

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**April 11, 2022**

Chair Smith called the teleconference meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Members present: Chair Smith, Directors Blois, Camacho, De Jesus, Dick, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, and Williams

Members absent: Directors Apodaca and Repenning

Other Board members present: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Cordero, Dennstedt, Erdman, Fellow, Gray, McCoy, Miller, Record, and Tamaribuchi

Committee staff present: Bednarski, Chapman, Hagekhalil, Burrola, Rohen, 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 Engineering and Operations Committee held March 7, 2022

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

Director Smith announced that Item 7-5 would be voted on separately.

- 7-4 Subject: Authorize an agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$8.5 million to replace the control system at the Mills Water Treatment Plant and amend an existing agreement with CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. for a not-to exceed amount of \$4.435 million; the General Manager has determined that this proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Mike Claisse, Team Manager, Engineering Services Group

- Motion:
- a. Authorize an agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$8.5 million for design and equipment procurement to upgrade the control system at the Mills plant.
  - b. Authorize an increase of \$1.95 million to an agreement with CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$4.435 million to provide specialized technical support for the upgrade

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

- 1. Faessel
- 2. Camacho
- 3. Miller
- 4. Peterson

Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

- 7-6 Subject: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed project was previously addressed in the approved 2014 Mitigated Negative Declaration and related CEQA action and (1) award a \$17,226,250 contract to Spiniello Infrastructure West, Inc. to replace the lining in a portion of the Orange County Feeder; and (2) authorize the General Manager to enter into a new 24-month lease agreement, with an 18-month option to extend, at 2750 Bristol Street in Costa Mesa, CA (Assessor's Parcel No. 418 182-05) in an amount not to exceed \$360,000 for use as a construction staging and storage site

Presented by: Sam Mouawad, Principal Engineer, Engineering Services Group

- Motion: Adopt CEQA determination that the proposed project was previously addressed in the approved 2014 Mitigated Negative Declaration and related CEQA documentation, and that no further environmental analysis or documentation is required and a. Award a \$17,226,250 contract to Spiniello Infrastructure West, Inc. to reline a portion of the Orange County Feeder. b. Authorize General Manager to enter into a new 24-month lease agreement with an 18-month option to extend at 2750 Bristol Street in Costa Mesa, CA (Assessor's Parcel No. 418 182-05) in an amount not to exceed \$360,000

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Faessel
2. Miller
3. Dick
4. Camacho
5. Morris

Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

Director Camacho made a motion, seconded by Director Blois, to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A, 7-4, and 7-6.

The vote was:

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Apodaca and Repenning

The motion for Items 2A, 7-4, and 7-6 passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent.

7-5 Subject: Appropriate \$600 million for projects identified in the Capital Investment Plan for Fiscal Years 2022/23 and 2023/24 and authorize the General Manager to initiate or proceed with work on capital projects identified in the Capital Investment Plan for Fiscal Years 2022/23 and 2023/24 and Minor Capital Projects to be identified during the biennial period, subject to any limits on the General Manager's authority and CEQA requirements; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: James Hong, Principal Engineer, Engineering Services Group

Motion: a. Appropriate \$600 million for projects identified in the CIP appendix for FYs 2022/23 and 2023/24.  
b. Authorize the General Manager to initiate or continue work on the capital projects described in the CIP Appendix for FYs 2022/23 and 2023/24 and Minor Capital Projects to be identified during the biennial period, subject to any limits on the General Manager's authority and CEQA requirements.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Faessel
2. Fong-Sakai
3. Blois
4. Peterson

Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

Director Peterson made a motion, seconded by Director Morris, to approve the consent calendar consisting of item 7-5.

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Blois, De Jesus, Dick, Faessel, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, and Williams
Noes:	None
Abstentions:	Fong-Sakai and Smith
Absent:	Apodaca and Repenning
Not Voting:	Camacho

The motion for Item 7-5 passed by a vote of 8 ayes, 0 noes, 2 abstentions, 2 absent, and 1 not voting.

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

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**  
NONE

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**  
NONE

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Subject: Overview of Arc Flash Safety Planning  
Deferred to May

## **7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

- a.           Subject:           Water System Operations Manager's report  
Presented by:       Brent Yamasaki, Water System Operations, Group Manager

Mr. Yamasaki reported on the following:

- Continuing operational actions to address the record drought
- Extending CRA 8-pump flow in 2022 for additional water reliability
- MWD PFAS monitoring update
- Innovative powerplant repair to preserve \$1.5M of hydropower revenue

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

Mr. Bednarski reported on the following:

- Price escalation Trends for Public Works Contracts
- Alternative Project Delivery legislation testimony
- Garvey Reservoir
  - Drainage & Erosion Control project
  - Hypochlorite System upgrade project
- SWP Dependent Area Solutions Update
  - Drought Action Planning and Development Workshop

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

NONE

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

NONE

The next meeting will be held on May 9, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Tim Smith  
Chair