- a. Appropriate \$10 million for capital projects costing less than \$250,000 for fiscal years 2016/17 and 2017/18;
- b. Authorize the General Manager to initiate capital projects costing less than \$250,000 and perform all required work including the preparation of necessary environmental documentation; and
- c. Designate the General Manager as the decision-making body for purposes of reviewing, approving, and certifying any environmental documentation which may be required for such projects.

Moved: Director Lefevre Seconded: Director Beard

Ayes: Directors Barbre, Beard, Blois, Camacho, De Jesus, Dick, Faessel, Galleano, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, Steiner, and Zurita

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Dake and Lowenthal

The motion passed by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 2 absent.

- 8-5** **Subject:** Appropriate \$2.7 million; and award \$1,885,150 contract to Abhe & Svoboda, Inc. to replace fish screens on the Inlet/Outlet Tower at Diamond Valley Lake (Approp. 15441)
- Presented by:** Engineering Services Group Team Manager Tom Campbell
- Motion:** Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action was previously addressed in the 2014 categorical exemptions and that no further environmental analyses or documentation are required, and
- a. Appropriate \$2.7 million; and
 - b. Award \$1,885,150 contract to Abhe & Svoboda, Inc. to replace the fish screens on the Inlet/Outlet Tower at Diamond Valley Lake.

Moved: Director Steiner **Seconded:** Director Barbre

Ayes: Directors Barbre, Beard, Blois, Camacho, De Jesus, Dick, Faessel, Galleano, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, Steiner, and Zurita

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Dake and Lowenthal

The motion passed by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 2 absent.

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. **Subject:** Status of Thermalito Pumping-Generating Plant Refurbishment
- Presented by:** Water System Operations Section Manager Brent Yamasaki
- Mr. Yamasaki provided an update on the status of the Thermalito Pumping-Generating Plant Refurbishment.

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 operational conditions.

b. Subject: Engineering Services Manager's report

Presented by: Engineering Services Group Manager Gordon Johnson

Mr. Johnson provided updates on the Sepulveda Feeder urgent prestressed concrete cylinder pipe repairs and the La Verne Solar Power Plant.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on July 11, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Glen Peterson
Chair