

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
MINUTES**

ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

February 12, 2018

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m. in Committee Room 2-145 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Peterson, Vice Chair Blois, Directors Beard, Camacho, Dake (entered at 1:43 p.m.), De Jesus, Dick, Faessel, Gedney, Lefevre, Morris, Steiner, and Treviño (entered at 1:42 p.m.).

Members absent: Directors Barbre, Galleano and Zurita.

Other Board members present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Ackerman, Hogan, Kurtz, Lewinger, Murray, Ramos, and Vazquez-Wilson.

Staff present: Becerra, Benito, G. Lai-Bluml, G. Boyd, Breaux, L. Carrillo, Coffey, K. Cole, Collins, Garabetian, J. Green, Guillory, Hattar, E. Jackson, G. Johnson, Kightlinger, Koch, Kostelecky, Krysa, Kuo Brinton, Mares, Molette, J. Nguyen, Nobriga, Okano, Parsons, Pitman, Riss, M. Rojas, Schaffer, Scully, Shraibati, Sims, Stewart, Tellers, Upadhyay, Vandenberg, Yamasaki, and Zinke.

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

Alan Shanahan, President, AFSCME Local 1902, thanked the directors and Metropolitan staff for their continued support. He gave a brief update on Desert housing improvements and stated that employee feedback had been positive.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD JANUARY 8, 2018.

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

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

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

Director Treviño entered the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

Director Dake entered the meeting at 1:43 p.m.

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-2 Subject: Adopt CEQA determination and appropriate \$3.8 million; and award \$2,591,576 contract to Canyon Springs Enterprises (dba RSH Construction) for seismic upgrades to the west washwater tank at the F. E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant (Appropriation No. 15369)

Presented by: Engineering Services Senior Engineer Jorge Alvarado

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action has been previously addressed in the certified 2005 Final EIR, findings, SOC, and MMRP, and that no further environmental analysis or documentation is required, and

- a. Appropriate \$3.8 million; and
- b. Award \$2,591,576 contract to Canyon Enterprises (dba RSH Construction) for seismic upgrades to the west washwater tank at the Weymouth plant.

Moved: Director Lefevre Seconded: Director Treviño

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors, Barbre, Galleano, and Zurita

The motion passed by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent.

Director De Jesus withdrew from the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

8-3 Subject: Adopt CEQA determination and appropriate \$2.3 million; award \$985,000 contract to Unispec Construction, Inc. for water quality instrumentation upgrades at the Joseph Jensen Water Treatment Plant; and authorize increase of \$200,000 to agreement with Arcadis US, Inc., for a new not-to-exceed total of ~~\$365,269~~ **\$400,000** (Appropriation No. 15486)

Presented by: Water System Operations Team Manager Ric Johnston

Director Camacho withdrew from the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

- c. Subject: Update on Desert Housing Renovation Program
Presented by: Metropolitan Assistant General Manager/COO Deven Upadhyay
Water System Operations Section Manager Glen Boyd

Mr. Upadhyay provided some background information on Desert housing and discussed how communication between all parties had greatly improved with the formation of the Desert Housing Work Group.

Mr. Boyd provided an update on the construction and renovation status of the Desert houses. He also reported on the new repair/maintenance request electronic form that was created to quickly report and schedule repairs.

Director Beard withdrew from the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

Director Dick withdrew from the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

7. **MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

- a. Subject: Water System Operations Manager's report
Presented by: Water System Operations Group Manager Jim Green
Item was deferred.
- b. Subject: Engineering Services Manager's report
Presented by: Engineering Services Group Manager Gordon Johnson

Mr. Johnson reported that the Weymouth Ozone Generation building had earned LEED Gold certification.

Chair Peterson announced that Item 7-2 would be heard in open and closed sessions.

- 7-2** Subject: Adopt CEQA determination and appropriate \$1.6 million; authorize final design of physical security improvements at Metropolitan's Headquarters Building; and authorize agreement with IBI Group in an amount not to exceed \$890,000 (Appropriation No. 15499)
[Conference with Metropolitan Assistant Group Manager Bart Koch or designated agent on physical security improvements at Metropolitan's Headquarters Building; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957(a).]
- Presented by: Water System Operations Interim Assistant Group Manager Bart Koch

