

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

May 10, 2021

Chair Smith called the teleconference meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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

Members absent: Directors Apodaca, Lefevre, and Repenning.

Other Board members present: Chairwoman Gray, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Erdman, Goldberg, Hogan, Kurtz, Ortega, Quinn, 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

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 April 12, 2021.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

7-4 Subject: Authorize an increase of \$200,000 in change order authority for the contract to rehabilitate the Greg Avenue Pump Station; and authorize an increase of \$350,000 to an agreement with Black and Veatch, Inc. for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$1,250,000 for engineering support; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: None

Motion: a. Authorize increase of \$200,000 in change order authority for rehabilitation of the Greg Avenue Pump Station, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,848,750.
b. Authorize increase of \$350,000 to the agreement with Black & Veatch for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$1,250,000.

- 7-5 Subject: Award a \$2,022,000 contract to R2BUILD to upgrade the flow monitoring station at Mile 12 of the Colorado River Aqueduct; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
- Presented by: None
- Motion: Award \$2,022,000 contract to R2BUILD to upgrade the flow monitoring equipment at Mile 12 along the Colorado River Aqueduct.

Director Morris stated that he will not be participating in the vote for Agenda Item 7-4.

Director Smith stated that Agenda Item 7-4 involves authorization to increase an agreement for Black & Veatch and as he currently owns Black & Veatch stock, is recusing himself from Agenda Item 7-4.

Director Blois made a motion, seconded by Director Camacho, to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A, 7-4 and 7-5:

The vote was:

- Ayes: Directors Blois, Camacho, De Jesus, Dick, Faessel, Galleano, Morris (Items 2A and 7-5), Murray, Peterson, Smith (Items 2A and 7-5), and Williams
- Noes: None
- Not voting: Morris (Item 7-4)
- Recusal: Smith (Item 7-4)
- Abstentions: None
- Absent: Directors Apodaca, Lefevre, and Repenning.

The motion for Items 2A and 7-5, passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 3 absent.

The motion for Item 7-4, passed by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 noes, 1 not voting, 1 recusal, 0 abstentions, and 3 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Innovative Research at the Advanced Purification Center
- Presented by: Water System Operations Team Manager George Di Giovanni, and
Water System Operations Principal Engineer Joyce Lehman

Mr. Di Giovanni and Ms. Lehman reported on the following:

- Demonstration Project Overview.
- Advanced Water Treatment.
- Microbial Testing.
- Industry Benefits and Collaboration.
- Current Testing and Next Steps.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Morris
2. Ortega
3. Smith

- b. Subject: Update on Indoor Air Quality Ventilation Improvements
- Presented by: Water System Operations Interim Section Manager Victor Erikson

Mr. Erikson reported on the following:

- Metropolitan meets or exceeds industry indoor air quality guidelines at all facilities.
- Improvements for COVID-19 prevention.
- Indoor air quality enhancements beyond industry guidelines.
- Proposed indoor air quality enhancement plan to support COVID-19 return-to-work.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. De Jesus
2. Abdo
3. Smith

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on June 7, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Tim Smith
Chair