

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

July 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: Ali Sajjad Taj, Alternate Director from Artesia
Ali Saleh, Alternate Director from Bell
Marco Barcena, Alternate Director from Bell Gardens
Bruce Barrows, Director from Cerritos
Hugo Argumedo, Director from Commerce
Emma Sharif, Director from Compton
Mario Trujillo, Alternate Director from Downey
Tim McOsker, Alternate Director from Los Angeles City
Ana Valencia, Director from Norwalk
Isabel Aguayo, Director from Paramount
Tony Ding, Alternate Director from San Gabriel
Maria Avalos, Director from South Gate
Judith Merlo, Alternate Director from Vernon
Janice Hahn, Director from Los Angeles County
Cathy Warner, Chairperson, Alternate Director from Whittier

Absent: Adele Andrade-Stadler, Director from Alhambra
Sonny Santa Ines, Director from Bellflower
Rex Richardson, Director from Long Beach
David Torres, Director from Montebello
Jose Sanchez, Director from Monterey Park
Erik Lutz, Director from Pico Rivera

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Director Taj, 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: MINUTES The minutes of the regular meeting held July 12, 2023, were approved.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT
LOS COYOTES WATER RECLAMATION
PLANT PROCESS AIR COMPRESSOR
REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL OF PLANS
AND CALL FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF The proposed *Los Coyotes Water Reclamation Plant Process Air Compressor Replacement* (Project) will replace the five existing process air compressors (PACs) with four new pre-selected high-speed turbo blowers and associated equipment to maximize efficiency and reduce energy costs. The Project will also include demolition of

the existing Stage I and II PAC buildings, construction of a new building to house the upgraded equipment and construction of a new odor control system to provide reliable treatment of foul air that is generated during the wastewater treatment process. Staff has determined that the Project is exempt or otherwise not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA" guidelines) Sections 15301, 15302, and 15303. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs; and commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness). A recommendation was made to approve the plans for the *Los Coyotes Water Reclamation Plant Process Air Compressor Replacement* and authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager to establish a date for the receipt of bids for construction of the work.

The Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County found and determined that it will be to the interest and for the advantage of the District and that the public interest requires construction of the *Los Coyotes Water Reclamation Plant Process Air Compressor Replacement*. The detailed plans for construction of the project were approved, adopted, and ordered filed; the Chief Engineer and General Manager was authorized to establish a date for receipt of bids for construction of the project; and the staff was authorized and instructed to advertise for bids for construction of the work, to publish the notices as required by law, and to receive, open, and tabulate bids at the District Office.

REGULAR AGENDA

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT 18 TRUNK SEWERS GROUP 2
REHABILITATION - AWARD CONTRACT
NO. 5545 TO INSITUFORM TECHNOLOGIES,
LLC - ORDER SECRETARY TO EXECUTE

The *District 18 Trunk Sewers Group 2 Rehabilitation* (Project) will consist of rehabilitation of approximately 8,361 feet of existing 12-inch to 18-inch-diameter corroded concrete pipe, approximately 1,310 feet of existing 15-inch-diameter damaged vitrified clay pipe and appurtenant structures that were constructed in the 1950s. The

work is located within the Cities of Santa Fe Springs, Whittier, and unincorporated area of Los Angeles County as shown on the map that was attached to the agenda. The bid summary/recommendation to award was attached to the agenda. Staff has determined that the Project is exempt or otherwise not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4) and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (“CEQA Guidelines”) Section 15301. This item is consistent with the Districts’ Guiding Principles to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs; and commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness). The bids received at the District’s office on June 29, 2023, for construction of the Project are as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Insituform Technologies, LLC	\$2,051,875.00
Sancon Technologies, Inc.	\$2,123,790.00
Southwest Pipeline and Trenchless Corp.	\$2,514,948.00
Nor-Cal Pipeline	\$4,269,725.00

The bid of Insituform Technologies, LLC, was the lowest bid received and that Insituform Technologies, LLC, was the lowest, regular, responsible bidder for the work, and a recommendation was made to award a contract to Insituform Technologies, LLC, at the unit prices stated in its bid amounting to approximately \$2,051,875. Furthermore, a recommendation was made to order staff to review the insurance and surety bonds for performance and payment and, if sufficient, order the Secretary to execute the contract with Insituform Technologies, LLC, for construction of the Project.

