

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

January 11, 2021

Chair Smith called the teleconference meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Members present: Chair Smith, Vice Chair Treviño, Directors Apodaca (entered after roll call), Blois, De Jesus, Dick, Faessel, Galleano, Lefevre, Morris, Murray, Ortega (entered after roll call), Peterson, and Williams.

Members absent: Directors Camacho and Repenning.

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

Committee staff present: Bednarski, Kightlinger, Okano, Scully, Upadhyay, and Yamasaki.

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

None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Engineering and Operations Committee held November 9, 2020.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

7-2 Subject: Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Colorado River Aqueduct Conduit Structural Protection Project and take related CEQA actions

Presented by: None

Motion: Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Colorado River Aqueduct Conduit Structural Protection Project and take related CEQA actions.

7-3 Subject: Award \$448,900 contract to MCL Constructors, Inc. to make improvements to the Lake Mathews Disaster Recovery Facility; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: None

Motion: Award \$448,900 contract to MCL Constructors, Inc. to improve the Disaster Recovery Facility.

No presentations were given, Director Dick made a motion, seconded by Director Faessel, to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A, 7-2, and 7-3:

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Blois, De Jesus, Dick, Faessel, Galleano, Lefevre, Morris, Murray, Ortega, Peterson, Smith, Treviño and Williams

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Apodaca, Camacho and Repenning

The motion for Items 2a, 7-2, and 7-3 passed by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstention, and 3 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Innovations in 3D Surveying and Design Modeling
 Presented by: Engineering Services Unit Manager Julio Castillo

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Blois
2. Smith

- b. Subject: Colorado River Source Water Protection Update
 Presented by: Water System Operations Unit Manager Maria T. Lopez

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Hogan
2. Dick

- c Subject: 2020 System Operations: A Year in Review
 Presented by: Water System Operations Engineer Miluska Propersi

The following Director provided comments or asked questions:

1. Blois

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

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

Mr. Yamasaki added that because of increased medical use due to COVID-19, one of Metropolitan's two suppliers of liquid oxygen, used for producing ozone at the water treatment plants, may be limited to 80% of deliveries. This situation is being monitored closely and there are multiple alternatives being pursued.

- b. Subject: Engineering Services Manager's report

Presented by: Engineering Services Chief Engineer and Group Manager
 John Bednarski

Mr. Bednarski reported on the impacts of COVID-19 on several current construction projects.

The following Director provided comments or asked questions:

1. Dick

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on February 8, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Tim Smith
Chair