THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

April 8, 2019

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m. in Committee Room 2-145 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Smith, Vice Chair De Jesus, Directors Barbre, Blois (entered at 10:38 a.m.), Dick, Emrani, Faessel, Galleano, Lefevre (entered at 10:39 a.m.), Morris, Murray (entered at 10:45 a.m.), Ortega, Peterson (entered at 10:41 a.m.), and Williams.

Members absent: None

Other Board members present: Board Chairwoman Gray (entered at 10:55 a.m.), Directors Ackerman, Atwater, Butkiewicz, Cordero, Dake, Gold, Goldberg, Heldman, Hogan, Kurtz, McKenney, Pressman, and Record.

Committee staff present: Bednarski, Kightlinger, Krysa, Parsons, Upadhyay, 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 MARCH 11, 2019.

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Barbre Seconded: Director Faessel

Ayes: Directors Blois, De Jesus, Dick, Emrani, Faessel, Galleano, Lefevre, Morris,

Ortega, Peterson, Smith, and Williams

Noes: None Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Blois, Lefevre, Murray, and Peterson

The motion passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 4 absent.

Director Blois entered the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Director Lefevre entered the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Director Peterson entered the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Director Murray entered the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

7-1 Subject: Authorize replacement of filter valve gearboxes at the Robert A.

Skinner Water Treatment Plant; the General Manager has

determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not

subject to CEQA (Appropriation No. 15509)

Presented by: Water System Operations Unit Manager John Sena

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Blois Seconded: Director Dick

Ayes: Directors Barbre, De Jesus, Dick, Emrani, Faessel, Galleano, Lefevre, Morris,

Ortega, Peterson, Smith, and Williams

Noes: Director Blois

Abstentions: Director Murray

Absent: None

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

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Blois

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-2 Subject: Award a contract to Elite Earthworks & Engineering in an amount

not to exceed \$3.7 million for repair of erosion control features along the Colorado River Aqueduct; authorize design activities to rehabilitate the Whitewater erosion protection structure; and amend an existing agreement with HELIX Environmental Planning, Inc.; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are

exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Engineering Services Unit Manager Tom Campbell

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Blois Seconded: Director Faessel

Ayes: Directors Barbre, Blois, De Jesus, Dick, Emrani, Faessel, Galleano, Lefevre,

Morris, Murray, Ortega, Peterson, Smith, and Williams

Noes: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

The motion passed by a vote of 14 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 0 absent.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Dick

- 2. Gold
- 3. Peterson
- 4. Ortega

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Asset Management Program Overview

Presented by: Operations Support Services Section Manager Sergio Escalante

Mr. Escalante provided an overview of the Asset Management Program.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. McKenney

2. Ortega

b. Subject: Security Update

[Conference with Metropolitan Security Unit Manager Greg Staar, or designated agents on threats to public services or facilities; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957(a)]

Presented by: Team Manager Tomer Benito

In closed session, Mr. Benito provided an update on security.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. Subject: Water System Operations Manager's report

Presented by: Interim Water System Operations Group Manager Brent Yamasaki

Mr. Yamasaki provided updates on current operational conditions, Lake Oroville Operations, and storage with Desert Water Agency and Coachella Valley Water District.

b. Subject: Engineering Services Manager's report

Presented by: None

This item was not presented. Presentation is available to view on Metropolitan's website.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. McKenney

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on May 13, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Tim Smith Chair