

Jose Creek Water Reclamation Plant by providing redundant power sources to all critical switchboards and replacing equipment that was obsolete and prone to failure. The Project included installation of a 2500-kW emergency generator, new unit substations, transformers, low-voltage switchboards, medium-voltage cables, and associated equipment. Construction began in March 2018 and was completed in June 2022. Twenty-two change orders totaling \$1,379,005.22 were approved for this Project. A recommendation was made to accept this work.

The work in connection with Contract No. 5064, entered into by Southern Contracting Company, on October 25, 2017, for construction of the *San Jose Creek Water Reclamation Plant Power Distribution System Modifications*, was approved and accepted by this Board of Directors; the Chief Engineer and General Manager was directed to execute and record a Notice of Completion with respect to this work of improvement; and final payment of \$18,369,005.22 was authorized in accordance with the terms of the contract.

REGULAR AGENDA

RE: DIRECTOR REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE BY TELECONFERENCE - APPROVE On October 5, 2023, Director Taj, City of Artesia (City), requested to attend the Board meeting virtually, utilizing the “just cause” provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 2449. The Director participated through both audio and visual technology. At the beginning of the meeting, Director Taj stated that he was traveling due to business, and that no individuals, 18 years of age or older, were present in the room. This item is consistent with the Districts’ Guiding Principle to provide transparent communication to our Boards and the public.

Upon motion of Director Sharif, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Board approved the Director’s request to participate by teleconference and utilized “just cause” as the purpose per Assembly Bill (AB) 2449, California Government Code, Section 54953(f) and (j).

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 01 TRUNK SEWERS GROUP 1 REHABILITATION - AWARD CONTRACT NO. 5570 - TO INSITUFORM TECHNOLOGIES, LLC - ORDER SECRETARY TO EXECUTE The *District 01 Trunk Sewers Group 1 Rehabilitation* (Project) will consist of rehabilitation of approximately 15,392 feet of existing 10-inch to 18-inch-diameter corroded concrete pipe and appurtenant structures that were constructed in the 1950s. The work is located within unincorporated area of 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 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 September 7, 2023, for construction of the Project are as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Insituform Technologies, LLC	\$3,749,240.00
Southwest Pipeline and Trenchless Corp.	\$4,132,233.00

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 \$3,749,240. 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 Sharif, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, Contract No. 5570 for construction of the *District 01 Trunk Sewers Group 1 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 \$3,749,240. 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
ANNUAL GRANULAR VAPOR PHASE
ACTIVATED CARBON - REPORT ON
BIDS AND AWARD OF ORDER

On September 19, 2023, four bids were received at the District's office to *Furnish and Deliver Annual Granular Vapor Phase Activated Carbon*. Activated carbon is used to remove volatile organic and odor causing components from gases in wastewater collection and treatment facilities.

Staff recommends that a purchase order in the amount of approximately \$231,000 be issued to Carbon Activated Corporation, the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder. 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 low responsive bidder meeting District specifications, Carbon Activated Corporation, in the amount of approximately \$231,000.

Upon motion of Director Sharif, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to the low responsive bidder meeting District specifications, Carbon Activated Corporation, to *Furnish and Deliver Annual Granular Vapor Phase Activated Carbon*, in the amount of approximately \$231,000 and in accordance with the bids received September 19, 2023.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT
REPLACEMENT OF THREE VARIABLE
FREQUENCY DRIVE CONTROLLERS AT
LONG BEACH WATER RECLAMATION PLANT
INTERCEPTOR SEWAGE PUMPING PLANT
AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDER
TO ENGINEERED DRIVE SYSTEM INC.

The Long Beach Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) Interceptor Sewage Pumping Plant has three pumping trains to convey raw sewage. Each train consists of a pump, motor, and Variable Frequency Drive Controller (VFC). VFCs are used to control the speed and associated energy demands of the sewage pumps at the plant. The existing VFCs have reached the end of their useful life and are considered obsolete since their parts

are no longer available from the manufacturer. Staff recommends that the three existing obsolete VFCs be replaced with new, more reliable Siemens VFCs, which are being offered through Engineered Drive System Inc. (EDS). This is a sole source procurement as the Siemens VFCs are manufactured to uniquely fit within the existing VFC enclosures, thereby allowing the reuse of existing cables and conduits, providing substantial savings in material and installation costs. 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 EDS in the amount of approximately \$273,500 for the replacement of three VFCs at the Long Beach WRP Interceptor Sewage Pumping Plant.