Upon motion of Director Taj, duly seconded and unanimously carried, Contract No. 5545 for construction of the *District 18 Trunk Sewers Group 2 Rehabilitation* was awarded to the lowest, regular, responsible bidder, to wit: Insituform Technologies, LLC, at the unit prices stated in its bid amounting to approximately \$2,051,875. Furthermore, the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County ordered the staff to review the insurance and surety bonds for performance and payment and, if sufficient, ordered the Secretary to execute the contract with Insituform Technologies, LLC, for construction of the Project.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT
HOLMES-WILLOWBROOK TRUNK
SEWER REHABILITATION PHASE III
AWARD CONTRACT NO. 5546
TO SANCON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
ORDER SECRETARY TO EXECUTE

The *Holmes-Willowbrook Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Phase III* (Project) will consist of rehabilitation of approximately 9,329 feet of 8-inch to 18-inch-diameter corroded concrete pipe, cracked vitrified clay pipe, and appurtenant structures that were constructed in 1926. The work is located within the cities of Los Angeles and Lynwood, and unincorporated Los Angeles County as

was shown on the map attached to the agenda. The bid summary/recommendation to award was attached to the agenda. Staff has determined that the Project is exempt or otherwise not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Public Resources Code Sections 21080(b)(4) and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (“CEQA Guidelines”) Section 15301. This item is consistent with the Districts’ Guiding Principles to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs; and commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness). The bids received at the District’s office on July 6, 2023, for construction of the Project are as follows:

BIDDER

TOTAL BID

Sancon Technologies, Inc.	\$2,290,495.00
Insituform Technologies, LLC	\$2,549,017.00
Southwest Pipeline & Trenchless Corp.	\$2,658,528.00
Nor-Cal Pipeline	\$2,985,870.00

The bid of Sancon Technologies, Inc., was the lowest bid received and that Sancon Technologies, Inc., was the lowest, regular, responsible bidder for the work, and a recommendation was made to award a contract to Sancon Technologies, Inc., at the unit prices stated in its bid amounting to approximately \$2,290,495. Furthermore, a recommendation was made to order staff to review the insurance and surety bonds for performance and payment and, if sufficient, order the Secretary to execute the contract with Sancon Technologies, Inc., for construction of the Project.

Upon motion of Director Taj, duly seconded and unanimously carried, Contract No. 5546 for construction of the *Holmes-Willowbrook Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Phase III* was awarded to the sole bidder/lowest, regular, responsible bidder, to wit: Sancon Technologies, Inc., at the unit prices stated in its bid amounting to approximately \$2,290,495. Furthermore, the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County ordered the staff to review the insurance and surety bonds for performance and payment and, if sufficient, ordered the Secretary to execute the contract with Sancon Technologies, Inc., for construction of the Project.

RE: TECHNICAL SERVICES-LABORATORY CABINET INSTALLATION AND CASEWORK AT THE SAN JOSE CREEK WATER QUALITY LABORATORY – REBID - REPORT ON BIDS AND AWARD OF ORDER

On May 24, 2023, one bid was received at the District’s office for *Laboratory Cabinet Installation and Casework at the San Jose Creek Water Quality Laboratory* – Rebid (Project). The Microbiology and Molecular Biology Laboratories at the San Jose Creek Water Quality Laboratory are in need of repair and renovation. The

work benches, sinks, and casework in these areas are showing signs of significant wear, including rusting cabinetry and countertop degradation. This Project will include removal and replacement of casework, countertops, and fixtures. VWR International, LLC, is the sole responsive bidder, in the amount of approximately \$223,910. Staff has determined that the bid cost is reasonable and it is in the best interests of the Districts to award the Project. The bid summary/recommendation to award was attached to the agenda. 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 award a purchase order to the sole bidder, VWR International, LLC, in the amount of approximately \$223,910.50.

