

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

October 10, 2022

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

Members present: Chair Smith, Vice Chair Blois, Directors Apodaca (entered after roll call), Camacho, De Jesus, Faessel (entered after roll call), Fong-Sakai, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, Repenning and Williams

Members absent: Director Dick

Other Board members present: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Cordero, Dennstedt, Erdman, Fellow, Gray, Jung, Kurtz, Miller, Ortega, Pressman, Ramos, Record, Sutley and Tamaribuchi

Committee staff present: Bednarski, Chapman, Hagekhalil, Figures, Parsons, and Yamasaki

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

1. Ernesto Medrano, OC/LA County Building and Construction Trades Council – In support of Item 7-2
2. James Elmendorf, Associated Builders & Contractors, Southern California Chapter – In support of Item 7-2
3. Haley Potiker, Resident of Los Angeles – In support of Item 7-2
4. Kristen Schwarz, Resident of Los Angeles – In support of Item 7-2
5. Alexandra Torres, W.I.N.T.E.R – In support of Item 7-2
6. Vishan Pashto, OC/LA County Building and Construction Trades Council – In support of Item 7-2
7. Amardeep Gill, Resident of Los Angeles – In support of Item 7-2
8. Luis Aleman, OC Labor Federation – In support of Item 7-2
9. Caty Wagner, Sierra Club California – In support of Item 7-2
10. Chris Hannan, OC/LA County Building and Construction Trades Council – In support of Item 7-2
11. Lauren Ahkiam, Water Projects L.A. Alliance for New Economy – In support of Item 7-2

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering and Operations Committee held September 12, 2022

Chair Smith recused himself from item 7-3 due to the fact that he currently owns Black & Veatch stock.

Chair Smith delegated meeting over to Vice Chair Blois

Director Faessel entered the meeting

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

7-2 Subject: Authorize the General Manager to sign a Project Labor Agreement with the Los Angeles and Orange Counties Building and Construction Trade Council, the Riverside and San Bernardino Counties Building and Construction Trades Council, the San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council, the Tri-Counties Building and Construction Trades Council, and the signatory Unions and approve its use as a bid condition for select construction contracts within the Capital Investment Plan for a term of five years; and authorize an agreement with Parsons Constructors, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$5,750,000 to administer the Project Labor Agreement; the General Manager has determined that this proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: John Vrsalovich, Team Manager, Engineering Services Group

Motion:

- a. Authorize the General Manager to sign a PLA with the trade councils of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego Counties and the Tri-Counties and the signatory unions, and approve its use as a bid condition for select construction contracts within the Capital Investment Plan for a term of five years.
- b. Authorize an agreement with Parsons Constructors, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$5,750,000 to administer the PLA.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions

1. Faessel
2. Miller
3. Blois
4. Repenning

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

Director Apodaca entered the meeting.

- 7-3** Subject: Authorize an agreement with MWA Architects in an amount not to exceed \$990,000 for preliminary design of new warehouse facilities at Metropolitan's La Verne site; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
- Presented by: Denise Allen, Senior Engineer, Engineering Services Group
- Motion: Authorize an agreement with MWA Architects, in an amount not to exceed \$990,000, for preliminary design of La Verne warehouse facilities.
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- 7-4** Subject: Authorize on-call agreements with Brown and Caldwell, CDM Smith, Inc., Carollo Engineers, Inc., Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., and Parsons Transportation Group, in amounts not to exceed \$10 million each, for a maximum of five years for engineering services; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
- Presented by: James Spicer, Unit Manager, Engineering Services Group
- Motion: Authorize on-call agreements with Brown and Caldwell, CDM Smith, Inc., Carollo Engineers, Inc., Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., and Parsons Transportation Group, in amounts not to exceed \$10 million each, for a maximum period of five years for engineering services.

The following Director provided comments or asked questions

1. Erdman

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

- 7-5** Subject: Authorize on-call agreements with MARRS Services, Inc., Butier Engineering, Inc., and Berg & Associates, Inc., in amounts not to exceed \$6.7 million, \$4.4 million, and \$3.5 million, respectively, for a maximum of three years for construction management and inspection services to support board-authorized Capital Investment Plan projects; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
- Presented by: David Yanez, Unit Manager, Engineering Services Group
- Motion: Authorize on-call agreements with: (1) MARRS Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$6.7 million; (2) Butier Engineering, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$4.4 million; and (3) Berg & Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$3.5 million for construction management and inspection services, each with a duration of three years.

Director Camacho made a motion, seconded by Director Repenning, to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A, 7-2, 7-3, 7-4, and 7-5.

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Apodaca, Blois, Camacho, De Jesus, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, LeFevre, Morris, Peterson, Repenning, Smith, and Williams
Noes:	Blois (7-2)
Abstentions:	None
Recusal	Smith (7-3)
Absent:	Director Dick

The motion for Item 2A, 7-4, and 7-5 passed by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent.

The motion for item 7-2 passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 1 no, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent.

The motion for item 7-3 passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstentions, 1 recusal, and 1 absent.

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

Vice Chair Blois returned meeting to Chair Smith.

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

NONE

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 drought operations
- Successful public and member agency efforts in reducing water use during shutdown. Preserved 12,000 acre-feet of SWP supplies for future use
- Upper Feeder Shutdown; an “all hands-on deck” effort
- Jensen plant’s exceptional response to Castaic Lake turbidity event
- Managing cyanobacterial blooms in reservoirs – responses to Committee member questions
- Drinking water regulatory updates provided at the September Member Agency Water Quality Managers meeting

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions

1. De Jesus
2. LeFevre

Staff responded to the Director’s questions and comments.

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

Mr. Bednarski reported on the following:

- Construction & Procurement Contracts through August 2022
- Garvey Reservoir Site Drainage Project
- Upper Feeder bellows joint forensic assessment
- Status of study phase activities for State Water Project Dependent Areas
- Signing acceptance of CRA Reversionary Quitclaim Deeds for Desert properties
- Engineering’s Mentorship Program - 2022 Graduation Event
- E&O Inspection Trip on October 26, 2022

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

The next meeting will be held on November 7, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 12:13 pm

Tim Smith
Chair