

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**March 8, 2021**

Chair Smith called the teleconference meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

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

Members absent: Directors Apodaca, and Repenning.

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

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

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

1. Mike Maxwell - Arcadis U.S., Inc. - in support of Item 7-1
2. Carolyn Reeves - AECOM Technical Services - listening in on the Regional Recycled Water Program

**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 February 8, 2021.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

7-1            Subject:            Authorize an agreement with Arcadis U.S., Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$950,000 for engineering design services to rehabilitate Garvey Reservoir and an agreement with Rincon Consultants, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 to prepare associated CEQA documentation; the General Manager has determined that this proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by:    None

Motion:            Authorize an agreement with Arcadis U.S., Inc., in amount not to exceed \$950,000 for engineering services to rehabilitate Garvey Reservoir; and authorize an agreement with Rincon Consultants, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for CEQA documentation

Director Murray left the meeting.

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

The vote was:

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Apodaca, Murray, and Repenning

The motion for Items 2A and 7-1 passed by a vote of 11 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: Regional Recycled Water Program Quarterly Update: Overview of FORCO site for advanced water treatment facilities
- Presented by: Program Manager for Regional Recycled Water Program Bruce Chalmers

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Smith
2. Peterson
3. Hogan
4. Lefevre

- b. Subject: Capital Investment Plan Quarterly report for period ending  
December 2020

Presented by: Engineering Services Principal Engineer James Hong

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Smith
2. Goldberg

## **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; dry-year actions; ensuring continued system reliability during shutdowns; safe completion of leak repair on the Upper Feeder during the Lake Mathews shutdown; staff injury at Lake Mathews; commitment to field safety; and effects of recent extreme weather events in Texas and actions taken by Metropolitan in response.

- 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 as of January 2021; CRA shutdown progress, including new radial gates and discharge couplings projects; and staff development program Career Launch 2020/21.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Smith
2. Lefevre

## **8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Next meeting will be held on April 12, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Tim Smith  
Chair