Upon motion of Director Taj, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to the sole bidder, VWR International, LLC, for *Laboratory Cabinet Installation and Casework at the San Jose Creek Water Quality Laboratory* – Rebid, in the amount of approximately \$223,910.50 and in accordance with the bids received May 24, 2023.

RE: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SAFETY GLOVES - REPORT ON BIDS AND AWARD OF ORDER

On May 4, 2023, seven bids were received at the District’s office to *Furnish and Deliver Safety Gloves*. Safety gloves are required for Districts’ laboratories and wastewater and solid waste activities. On April 11, 2023, an Invitation to

Bid to Furnish and Deliver Safety Gloves was issued. Ebisu Supplies, LLC, did not bid on all items; therefore, its bid was deemed non-responsive. Staff recommends that award be made to the lowest responsive bidder, Mallory Safety & Supply, in the amount of approximately \$239,551.80. The bid summary/recommendation to award was attached to the agenda. This item is consistent with the Districts’ Guiding Principle of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship. 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 low, responsive bidder, meeting District specifications, Mallory Safety & Supply LLC, in the amount of approximately \$239,551.80.

Upon motion of Director Taj, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to the low, responsive bidder, meeting District specifications, Mallory Safety & Supply LLC, to *Furnish and Deliver Safety Gloves*, in the amount of approximately \$239,551.80 and in accordance with the bids received May 4, 2023.

RE: FACILITIES PLANNING - REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF CONCRETE, SOIL, AND MISCELLANEOUS STOCKPILES FROM DISTRICTS' VACANT PROPERTY ADJACENT TO JOINT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT - REPORT ON BIDS AND AWARD OF ORDER

On June 22, 2023, eight bids were received at the District's office for the *Removal and Disposal of Concrete, Soil, and Miscellaneous Stockpiles* from Districts' vacant property adjacent to the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP). This property serves as a buffer for the JWPCP and is currently being remediated and prepared for the possible construction of the Pure Water Southern California (PWSC) project. The property contains several

soil and miscellaneous materials stockpiles that have been deposited by the Districts. Additionally, a concrete debris stockpile was left onsite by Dirtmaster, Inc., a permittee of the Districts that defaulted on its obligations and subsequently went bankrupt. Removal of the stockpiles is required before the site can be redeveloped, whether to accommodate the PWSC project or for any other planned use of the property. The bid summary/recommendation to award was attached to the agenda. Staff has determined that the activities described herein are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21084 and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") Sections 15301 and 15304. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles of commitment to continual improvement; 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 low bidder, Griffith Company, in the amount of approximately \$3,691,991.

Upon motion of Director Taj, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to the low bidder, Griffith Company, for the *Removal and Disposal of Concrete, Soil, and Miscellaneous Stockpiles* from Districts' vacant property adjacent to the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant, in the amount of approximately \$3,691,991 and in accordance with the bids received June 22, 2023.

RE: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
HEWLETT PACKARD, CANON, AND
EPSON TONER CARTRIDGES
AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE
ORDER TO GOLDEN STAR TECHNOLOGY

The Districts utilizes Hewlett Packard (HP), Canon, and Epson printers throughout various facilities. Golden Star Technology (GST) provided a quote to provide toner cartridges for these printers utilizing pricing from two publicly bid contracts by the State of California Department of General Services and the Los Angeles County

Office of Education, which will allow the Districts to receive the lowest available price for each type of cartridge. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship. A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a purchase order to GST in the amount of approximately \$145,000 to furnish HP, Canon, and Epson toner cartridges.

Upon motion of Director Taj, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to Golden Star Technology to furnish HP, Canon, and Epson toner cartridges, at a cost of approximately \$145,000.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT
JOINT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT
WEST LABORATORY COOLING TOWER
REPLACEMENT PROJECT - AUTHORIZE
ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDER TO
ACCO ENGINEERED SYSTEMS, INC.

