

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2
HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT

April 26, 2023
1:30 o'clock, P.M.

The Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County met in regular session.

There were present: Adele Andrade-Stadler, Director from Alhambra
Ali Sajjad Taj, Alternate Director from Artesia
Ali Saleh, Alternate Director from Bell
Sonny Santa Ines, Director from Bellflower
Bruce Barrows, Director from Cerritos
Emma Sharif, Director from Compton
Suely Saro, Alternate Director from Long Beach
David Torres, Director from Montebello
Erik Lutz, Director from Pico Rivera
Wilma Cuellar Stallings, Alternate Director from Paramount
Tony Ding, Alternate Director from San Gabriel
Maria Avalos, Director from South Gate
Cathy Warner, Chairperson, Alternate Director from Whittier

Absent: Alejandra Cortez, Director from Bell Gardens
Oralia Rebollo, Director from Commerce
Claudia Frometa, Director from Downey
Paul Krekorian, Director from Los Angeles City
Jose Sanchez, Director from Monterey Park
Ana Valencia, Director from Norwalk
Leticia Lopez, Director from Vernon
Janice Hahn, Director from Los Angeles County

Also present: Kimberly S. Christensen, Secretary to the Board
Jessica Lienau, District Counsel

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Director Saro, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

RE: PUBLIC COMMENT The Chairperson announced this was the time for any questions or comments by members of the public. There were no public comments or questions to address to Board on any matters.

RE: DIRECTOR FROM CITY OF PARAMOUNT A certificate from the City Clerk of the City of Paramount was presented to the Secretary stating that at a meeting of the City Council held April 11, 2023, Ms. Isabel Aguayo was elected Mayor of the City of Paramount, which is the designation of the presiding officer of the governing body of that city and automatically places Ms. Aguayo on this Board, was accepted and ordered filed.

RE: ALTERNATE DIRECTOR FROM CITY OF PARAMOUNT A copy of an action taken by the City Council of the City of Paramount at a meeting held April 11, 2023, was presented to the Secretary stating that Ms. Vilma Cuellar Stallings, a member of the City Council of the City of Paramount, was appointed to serve as alternate Director from the city, was accepted and ordered filed.

RE: MINUTES The minutes of the regular meeting held April 12, 2023, were approved.

RE: LEGAL SERVICES
PAYMENT AND
REIMBURSEMENT OF
EXPENSES ADVANCED

An invoice dated March 15, 2023, from Lewis Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith LLP, in the amount of \$177,662.10 for professional services rendered and reimbursement of expenses advanced in various Districts' matters during the month of February 2023, was approved, and the

Chief Engineer and General Manager was authorized to have a warrant drawn in full payment of the invoice, the charges to be distributed to the affected Districts.

REGULAR AGENDA

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT
JOINT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
PLANT AND LANCASTER AND PALMDALE
WATER RECLAMATION PLANTS
CATIONIC EMULSION POLYMER
REPORT ON BID AND AWARD OF ORDER

On March 21, 2023, one bid was received at the District's office to furnish and deliver cationic emulsion polymer for the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) and the Lancaster and Palmdale Water Reclamation Plants (WRPs) for a one-year period (*Furnish and Deliver Cationic Emulsion Polymer for Dewatering Digested Sludge*). The JWPCP and Lancaster

and Palmdale WRPs use cationic emulsion polymer for biosolids dewatering. The Districts solicited bids to furnish and deliver cationic emulsion polymer for a one-year period with the option of three 1-year renewals. Two vendors expressed interest and participated in the qualification process, but only Polydyne qualified by meeting Districts' performance specifications. The bid summary/recommendation to award was attached to the agenda. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship; and commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness). A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to award a purchase order to the sole bidder, SNF Polydyne, Inc., to *Furnish and Deliver Cationic Emulsion Polymer for Joint Water Pollution Control Plant, Lancaster and Palmdale Water Reclamation Plants (WRPs) for a one-year period, in the amount of approximately \$12,003,750.*

Upon motion of Director Saro, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to the sole bidder, SNF Polydyne, Inc., to furnish and deliver cationic emulsion polymer for the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant and the Lancaster and Palmdale Water Reclamation Plants for a one-year period, in the amount of approximately \$12,003,750 and in accordance with the bid received March 21, 2023.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT
JOINT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
PLANT WATER - TREATMENT CHEMICAL
SUPPLIES AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF PURCHASE
ORDER TO CHEMTREAT, INC.

