

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

November 9, 2020

Chair Smith called the teleconference meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members present: Chair Smith, Vice Chair Treviño, Directors Apodaca, Blois, Camacho, De Jesus, Dick, Galleano, Lefevre, Morris, Murray, Ortega, Peterson, Repenning, and Williams.

Members absent: Director Faessel

Other Board members present: Chairwoman Gray, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Cordero, Goldberg, Hogan, Kurtz, McKenney, Quinn, Ramos, Record, and Tamaribuchi.

Committee staff present: Bednarski, Kightlinger, Parsons, Upadhyay, Word and Yamasaki.

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

1. Kayley – Los Angeles County Resident - In support of 7-3 Regional Recycled Water Program
2. Lauren Ahkiam – Director, Water Campaign – Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy -In support of 7-3 Regional Recycled Water Program
3. Amardeep Gill - Los Angeles County Resident - In support of 7-3 Regional Recycled Water Program
4. Arthur Pugsley – LA Waterkeeper - In support of 7-3 Regional Recycled Water Program
5. Conner Everts - Southern California Watershed Alliance – Vote Option 2 on 7-4 Regional Recycled Water Program
6. Rob Beste – Water Replenishment District - In support of 7-3 Regional Recycled Water Program
7. Brittney – Los Angeles County Resident -In support of Regional Recycled Water Program
8. Robert Ferrante –Los Angeles County Sanitation District - In support of Regional Recycled Water Program
9. Nicole – Los Angeles County Resident - In support of 7-3 and 7-4 Regional Recycled Water Program
10. Tony Zampiello– Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster - In support of 7-3 and 7-4 Regional Recycled Water Program
11. Tom Love – Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District -In support of Regional Recycled Water Program
12. Cameron – Los Angeles County Resident - In support of 7-3 Regional Recycled Water Program
13. Luke Ginger - Heal the Bay - In support of 7-3 and 7-4 Regional Recycled Water Program

14. Michael Quill - LA Waterkeeper - In support of 7-3 and 7-4 Regional Recycled Water Program
15. Cori Bell - Natural Resources Defense Council - In support of 7-3 Regional Recycled Water Program
16. Matt Litchfield - Three Valleys Municipal Water District - In support of 7-3 Regional Recycled Water Program
17. Charles Wilson - Southern California Water Coalition - In support of Regional Recycled Water Program
18. No Name - Building Trades - In support of 7-3 and 7-4 Regional Recycled Water Program

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Adjourned Engineering and Operations Committee held October 12, 2020.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

- 7-1 Subject: Authorize an increase of \$150,000 in change order authority to a procurement contract to furnish valves for the F. E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
- Presented None
by:
- Motion: Authorize an increase of \$150,000 in change order authority for Contract No. 1867 with Crispin Valve, LLC to furnish rubber-lined butterfly valves

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Dick
2. Smith

7-2 Subject: Award \$2,435,000 contract to J.F. Shea Construction, Inc. for relining of Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe (PCCP) within a portion of the Allen-McColloch Pipeline (AMP); the General Manager has determined that the AMP PCCP rehabilitation project is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA; authorize an increase of \$2.1 million to an agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$6.5 million for engineering design services for the Sepulveda Feeder PCCP rehabilitation; authorize an increase of \$150,000 to an agreement with Helix Environmental Planning, Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$2.25 million to prepare environmental documentation for the Sepulveda Feeder PCCP rehabilitation; and adopt CEQA determination that the Sepulveda Feeder rehabilitation project was previously addressed in the certified 2017 Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe Rehabilitation Program Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report

Presented by: Engineer Chao Wong

Motion: Award \$2,435,000 contract to J.F. Shea Construction, Inc. for PCCP relining of approximately 1,200 feet of the Allen-McColloch Pipeline; Authorize a \$2.1 million increase to an agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$6.5 million; Authorize a \$150,000 increase to an agreement with Helix Environmental Planning Inc., for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$2.25 million; and Adopt CEQA determination that the Sepulveda Feeder rehabilitation project was previously addressed in the Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe Rehabilitation Program Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report certified in 2017