The cooling tower servicing the West Laboratory (Lab) at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) is approximately 19 years old and is near the end of its useful life. The cooling tower and appurtenant equipment maintain the temperature in the Lab within a specified temperature range for reliable operation of analytical equipment. To avoid unplanned analytical

equipment shutdowns that prevent the Lab to complete regulatory required analyses, replacement of the cooling tower is required. Pursuant to authority previously granted by the Board, the project will be completed utilizing the Job Order Contracting Program which relies on pre-established competitively bid construction tasks that will accelerate project delivery and reduce administration and design costs. Staff has determined that the activities described herein are exempt or otherwise not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21084 and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") Section 15301. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs; 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 issue a purchase order to ACCO Engineered Systems, Inc., in the amount of approximately \$527,053 for the West Laboratory cooling tower replacement project at the JWPCP.

Upon motion of Director Taj, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to ACCO Engineered Systems, Inc., for the West Laboratory cooling tower replacement project at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant, at a cost of approximately \$527,053.

RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
PUENTE HILLS MATERIAL RECOVERY
FACILITY AND SOUTH GATE TRANSFER
STATION - HEAVY EQUIPMENT AUTHORIZE
ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDER TO
TCI ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.
AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL OF DISTRICT-OWNED
EQUIPMENT

The refuse transfer trailers are used to haul residual waste from the Puente Hills Material Recovery Facility and South Gate Transfer Station to Orange County landfills. The purchase of this equipment is required to replace equipment that is 18 years old and no longer cost effective to maintain. Due to the long lead time on new equipment orders and the current condition of the equipment, staff recommends the purchase of used trailers that are immediately available. This item is consistent with

the Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship. A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a purchase order to TCI Environmental Services, Inc., in the amount of \$528,000, for six used MAC Trailer refuse transfer trailers, and that the Board find that five existing The Trailer Company refuse transfer trailers are no longer required for Districts' purposes and authorize disposal.

Upon motion of Director Taj, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to TCI Environmental Services, Inc., for six used MAC Trailer refuse transfer trailers, at a cost of approximately \$528,000. Furthermore, the Board found that five existing The Trailer Company refuse transfer trailers are no longer required for Districts' purposes and the Purchasing Agent was authorized and directed to dispose of the equipment in the manner he determines will best serve the interests of the District.

RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
VARIOUS DISTRICTS' FACILITIES
HEAVY EQUIPMENT - AUTHORIZE
ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDER TO
BEJAC CORPORATION AND QUINN
COMPANY - AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL
OF DISTRICT-OWNED EQUIPMENT

The purchase of the heavy equipment is required to replace equipment at various Districts' facilities that are no longer cost-effective to maintain and does not meet emission compliance requirements. Staff recommends purchase of the heavy equipment through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase Agreements (Sourcewell). Sourcewell provides nationally leveraged and competitively solicited purchasing contracts. Sourcewell has contracts

with Caterpillar, Genie, and Liebherr-America. Quinn Company is the local Caterpillar and Genie dealer. Bejac Cooperation is the local Liebherr-America dealer. Purchasing the equipment through Sourcewell is the most cost-effective means of procurement. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship. A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue purchase orders to Bejac Corporation, in the amount of approximately \$1,210,566, for two Liebherr L566 XPower wheel loaders and to Quinn Company, in the amount of approximately \$1,767,441, for one Caterpillar D9 track dozer, one Genie Z-60 DC power electric boom lift, and two Genie 2632 electric scissor lifts; and that the Board find that four existing pieces of heavy equipment are no longer required for Districts' purposes and authorize disposal.

Upon motion of Director Taj, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue purchase orders to Bejac Corporation, in the amount of approximately \$1,210,566, for two Liebherr L566 XPower wheel loaders and to Quinn Company, in the amount of approximately \$1,767,441, for one Caterpillar D9 track dozer, one Genie Z-60 DC power electric boom lift, and two Genie 2632 electric scissor lifts. Furthermore, the Board found that four existing pieces of heavy equipment are no longer required for Districts' purposes and the Purchasing Agent was authorized and directed to dispose of the equipment in the manner he determines will best serve the interests of the District.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT
PHASE I FLOW MONITORING SERVICES
IN SUPPORT OF DEVELOPMENT OF
SYSTEM-WIDE HYDRAULIC MODEL OF
SEWER SYSTEM - AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE
OF PURCHASE ORDERS TO
MCCROMETER AND ADS CORP.

