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- (b) *Oil Well Abandonment Agreement* (Agreement) with E&B Natural Resources Management Corporation (E&B) to Plug and Abandon Oil and Gas Well Site at Districts' Vacant Property Adjacent to Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) in Amount Not to Exceed \$285,000

Summary: E&B is the successor-in-interest to a lease dated October 2, 1944, for an idle oil well site known as Arthur No. 4 located on this property, which 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 oil well infrastructure and exclusive surface use rights that E&B holds would limit the design of the PWSC project. Under the proposed Agreement, E&B will plug and abandon the well and remove all surface improvements in exchange for the Districts reimbursing E&B an amount not to exceed \$285,000. Additionally, E&B will quitclaim to the Districts its rights to conduct drilling and use the surface and subsurface of the property up to 500 feet below ground. E&B will retain its statutory liability as the operator of record of the oil well. Staff has determined that approval of the Agreement is 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. As fee title holder of the JWPCP property, District No. 8 must approve the Amendment, and District No. 2, as the administrative District, must approve the action by District No. 8. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to continual improvement.

Adjourn

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