THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

February 11, 2019

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Smith, Vice Chair De Jesus, Directors Barbre, Blois, Dick (entered at 12:14 p.m.), Emrani, Faessel, Galleano, Hawkins, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, and Williams (entered at 12:08 p.m.).

Members absent: None.

Other Board members present: Board Chairwoman Gray, Directors Butkiewicz, Cordero, Dake, Hogan, Kurtz, McKenney, Ortega, Record, and Steiner.

Committee staff present: Bednarski, Green, Kightlinger, Parsons, and Upadhyay.

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 JANUARY 7, 2019.

Motion:	Carried		
Moved:	Director Hawkins	Seconded:	Director Galleano
Ayes:	Directors Barbre, Blois, De Jesus, Emrani, Faessel, Galleano, Hawkins, Lefevre, Peterson, and Smith		
Noes:	None		
Abstentions:	Director Morris		
Absent:	Directors Dick and Williams		

The motion passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 no, 1 abstain, and 2 absent.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

Chair Smith recused himself from item 8-1 due to a possible conflict of interest with Black & Veatch and withdrew from the meeting at 12:05 p.m. Vice Chair De Jesus led the meeting in his absence.

Director Williams entered the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

Director Dick entered the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

8-1 Subject: Award $20,975,000 contract to J.F. Shea Construction, Inc., to rehabilitate the Greg Avenue Pump Station; and authorize an agreement with Black & Veatch for a not-to-exceed amount of $900,000 for engineering services during construction; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA.

Presented by: Engineering Services Senior Engineer John Narvaiz

Motion:

a. Award $20,975,000 contract to J.F. Shea Construction Inc., to rehabilitate the Greg Avenue Pump Station; and
b. Authorize an agreement with Black & Veatch, with a not-to-exceed amount of $900,000, for technical support during construction.

Motion:	Carried		
Moved:	Director Faessel	Seconded:	Director Barbre
Ayes:	Directors Barbre, Blois, De Jesus, Dick, Emrani, Faessel, Galleano, Hawkins, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, and Williams		
Noes:	None		
Abstentions:	None		
Absent:	None		
Recusal:	Director Smith		

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

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Blois

Chair Smith returned to the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

8-2 Subject: Award $16,452,832 contract to Baker Electric, Inc. to replace the 6.9 kV power cables at each Colorado River Aqueduct pumping plant; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Water System Operations Section Manager Glen Boyd
Engineering Services Senior Engineer Cristian Ovalle

Motion: Award $16,452,832 contract to Baker Electric, Inc. to replace the 6.9 kV power cables at all five CRA pumping plants

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Lefevre Seconded: Director Barbre

Ayes: Directors Barbre, Blois, De Jesus, Dick, Emrani, Faessel, Galleano, Hawkins, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, Smith and Williams

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

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

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Peterson

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

Chair Smith provided a map of current projects.

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Annual Report on Seismic Resilience Activities

Presented by: Engineering Services Unit Manager John Shamma

Mr. Shamma discussed Metropolitan's seismic resilience strategy as well as recent achievements and near-term activities.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. McKenney
2. Blois
3. Smith

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 Chief Engineer and Group Manager John Bednarski

Mr. Bednarski provided an update on the Regional Recycled Water Program.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on March 11, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Tim Smith
Chair