Following the December 2021 sewer spill in the City of Carson, an independent external audit recommended that the Districts develop and utilize a hydraulic model of the sewer system. Accordingly, the Board previously authorized purchase orders to the consulting firm GHD to prepare an implementation plan for the sewer model and to conduct a pilot study by modeling the sewer system within District No. 8; and to ADS Corp. (ADS) to

provide flow monitoring services for the pilot study. The implementation plan created by GHD identified additional sewer flow monitoring data to be collected in two phases over the next three years to support the system-wide model development. For Phase I, it is recommended that approximately 18 months of sewer flow

monitoring data be collected at approximately 600 locations. A purchase order for Phase II will be submitted to the Board for approval at a future date. Proposals were solicited and received from three qualified flow monitoring firms. ADS and McCrometer submitted cost-effective proposals that demonstrated their ability to meet the schedule and data quality requirements. To ensure timely completion, staff recommends issuance of purchase orders to both ADS and McCrometer. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles of commitment to continual improvement; 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 issue a purchase order to McCrometer in the amount of approximately \$4,377,120 and to ADS in the amount of approximately \$6,105,051 for Phase I flow monitoring services in support of the development of the system-wide hydraulic model of the sewer system.

The Chief Engineer and General Manager advised that this item is related to the sewer spill that occurred in December 2021 in the City of Carson. A portion of the sewer collapsed, resulting in 8.5 million gallons of wastewater that spilled into the Dominguez Channel and then the ocean. Following the spill, GHD, a consulting firm, was hired to analyze the Districts' sewer maintenance program and made several recommendations for improvement. Most of the recommendations have already been implemented. As previously mentioned, another recommendation would take several years to implement, which involves the development and utilization of a hydraulic model of the sewer system to assist in its operation and prevent sewer spills. The first phase of this implementation calls for sewer data. It is recommended to add flow meters to approximately 10.5 miles of sewer, which will show weak and choke points in the system that could lead to potential spills.

Upon motion of Director Taj, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue purchase orders to McCrometer and ADS Corp. for Phase I flow monitoring services in support of the development of the system-wide hydraulic model of the sewer system, at a cost of approximately \$4,377,120 and \$6,105,051, respectively.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT - JOINT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT COMPLETE OVERHAUL OF FUEL GAS COMPRESSORS NOS. 2 AND 3 AT TOTAL ENERGY FACILITY - AUTHORIZE SUPPLEMENTAL PURCHASE ORDER TO SIEMENS ENERGY

The Total Energy Facility (TEF) provides power to meet all of the energy demands of the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) by beneficially reusing biogas generated from the solids treatment process to produce electricity. This is done through two gas turbines, a steam turbine, and two fuel gas compressors with an additional gas turbine and fuel gas compressor as backup. In July 2022, the Board authorized issuance of purchase orders to

Siemens Energy (Siemens) for the repair of Fuel Gas Compressor No. 1 and overhaul of the Fuel Gas Compressors Nos. 2 and 3, which are critical for the production of electricity at the TEF. Inspection of the equipment after disassembly revealed additional damaged internal parts resulting in extra parts and shop services being required to complete the overhaul, as well as additional upgrades to internal components to improve reliability of all three gas compressors. Damage was also found to the foundation of one of the gas compressors requiring additional repairs. Supplemental funds are required to complete the increased scope of work for the overhaul of Fuel Gas Compressors Nos. 2 and 3. 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 15301 and 15302. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs; 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 issue a supplemental purchase order to Siemens in the amount of approximately \$1,900,000 for parts and services to complete the overhaul of the Fuel Gas Compressors Nos. 2 and 3 at the JWPCP TEF.

Upon motion of Director Taj, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, was authorized to issue a supplement purchase order to Siemens Energy to complete the overhaul of the Fuel Gas Compressors Nos. 2 and 3 at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant Total Energy Facility, at a cost of approximately \$1,900,000.

