

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

November 7, 2022

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

Members present: Chair Smith, Vice Chair Blois, Directors Camacho (entered after roll call), 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, Goldberg, Jung, Kurtz, Miller, Pressman, Record, and Tamaribuchi

Committee staff present: Bednarski, Chapman, Figures, Hagekhalil, Lahouti, Parsons, 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 October 10, 2022.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-2** Subject: Ratify an emergency contract with PCL Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$855,623.78, for replacement of the expansion joint on the Upper Feeder pipeline at the Santa Ana River bridge crossing; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Requires four-fifths vote of the Board]

Presented by: Brett Schickling, Engineer, Engineering Services Group

Motion: Ratify an emergency contract with PCL Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$855,623.78 for replacement of the expansion joint on the Upper Feeder pipeline at the Santa Ana River bridge crossing. [Requires four-fifths vote of the Board.]

The following Director provided comments or asked questions

1. Miller

Staff responded to the Director's questions and comments.

7-3 Subject: Award a \$1,228,607.10 contract to Howard Ridley Company, Inc. for the rehabilitation of the concrete liner at ten locations within the Rainbow Tunnel segment of San Diego Pipeline No. 1; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Thomas Campbell, Unit Manager, Engineering Services Group

Motion: Award a \$1,228,607.10 contract to Howard Ridley Company, Inc. to rehabilitate the concrete liner of the Rainbow Tunnel at ten locations.

The following Director provided comments or asked questions

1. Miller

Staff responded to the Director's questions and comments.

7-6 Subject: Award an \$820,852.53 procurement contract to Whipps, Inc. for three slide gates to rehabilitate the San Jacinto Diversion Structure; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Wayne Thilo, Senior Engineer, Engineering Services Group

Motion: Award an \$820,852.53 procurement contract to Whipps, Inc. to furnish three slide gates and appurtenances to rehabilitate the San Jacinto Diversion Structure.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions

1. Faessel
2. Blois

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

After completion of the presentations, Director Peterson made a motion, seconded by Director Blois, to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A, 7-2, 7-3, and 7-6.

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Blois, De Jesus, Dick, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, LeFevre, Morris, Peterson, Smith, and Williams
Noes:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	Directors Apodaca, Camacho and Repenning

The motion for Items 2A, 7-2, 7-3, and 7-6 passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 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: State Water Project Dependent Areas – Drought Mitigation Update
Presented by: John Shamma, Section Manager, Engineering Services

Mr. Shamma reported on the following:

- MWD drought response effort for State Water Project dependent areas
- Overview of the Integrated Water Resources Plan (IRP) process
- Discussion of the relationship between drought actions and the IRP process

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions

1. Peterson
2. Lefevre
3. Fong-Sakai
4. Miller
5. Tamaribuchi

Director Camacho entered the meeting.

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

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:

- Current operations and shutdowns
- Emergency exercise and emergency response partnerships
- Proposed Advanced clean fleets regulation 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:

- Inflationary trends in construction
- Alternative delivery collaboration with LADWP
- E&O Inspection Trip on October 26, 2022

- Etiwanda Pipeline Reach 3 rehabilitation
- Orange County Feeder Reach 3 rehabilitation

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

The next meeting will be held on December 12, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Tim Smith
Chair