

# THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## MINUTES

### ENGINEERING, OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

October 7, 2024

Vice Chair Camacho called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Directors Alvarez, Bryant, Camacho, Dennstedt (teleconference posted location), Erdman (teleconference posted location), Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Lefevre (teleconference posted location), McMillan, Miller (entered after roll call), Morris, Petersen (entered after roll call), Seckel, and Smith (teleconference posted location).

Members absent: Crawford.

Other board members present: Chair Ortega, Directors Ackerman, Goldberg, Gray (teleconference location posted), Lewitt, and Pressman (teleconference location posted).

Committee staff present: Chapman, Hattar, Linares, Nobriga, Parsons, and Wheeler.

#### 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 Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee for September 9, 2024.

#### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION

- 7-1** Subject: Award a \$589,957 procurement contract to Vogt Valves for one sleeve valve to be installed at the Red Mountain Pressure Control Structure in the Skinner service area; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: No presentation requested

Motion: Award a \$589,957 procurement contract to Vogt Valves to furnish one 42-inch diameter stainless steel sleeve valve for the Red Mountain Pressure Control Structure.

**7-2** Subject: Award a \$1,833,650 construction contract to Power Engineering Construction Company for San Diego Canal Concrete Liner Rehabilitation; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: No presentation requested

Motion: Award a \$1,833,650 contract to Power Engineering Construction Company to rehabilitate the San Diego Canal at one location.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Smith

Staff responded to Director's questions and comments.

**7-3** Subject: Award a \$448,000 contract to Heed Engineering to provide construction materials to support the construction of the helicopter hydrant facility at the Robert B. Diemer Water Treatment Plant; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: No presentation requested

Motion: Award a \$448,000 contract to Heed Engineering to provide construction materials and install reinforcing steel to support the construction of the helicopter hydrant facility at the Diemer plant.

Director Morris made a motion, seconded by Director McMillan, to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A, 7-1, 7-2, and 7-3.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Alvarez, Bryant, Camacho, Dennstedt, Erdman, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Lefevre, McMillan, Morris, Seckel, and Smith.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Crawford, Miller, and Petersen

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

**\*\* END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS \*\***

Directors Petersen and Miller entered the meeting.

#### **4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

Item 8-1 was deferred.

Director Smith recused himself on Item 8-2, as he currently owns Black & Veatch stock.

**8-2**    Subject:        Authorize on-call agreements with Black & Veatch Corporation, Burns & McDonnell Western Enterprises Inc., HDR Inc., and Stantec Consulting Services Inc., in amounts not to exceed \$3 million each, for a maximum of three years, for engineering services to support zero-emission vehicle infrastructure upgrades at Metropolitan facilities; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by:    Jeany Wong, Senior Engineer, Engineering Services Group

Motion:            Authorize on-call agreements with Black & Veatch Corporation, Burns & McDonnell Western Enterprises Inc., HDR Inc., and Stantec Consulting Services Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$3 million each, for a maximum period of three years, to provide design and support services related to the ZEV infrastructure upgrades at Metropolitan facilities.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Erdman
2. Fong-Sakai

Staff responded to Directors' questions and comments.

Director Petersen made a motion, seconded by Director Seckel, to approve Item 8-2.

The vote was:

Ayes:                Directors Alvarez, Bryant, Camacho, Dennstedt, Erdman, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Lefevre, McMillan, Miller, Morris, Petersen, and Seckel.

Noes:                None

Abstentions:       None

Recusals:           Director Smith

Absent:              Director Crawford

The motion for Item 8-2 passed by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstention, 1 recusal, and 1 absent.

#### **5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

## 6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a.           **Subject:**                 Update on District Housing and Property Improvements Program
- Presented by:**      Gonzalo Barriga, Jr., interim Chief of Safety, Security and Protection, Office of the General Manager

Mr. Barriga reported on the following:

- District Housing & Property Improvements Program
- Updates on community planning efforts to create a long-term housing strategy for the next 75 years

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Seckel
2. Miller
3. Fong-Sakai
4. Smith
5. Faessel
6. Ortega

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

- b. Subject: Construction and Shop Services to Ensure Metropolitan's Readiness and Resilience
- Presented by: Justin Thompson, Unit Manager Construction Services, Integrated Operations, Planning and Support Services Group, and Michael Eftychiou, Unit Manager Manufacturing Services, Integrated Operations, Planning and Support Services Group

Messrs. Thompson and Eftychiou reported on the following:

- Construction Services Unit & Manufacturing Services Unit Overview
- Overview of the construction and manufacturing services unit in water system operations including ongoing planning and emergency preparedness for responding to two simultaneous pipe breaks (two emergencies).

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Seckel
2. Faessel
3. Morris
4. Miller
5. Ortega

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

## 7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. **Subject:** Engineering Services, Information Technology, and Water System Operations Activities
- Presented by:** John Bednarski, Interim Assistant General Manager and Shane Chapman, Assistant General Manager

Mr. Bednarski reported on the following:

- Update on EO&T Committee Annual Field Inspection Trip
- Singapore Public Utilities Board Water Leaders Program visit
- Water Collaborative Delivery Association Training event

Mr. Chapman reported on the following:

- Managing State Water Project supplies
- Ensuring continued system reliability
- Collaboration efforts between Department of Water Resources and Metropolitan
- Recent ruling on fluoridation in drinking water

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Camacho
2. Ortega
3. McMillan
4. Smith
5. Fong-Sakai

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

## 8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Pure Water Southern California and Regional Conveyance

Director Morris provided the report.

## 9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

## **10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held on November 18, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Michael Camacho  
Vice Chair