

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ENGINEERING, OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

December 9, 2024

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

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

Members absent: Directors Crawford and Faessel,

Other board members present: Chair Ortega, Directors Ackerman, Armstrong, Dick, Goldberg, Gray (teleconference posted location), Kurtz, Lewitt, McCoy, and Ramos.

Committee staff present: Bednarski, Chapman, Eckstrom, Hattar, Nobriga, Parsons, Upadhyay, Wheeler, and Word.

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 Special Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee for November 18, 2024.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION

7-2 Subject: Award a \$588,000 contract to Heed Engineering for construction of new drainage control improvements at the Lake Skinner dam.

Presented by: No presentation requested.

Motion: Award a \$588,000 contract to Heed Engineering for construction of drainage control improvements at the Lake Skinner dam.

Director Morris made a motion, seconded by Director Bryant, to approve items 2A and 7-2.

The vote was:

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Crawford, Faessel, and McMillan

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

No Directors provided comments or asked questions.

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

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

Director McMillan entered the meeting.

- 8-1** Subject: Approve additional funding, in an amount not to exceed \$35 million over the next two years (Fiscal Years 2024/2025 and 2025/2026), to support the Zero-Emission Vehicle Transition Program at Metropolitan and partially mitigate high operational risk.
- Presented by: Ron Taraporewala, Program Manager, Operations Support Services, Integrated Operations Planning & Support Services Group
- Motion: Approve additional funding, in an amount not to exceed \$35 million over the next two years (Fiscal Years 2024/2025 and 2025/2026), to support the Zero-Emission Vehicle Transition Program at Metropolitan and partially mitigate high operational risk.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Seckel
2. Dennstedt
3. Smith
4. Fong-Sakai
5. Camacho
6. Miller
7. Petersen
8. Dick
9. Erdman
10. Fong-Sakai

Staff responded to Directors' questions and comments.

After completion of the presentation, Director Petersen made a motion, seconded by Director Camacho, to approve item 8-1.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Alvarez, Bryant, Dennstedt, Erdman, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Lefevre, McMillan, Miller, Morris, Petersen, Seckel, and Smith.
Noes: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: Directors Crawford and Faessel

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

8-2 Subject: Authorize entering into one or more agreements to accept up to \$125,472,855 in grant funding from the United States Bureau of Reclamation through the WaterSMART Large-Scale Water Recycling Program for Pure Water Southern California.
Presented by: Bruce Chalmers, Program Manager, Pure Water Southern California, Engineering Services Group
Motion: Authorize entering into one or more agreements with the United States Bureau of Reclamation to accept up to \$125,472,855 in grant funding through the WaterSMART Large-Scale Water Recycling Program.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Morris
2. Goldberg
3. Alvarez

Staff responded to Directors' questions and comments.

After completion of the presentation, Director Morris 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, Seckel, and Smith.
Noes: None
Abstentions: None
Recusals: None
Absent: Directors Crawford and Faessel

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

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Capital Investment Plan Quarterly Report for period ending September 2024
Presented by: Jeffrey Nikolas, Senior Engineer, Engineering Services Group, responded to director questions.

Mr. Nikolas reported on the following:

- Informational summary of the report that was provided in the board packet.

No Directors provided comments or asked questions.

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:

- Hinds, Eagle Mountain & Iron Mountain storage buildings construction progress.

Mr. Chapman reported on the following:

- Managing State Water Project supplies.
- December operations and current operational conditions.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

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

There was no report.

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on January 13, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Dennis Erdman
Chair