RE: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SURCHARGE PROCESSING - SELF LOVE, LLC AUTHORITY TO SETTLE INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER SURCHARGE OBLIGATION AND SECURE COLLECTION

Company representatives have not responded to requests to remedy their outstanding balance and have not yet agreed to proposals to pay the balance in monthly installments. This authorization includes any amounts otherwise due and any additional amounts that become due prior to institution of litigation or settlement. This item is consistent with the

Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship. A

recommendation was made to authorize a settlement of industrial wastewater surcharge obligations of Self Love, LLC, in the principal sum of \$32,985.61, plus penalty and interest and authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager and District Counsel to take all appropriate steps to secure collection of all past due amounts including authority to institute litigation, stipulate to judgment, and execute a settlement agreement which provides for liquidation of indebtedness on a periodic basis.

Upon motion of Director Taj, duly seconded and unanimously carried, settlement of the industrial wastewater surcharge obligations due from Self Love, LLC, in the principal sum of \$32,985.61, plus penalty and interest, was authorized; and the Chief Engineer and General Manager and District Counsel were authorized to take all the appropriate steps to secure collection of all past due amounts now due together with any amounts that may later become due, including the authority to institute litigation, stipulate to judgment, and execute a settlement agreement that provides for a liquidation of the indebtedness on a periodic basis.

RE: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
SURCHARGE PROCESSING - OCHOA'S
DESIGNS, INC. - AUTHORITY TO SETTLE
INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER SURCHARGE
OBLIGATION AND SECURE COLLECTION

Company representatives have not responded to requests to remedy their outstanding balance and have not yet agreed to proposals to pay the balance in monthly installments. This authorization includes any amounts otherwise due and any additional amounts that become due prior to institution of litigation or settlement. This item is consistent with the

Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship. A recommendation was made to authorize a settlement of industrial wastewater surcharge obligations of Ochoa's Designs, Inc., in the principal sum of \$47,087.50, plus penalty and interest and authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager and District Counsel to take all appropriate steps to secure collection of all past due amounts including authority to institute litigation, stipulate to judgment, and execute a settlement agreement which provides for liquidation of indebtedness on a periodic basis.

Upon motion of Director Taj, duly seconded and unanimously carried, settlement of the industrial wastewater surcharge obligations due from Ochoa's Designs, Inc., in the principal sum of \$47,087.50, plus penalty and interest, was authorized; and the Chief Engineer and General Manager and District Counsel were authorized to take all the appropriate steps to secure collection of all past due amounts now due together with any amounts that may later become due, including the authority to institute litigation, stipulate to judgment, and execute a settlement agreement that provides for a liquidation of the indebtedness on a periodic basis.

RE: FACILITIES PLANNING - HOLD
HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH
TULARE LAKE BASIN WATER STORAGE
DISTRICT - AUTHORIZE CHIEF ENGINEER
AND GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE

The Tulare Lake Compost facility (TLC) and agricultural land properties have an allocation of approximately 8,800 acre-feet per year of water from the California State Water Project (State Project), and delivery of this water is administered by the Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District (TLBWSD). Due to excess amounts of water

available this year and State Project rules, the District will not be able to use its full allotment and will lose 4,400 acre-feet of water that it paid for in 2023 and possibly similar amounts in 2024. Staff recommends that the District utilize a storage agreement with a nearby groundwater banking agency that has capacity to store the excess water in a groundwater bank and return agreed upon quantities to TLC in future dry years to support farming operations. Staff has identified Rosedale Rio Bravo Water Storage District (RRBWSD) as the most cost-effective groundwater banking entity with available capacity to partner with the District for this purpose. The storage agreement must be executed between TLBWSD and RRBWSD's State Project water delivery administrator, Kern County Water Agency (Kern Water), according to State Project requirements. TLBWSD and Kern Water would also arrange with the State Department of Water Resources to implement the storage agreement. The proposed *Hold Harmless Agreement* (Agreement) is required by TLBWSD and would assign all the responsibilities of the storage agreement entered into by TLBWSD with Kern Water to the Districts and provide for District payment for TLBWSD administrative costs. Staff will seek Board approval for the actual terms for delivery of excess water to RRBWSD and the potential costs under the future storage agreement before any deliveries take place. Staff has determined that the Project is exempt or otherwise not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") Section 15301. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle to plan for both short-term and long-term needs to minimize the need for significant rate increases. In order to initiate the state approval process and allow additional time to finalize the storage agreement among the four agencies and the state, a recommendation was made that the Board authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager to execute the Agreement with the Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District.