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Ortega

7-3 Subject: Authorize preparation of environmental documentation and technical studies, and public outreach activities for the Regional Recycled Water Program; and amend agreement with National Water Research Institute to facilitate additional technical workshops related to the Program's Demonstration Plant; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Engineering Services Regional Recycled Water Program Manager
Bruce Chalmers, Engineering Services Chief Engineer and Group
Manager John Bednarski, and Chief Operating Officer Deven Upadhyay

Motion: Authorize preparation of environmental documentation and technical studies, and public outreach activities for the Regional Recycled Water Program. Authorize an increase of \$200,000 to an existing agreement with National Water Research Institute, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$445,000 for specialized services.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Hogan
2. Peterson
3. Repenning
4. Hogan
5. Smith
6. Lefevre
7. Goldberg
8. Ortega
9. Record
10. Gray

7-4 Subject: Authorize an amendment to an existing agreement with County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County and a new agreement with Southern Nevada Water Authority to support continued evaluation and development of the Regional Recycled Water Program; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Chief Operating Officer Deven Upadhyay

Motion: a. Authorize an amendment to agreement with County Sanitation District No. 2, of Los Angeles County, and
b. Authorize an agreement with Southern Nevada Water Authority to support the development of the Regional Recycled Water Program

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Hogan
2. Kurtz
3. Treviño
4. Quinn
5. Ortega
6. Smith
7. Dick

7-5 Subject: Authorize an increase of \$600,000 in change order authority for the contract to rehabilitate the Greg Avenue Pump Station; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: None

Motion: Authorize increase of \$600,000 in change order authority for rehabilitation of the Greg Avenue Pump Station, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,648,750

7-6 Subject: Authorize an agreement with Securitas to provide security guard services for a maximum period of five years at a total cost not to exceed \$55 million; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: None

Motion: Authorize entering into an agreement with Securitas to provide security services for a five-year contract for a maximum payable total of \$55 million

Director Repenning recused herself from Agenda item 7-2 due to CDM Smith being a subcontractor in which she has performed consulting services for within the past 12 months. She will enter the zoom waiting area until completion of the agenda item.

Director Williams recused himself from Agenda item 7-3. He represents the West Basin Municipal Water District on the Executive Committee MWRI. For this reason, he will enter the zoom waiting area until completion of the agenda item.

After completion of the presentation, Director Morris made a motion, seconded by Director De Jesus, to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A, 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, 7-4, 7-5 and 7-6:

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Apodaca, Blois, Camacho, De Jesus, Dick, Galleano, Lefevre, Morris, Murray, Ortega, Peterson Repenning, Smith and Williams

Noes: None

Abstentions: Chair Smith on 7-3 and 7-4

Absent: Director Faessel; Directors Repenning (Recusal on 7-2) and Williams (Recusal on 7-3)

The motion for Item 2A, 7-1, 7-5 and 7-6 passed by a vote of 14 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstention, and 1 absent.

The motion for Item 7-2 passed by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstention, and 2 absent.

The motion for Item 7-3 passed by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstention, and 2 absent.

The motion for Item 7-4 passed by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstention, and 1 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

None

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Subject: Water System Operations Manager's report
Presented by: Water System Operations Group Manager Brent Yamasaki

Mr. Yamasaki reported on current operational conditions, upcoming shutdowns, and Southern California fires.

- b. Subject: Engineering Services Manager's report
Presented by: Engineering Services Chief Engineer and Group Manager
John Bednarski

Mr. Bednarski reported on construction and procurement contracts, ongoing capital projects, the 2020 E&O virtual field inspection trip, and the Etiwanda test facility virtual presentation.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

1. Under what circumstances is Metropolitan obligated to pay steel tariff costs related to the purchase of valves?
2. Concerns were expressed regarding environmental remediation at the FORCO site, a potential location for the regional recycled water program's advanced treatment facilities.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on January 11, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Tim Smith
Chair