Upon motion of Director Sharif, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to Engineered Drive System Inc. for the replacement of three Variable Frequency Drive Controllers at the Long Beach Water Reclamation Plant Interceptor Sewage Pumping Plant, at a cost of approximately \$273,500.

RE: TECHNICAL SERVICES - PROVIDE
FARMING OPERATION AND PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE SERVICES AT TULARE
LAKE COMPOST - AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE
OF PURCHASE ORDER TO OLD RIVER
FARMING, LLC

The Board previously authorized purchase orders to Old River Farming, LLC, (ORF) to provide farming and other property management services at Tulare Lake Compost (TLC). ORF has performed these services satisfactorily. Historic storms and snowpack levels earlier this year continue to allow use of water resources at low cost, and additional farming would take up

residual nitrogen in the soil resulting from previous applications of compost. The proposed purchase order would allow ORF to farm approximately 2,400 acres during the winter season and provide property maintenance services for an additional 12-month period. Sale of the resulting feed crops would result in revenue to the Districts that will defray a portion of the projected cost. In addition, ORF would farm another 2,000 acres of the agricultural property during the winter season at their own cost, which would require provision of low-cost water resources by the Districts. The farming of additional property by ORF would provide economies of scale to reduce the cost of the farming and property management services to the Districts. 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 Principles of commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness); and to maximize use of our assets and resources (compost, recycled water, recyclables, and energy). A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a purchase order to ORF in the amount of approximately \$3,800,000 to provide farming operation and property maintenance services at TLC.

Upon motion of Director Sharif, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to Old River Farming, LLC, to provide farming operation and property maintenance services at Tulare Lake Compost, at a cost of approximately \$3,800,000.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT
CLOUD-BASED SEWER FLOW DATA
MANAGEMENT PLATFORM - AUTHORIZE
EXTENSION OF PURCHASE ORDER TO
INFINITII AI CORPORATION

The Districts uses sewer flow monitoring data for sewer capacity analyses, design of sewer construction and repair projects, stormwater sewer diversion analyses, and long-term capital improvement planning. In October 2021, the Board awarded a purchase order to Infnitii AI Corporation (infnitii ai) (formerly FlowWorks) for use

of their cloud-based web application, maintenance and support, and professional services required to access, manage, and analyze flow monitoring data. Infnitii ai is specifically designed for water/wastewater utilities and was identified by staff as the best solution to centralize and manage all the sewer flow monitoring data collected. Infnitii ai has offered to extend the agreement for another one-year period subject to an annual three percent price increase. An extension at this time would be in the best interest of the Districts. 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 issue a one-year extension of a purchase order with infnitiia ai in the amount of approximately \$206,000 for a cloud-based sewer flow data management platform.

Upon motion of Director Sharif, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to extend the purchase order, for a one-year period, with Infnitii AI Corporation for a cloud-based sewer flow data management platform, at a cost of approximately \$206,000.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT
CATIONIC MANNICH POLYMER FOR JOINT
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT AND
VARIOUS WATER RECLAMATION PLANTS
AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF PURCHASE
ORDER TO SNF/POLYDYNE, INC.

Since 1998, SNF/Polydyne, Inc., (Polydyne) has provided Mannich-type polymer that is used at various wastewater treatment plants for dewatering biosolids, secondary clarification, and foam control. Polydyne is the sole source of this chemical and has offered to extend the existing agreement for an additional year at a unit price increase of approximately 3 percent for the Joint

Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) and various Water Reclamation Plants (WRPs). This price increase is due to labor cost increases and is based on the Consumer Price Index increase over the past year. The proposed unit price remains competitive with that paid by six other agencies surveyed. The product has performed satisfactorily, and it would be in the best interest of the Districts to extend the agreement at this time. 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 issue a one-year extension of a purchase order with Polydyne in the amount of approximately \$6,500,000 to furnish and deliver cationic mannich polymer for the JWPCP and various WRPs.

