

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**October 9, 2017**

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m. in Committee Room 2-145 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Peterson, Directors Beard, Camacho, Dake, De Jesus, Dick (entered at 12:52 p.m.), Faessel, Galleano, Lefevre, Morris, Steiner, and Treviño.

Members absent: Vice Chair Blois, Directors Barbre, Gedney, and Zurita.

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

Staff present: Arita, F. Becerra, Benito, G. Boyd, Breaux, Budhia, L. Carrillo, C. Chau, Coffey, H. Collins, Eckstrom, J. Green, I. Hamawi, Hattar, G. Johnson, Kightlinger, Kostelecky, Koch, Krysa, Kuo Brinton, Lai-Bluml, Lambeck, Mares, T. D. Miller, Okano, Palacios, Rochelle, M. Rojas, Roman, Schaeffer, Scully, Shraibati, Sims, Spradling, M. Stewart, Stites, Tellers, Tseng, Tubbs, Upadhyay, T. White, and 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 SEPTEMBER 11, 2017.**

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Beard Seconded: Director Morris

Ayes: Directors Beard, Camacho, Dake, De Jesus, Faessel, Galleano, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, Steiner, and Treviño

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Barbre, Blois, Dick, Gedney, and Zurita

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 5 absent.



Absent: Directors Barbre, Blois, Dick, Gedney, and Zurita

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 5 absent.

**7-3**      Subject:           Adopt CEQA determination and appropriate \$1.12 million; and authorize: (1) design and procurement to replace valves on the West Orange County Feeder; and (2) preliminary design to rehabilitate Service Connection OC-09 (Appropriation No. 15480)

Presented by:       None

Motion:               Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed actions are exempt from CEQA; and

- a. Appropriate \$1.12 million;
- b. Authorize design and procurement to replace valves on the West Orange County Feeder; and
- c. Authorize preliminary design to rehabilitate Service Connection OC-09.

Motion:           Carried

Moved:           Director Morris                                Seconded:    Director Camacho

Ayes:             Directors Beard, Camacho, Dake, De Jesus, Faessel, Galleano, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, Steiner, and Treviño

Noes:             None

Abstentions:     None

Absent:           Directors Barbre, Blois, Dick, Gedney, and Zurita

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 5 absent.

**7-4**      Subject:           Adopt CEQA determination and appropriate \$1.4 million; and award \$787,906 contract to Environmental Construction, Inc. to relocate the turnout for Service Connection OC-76 on the Allen-McColloch Pipeline (Appropriation No. 15480)

Presented by:       None

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

- a. Appropriate \$1.4 million; and
- b. Award \$787,906 contract to Environmental Construction, Inc. to relocate the turnout for Service Connection OC-76 on the Allen-McColloch Pipeline.

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

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 5 absent.

Director Dick entered the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

**8-1**         Subject:             Adopt CEQA determination and appropriate \$4.41 million; and authorize: (1) agreement with Project Partners, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$2,722,000 for deployment of Metropolitan’s Project Controls and Reporting System; and (2) agreement with Oracle Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for procurement of application licenses; and authorize the General Manager to amend the agreement with Project Partners by up to \$250,000 (Appropriation No. 15490)

Presented by: None

Motion:         Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project and is not subject to CEQA, and

- a. Appropriate \$4.41 million;
- b. Authorize agreement with Project Partners, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$2,722,000 for deployment of the Project Controls and Reporting System;
- c. Authorize the General Manager to amend the agreement with Project Partners by up to \$250,000; and
- d. Authorize agreement with Oracle Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for procurement of application licenses.

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

The motion passed by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 4 absent.

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a.       Subject:           Procurement of Valves and Specialized Equipment  
Presented by:       Engineering Services Section Manager Michael Rojas  
Mr. Rojas provided an update on recent industry trends and some current challenges Metropolitan faces in the refurbishment and replacement of specialized equipment.
  
- b.       Subject:           Update on Quagga Mussel Management Plan  
Presented by:       Water System Operations Unit Manager Paul Rochelle  
Mr. Rochelle discussed how Metropolitan has managed the impacts of quagga mussels over the last ten years.

**7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

- a.       Subject:           Water System Operations Manager's report  
Presented by:       Water System Operations Group Manager Jim Green  
Mr. Green provided updates on current operational conditions and the WSO Management Academy.
  
- b.       Subject:           Engineering Services Manager's report  
Presented by:       Engineering Services Group Manager Gordon Johnson  
Mr. Johnson reminded everyone of the upcoming E&O Committee inspection trip on Thursday, November 2.

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Director Treviño requested regular updates on the Security Action Plan.

Next meeting will be held on November 13, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Glen Peterson  
Chair