In March 2020, subsequent to a Request for Proposal, the Board authorized issuance of a purchase order to ChemTreat, who submitted the lowest cost proposal, to provide professional services and water treatment chemicals at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) to prevent scale, fouling and corrosion on metal surfaces and control biological growth in various

water systems. ChemTreat, Inc., (ChemTreat) has provided quality water treatment chemicals and reliable professional services for the past three years at the JWPCP. The contract included an option for one 3-year extension. ChemTreat has requested to extend the agreement with an 8.6 percent price increase due to increased labor and chemical costs. A review of cost increase has determined that the increase is justified, and it is in the best interest of the Districts to extend the agreement at this time. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs. A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a three-year extension of a purchase order with ChemTreat, Inc., in the amount of approximately \$380,000 for water treatment chemical supplies and professional services at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant.

Upon motion of Director Saro, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to extend the purchase order, for a three-year period, with ChemTreat, Inc., for water treatment chemical supplies and professional services at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant, at a cost of approximately \$380,000.

RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
FIRST AMENDMENT TO HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS WASTE/ELECTRONIC WASTE
(HHEW) COLLECTION AGREEMENT
CLEAN HARBORS ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES, INC. - CONTRACT NOS. 5348A
APPROVE

The *Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Waste (HHEW) Collection Agreement* (Agreement) between the Districts and Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc., (Clean Harbors) provides for the operation of a permanent HHEW collection center at EDCO Recycling and Transfer in the city of Signal Hill. Funding for the program is provided through a fee imposed by the County on all solid waste disposed in the County or transferred

out of the County for disposal. At the County's request, the Districts oversees a contract for operating the permanent center. The permanent center is open to the public on the second and fourth Saturday of each month, excluding holidays. Clean Harbors was selected to operate the center through a formal solicitation process in 2021. The Board awarded the three-year Agreement to Clean Harbors for calendar years 2021, 2022, and 2023. Clean Harbors has agreed to amend the Agreement with pricing adjustments to account for prevailing wage requirements, and increased transportation, disposal and supply costs. The Agreement provides for 13 HHEW collection events through the end of 2023 at a cost of approximately \$1.09 million. Staff has determined that approval of the First Amendment does not constitute a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21065 and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") Section 15378. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness). A recommendation was made to approve and order executed *First Amendment to Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Waste Collection Agreement* with Clean Harbors for the HHEW collection program at EDCO Recycling and Transfer permanent collection center.

Upon motion of Director Saro, duly seconded and unanimously carried, an amendment to the agreement entered into with Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc., Contract No. 5348 dated January 27, 2021, providing for pricing adjustments to account for prevailing wage requirements, and increased transportation, disposal and supply costs, as set forth therein, was approved. All the terms and conditions of the *First Amendment to Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Waste (HHEW) Collection Agreement*, Contract No. 5348A, dated April 26, 2023, were accepted and approved, and the Chairperson and Secretary were authorized to execute the Amendment on behalf of the District.

RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL
OF GRANT APPLICATION - ADOPT AND
AUTHORIZE CHIEF ENGINEER AND
GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE

A proposed *Resolution Authorizing Application for a Grant From 2022-2023 CalRecycle Organics Grant Program* was presented. To support the Districts' member cities' effort to divert food waste from landfills and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the Districts

has undertaken a food waste recycling/co-digestion program. CalRecycle is administering an Organics Grant Program which will provide \$56 million in funding opportunities for anaerobic/co-digestion projects within the state. Districts' staff is applying for \$10 million in funding for reimbursement of costs related to the Biogas Conditioning System 2 and Pipeline Injection projects. This action does not commit the Districts to enter into a grant agreement with CalRecycle nor to construct the projects. Adoption of the Resolution authorizes the Districts to submit the grant application to be valid for a five-year period. Staff has determined that the activities described herein do not constitute a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21065 and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") Section 15378. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship; and to maximize use of our assets and resources (recycled water, recyclables, and energy). A copy of the proposed Resolution was attached to the agenda. A recommendation was made to adopt the Resolution. Furthermore, a recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager to execute the necessary documents and take all actions related to the grant.