Upon motion of Director Taj, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Chief Engineer and General Manager, on behalf of the District, was authorized to execute a *Hold Harmless Agreement* with Tulare Lake

Basin Water Storage District, to initiate the state approval process and allow additional time to finalize the storage agreement.

RE: TECHNICAL SERVICES - FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE OF RECYCLED WATER AND RELATED FACILITIES CITY OF POMONA - CONTRACT NOS. 4025A - APPROVE

The existing *Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Reclaimed Water and Related Facilities* (Agreement) was executed in 2004 and allows sale of recycled water from the Pomona Water Reclamation Plant to the City of Pomona (City). The Agreement expires on July 1, 2023. However, the City has indicated that they continue to want to purchase recycled water. The proposed *First*

Amendment to Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Recycled Water and Related Facilities (Amendment) will extend the existing Agreement for one year to allow time for the District and the City to develop a new long-term Agreement. Under the Amendment, all other provisions of the existing Agreement will remain the same. Staff has determined that approval of the 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. The Amendment is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles to maximize use of our assets and resources (recycled water, recyclables, and energy); and 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 the Amendment with the City.

Upon motion of Director Taj, duly seconded and unanimously carried, an amendment to the agreement entered into with the City of Pomona, Contract No. 4025 dated April 14, 2004, providing for a one-year extension of the sale of recycled water from the Pomona Water Reclamation Plant, as set forth therein, was approved. All the terms and conditions of the *First Amendment to Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Recycled Water and Related Facilities*, Contract No. 4025A, dated July 26, 2023, were accepted and approved, and the Chairperson and Secretary were authorized to execute the Amendment on behalf of the District.

RE: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING FEE AND CHARGE RATES FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AT THE CALABASAS LANDFILL ADOPT - FIND EXEMPT FROM CEQA

An Ordinance Prescribing Fee and Charge Rates for Solid Waste Management Activities at the Calabasas Landfill (CALF) (Ordinance) was presented for the Board's consideration. CALF is owned by the County of Los Angeles (County) and operated by the Districts under a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). The Districts and the County have negotiated a proposed *Amended*

and Restated Calabasas Landfill Joint Powers Agreement (Agreement), which consolidates the original JPA and all previous amendments into a single document. The Agreement will transfer rate-setting responsibility to the Districts to allow for more efficient rate-setting and was approved by the Board on July 12, 2023. At that same meeting, the proposed Ordinance was introduced which lists the current tipping fee rates at CALF and ensures that rates remain consistent during the transition to the new Agreement. The Ordinance will go into effect 30 days following the adoption of the Ordinance or 30 days after the month end in which the County amends County Code Section 12.48.050 to delete all references to tipping fee rates for CALF, whichever comes later. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to continual improvement. A recommendation was made to adopt the Ordinance. A copy of the Ordinance accompanied the agenda.

Upon motion of Director Taj, duly seconded and unanimously carried by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Taj, Saleh, Barcena, Barrows, Argumedo, Sharif, Trujillo, McOsker, Valencia, Aguayo, Ding, Avalos, Merlo, Hahn, and Warner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Directors Andrade-Stadler, Santa Ines, Richardson, Torres, Sanchez, and Lutz

An Ordinance Prescribing Fee and Charge Rates for Solid Waste Management Activities at the Calabasas Landfill, was adopted. Furthermore, the Board found that adoption of the Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under Section 15273 of State Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA on the basis that CEQA does not apply to the modification of rates or other charges by the District which are for the purpose of meeting operating expenses, purchasing equipment, and funding capital projects necessary to maintain services within existing service areas; and that the proposed rate increases are for the purpose of (1) meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits, (2) purchasing or leasing

supplies, equipment, or materials, (3) meeting financial reserve needs and requirements, or (4) obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas, as reported to the Board of Directors by the Chief Engineer and General Manager and as reflected in the official minutes of the District on file at the office of the District.

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



CATHY WARNER
Chairperson

ATTEST:



KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN
Secretary

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