

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

February 8, 2021

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

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

Members absent: None

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

Committee staff present: Bednarski, Kightlinger, Molette, 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 January 11, 2021.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

7-1 Subject: Award \$2,418,149 contract to Metro Builders & Engineers Group, Ltd. to upgrade the sodium hypochlorite feed system at the Garvey Reservoir; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: None

Motion: Award \$2,418,149 contract to Metro Builders & Engineers Group, Ltd. for sodium hypochlorite feed system upgrades at Garvey Reservoir.

No presentations were given, Director Peterson made a motion, seconded by Director Blois, to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A and 7-1:

The vote was:

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

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

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Annual Report on Seismic Resilience Activities
Presented by: Engineering Services Principal Engineer Ernie Ariza

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Blois
2. Peterson
3. Smith

- b. Subject: Update on Metropolitan's Headquarters Building Construction
Presented by: Engineering Services Associate Engineer Ankit Patel

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

None

- c. Subject: Metropolitan's Health and Safety Program Update
 Presented by: Water System Operations Safety & Regulatory Services Section
 Manager Dan Guillory

The following Director provided comments or asked questions:

- 1. Peterson

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; ensuring continual system reliability during shutdowns; the extensive CRA shutdown during the month of February performing annual maintenance & inspections; the recent telecommunication disruption at Diemer plant and lastly, congratulating Heather Collins for being elected as the new Vice President for American Water Works Association (AWWA).

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

Mr. Bednarski reported on the construction & procurement contracts as of Dec 2020, CRA Shutdown activities, the improvements on the drainage and erosion at Garvey Reservoir, and shared a short video of delivery and installation of a surge tank at Greg Avenue pumping plant.

The following Director provided comments or asked questions:

- 1. Williams
- 2. Peterson

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on March 8, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Tim Smith
Chair