Upon motion of Director Saro, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Chief Engineer and General Manager, on behalf of the District, was authorized to execute the necessary documents and take all actions related to the grant. Furthermore, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM
2022-2023 CALRECYCLE ORGANICS GRANT PROGRAM

The Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County (District) resolves as follows:

The County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Districts) are applying for a grant from the 2022-2023 CalRecycle Organics Grant Program. The Biogas Conditioning System 2 Project (BCS-2 Project) and Pipeline Injection Project (Pipeline Project) at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) are potentially eligible to receive grant funding. A mandatory requirement for entities subject to a governing body is a Resolution that authorizes specific grant-related matters. The Resolution must:

- Authorize submittal of an application for one or more specifically named CalRecycle grant(s) or for all CalRecycle grants for which the applicant is eligible.
- Identify the period of time, up to five years, during which the authorizations are valid. Although resolutions valid for five years are encouraged; periods of less than five years are acceptable. If a Resolution does not specifically identify a period of time, it is considered valid for one year from the date of adoption.
- Identify the Signature Authority by listing the job title of the person(s) authorized to sign all grant-related documents necessary to implement and close-out the grant(s).

The Districts are a confederation of 24 independent sanitation districts providing wastewater and solid waste services to over half of Los Angeles County. Seventeen of those districts are signatory to a joint agreement under which they jointly own and operate the wastewater conveyance, treatment, and disposal facilities. Seventeen of those districts are also signatory to a joint agreement under which they jointly own and operate a solid waste transfer and disposal system. Under the terms of both agreements, the District has been appointed as the administrative agent responsible for all matters pertaining to those shared facilities, including making financial commitments.

To support the Districts' member cities in their efforts to divert food waste from landfills, the Districts implemented a food waste recycling program at the JWPCP located in the City of Carson. The JWPCP is a wastewater treatment facility where all of the biosolids (the solid matter removed from the wastewater) are treated through a process known as anaerobic digestion. Adding food waste into the existing digesters and headworks generates additional digester gas (also referred to as biogas). The BCS-2 Project shall process the extra biogas into renewable natural gas (RNG) for use as vehicle fuel at the Districts' CNG fueling station, replacing, and supplementing fossil fuels. The Pipeline Project will inject RNG into the utility pipeline when no fuel is demanded at the CNG fueling station. Once completed, the overall project will produce 10,000 gasoline gallon equivalents of JWPCP RNG per day.

The estimated cost for both projects, including project management, is \$22 million. The CalRecycle grant would fund up to \$10 million of the costs which will be allocated towards the BCS-2 and Pipeline Project.

General Requirements


With this Resolution, the Districts authorizes the submittal of the Districts grant application to the 2022-2023 Organics Grant Program. Additionally, the District grants this authorization for a period of five years from the date of this Resolution. To expedite grant administration and project management, the District also authorizes the Chief Engineer and General Manager of the Districts (Signature Authority) to sign all grant-related documents and take all additional actions necessary to implement and close-out the grant(s).

THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County hereby resolves that:


1. The District is authorized to submit an application for the 2022-2023 and subsequent Organics Grant Programs.
2. This authorization is valid for a period of five years after the date of this Resolution.
3. The Chief Engineer and General Manager of the Districts (Signature Authority) is authorized to sign all grant-related documents and take all additional actions necessary to implement and close-out the grant(s).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County on April 26, 2023.

Upon motion of Director Sharif, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.


CATHY WARNER
Chairperson

ATTEST:


KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN
Secretary

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