Upon motion of Director Sharif, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to extend the purchase order, for a one-year period, with SNF/Polydyne, Inc., to furnish and deliver cationic mannich polymer for the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant and various Water Reclamation Plants, at a cost of approximately \$6,500,000.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT
ON-CALL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
SERVICES - CAROLLO ENGINEERS, INC.,
HAZEN AND SAWYER, HDR ENGINEERING,
INC., INTEGRATED ENGINEERING
MANAGEMENT, INC., KENNEDY/JENKS
CONSULTANTS, INC., AND MKN &
ASSOCIATES, INC. - CONTRACTS NOS. 5571,
5572, 5573, 5574, 5575, AND 5576 - APPROVE

During peak demand periods, construction management services are required to augment Districts' staff responsible for managing the construction of various wastewater and solid waste projects. It is more cost and time effective to use an on-call consultant to perform these services rather than to issue separate requests for proposals for each project. Due to the number and variety of upcoming projects, having multiple on-call consultants would ensure that there would be a consultant with the necessary expertise and availability. Proposals were solicited and

received from six consulting firms. Carollo Engineers, Inc., Hazen and Sawyer, HDR Engineering, Inc., Integrated Engineering Management, Inc., Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, Inc., and MKN & Associates, Inc., were all deemed highly qualified to provide the required services and proposed competitive rates. Services will be used on an as-needed basis for potentially all Districts. In accordance with the Purchasing Policy, District No. 2 will issue and administer the proposed agreements and expenditures will be allocated according to actual costs

attributable to each District. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship. A recommendation was made to approve and order executed Construction Management Agreements or *On-Call Construction Management Services Agreement* for a three-year period with Carollo Engineers, Inc., Hazen and Sawyer, HDR Engineering, Inc., Integrated Engineering Management, Inc., Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, Inc., and MKN & Associates, Inc.

Upon motion of Director Sharif, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County found and determined that it would be to the advantage of the District to enter into *On-Call Construction Management Services Agreement* with Carollo Engineers, Inc., Hazen and Sawyer, HDR Engineering, Inc., Integrated Engineering Management, Inc., Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, Inc., and MKN & Associates, Inc., providing for On-Call Construction Management Services for a three-year period each in the amount of \$1,500,000, as set forth in the Agreements and under terms and conditions contained therein. All the terms and conditions of the *On-Call Construction Management Services Agreement*, Contracts Nos. 5571, 5572, 5573, 5574, 5575, and 5576, dated October 25, 2023, were accepted and approved, and the Chairperson and Secretary were authorized to execute the Agreements on behalf of the District.

RE: FACILITIES PLANNING - ADDENDUM NO. 2 TO FINAL INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION - FOOD WASTE RECEIVING AND DIGESTION PROGRAM AT JOINT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT APPROVE

In 2018, the Board adopted a Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Final IS/MND) and approved the Food Waste Receiving and Digestion Program (Project), which included construction of food waste receiving facilities and biogas pipelines at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP), and expansion of the biogas conditioning system (BCS) for

production of renewable natural gas for use as vehicle fuel at the Districts' public fueling station. In 2019, the Board approved Addendum No. 1 to the Final IS/MND for construction of facilities to receive food waste with higher solids content. Subsequent to approval of Addendum No. 1, changes were proposed to increase the size and capacity of the BCS and construct a pipeline and equipment to inject biogas into a nearby Southern California Gas Company pipeline. *Addendum No. 2 to Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration* (Addendum No. 2) evaluates the environmental impacts associated with these changes and compares them to the original Project. Staff has reviewed the Final IS/MND and Addendum No. 2 and determined that, based on staff's independent judgement, the changes to the approved Project would not result in any new environmental impacts and would not trigger any additional or new mitigation measures. Therefore, preparation of a subsequent MND is not required and Addendum No. 2 is appropriate in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles of commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness); and to maximize use of our assets and resources (recycled water, recyclables, and energy). A recommendation was made to approve Addendum No. 2 for the Project at the JWPCP and recommended the Project described therein.

Upon motion of Director Sharif, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, *Addendum No. 2 to Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration* was approved.

RE: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT - TAX CONSULTING AND ADVOCACY SERVICES EQUITY RECOVERY SOLUTIONS, INC. AND DAKESSIAN LAW, LTD. - CONTRACTS NOS. 5579 AND 5580 - APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE CHIEF ENGINEER AND GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE

The Districts purchases a number of chemicals used in the production of treated wastewater and recycled water. Under state law, the sale or furnishing of water, including the recycled water produced by the Districts, is exempt from sales taxes. This exemption also applies to certain chemicals used in the production of the water. However, the state does not automatically exempt such chemicals. In 2017, the Districts entered into agreements

with Equity Recovery Solutions, Inc., (ERS) and Dakessian Law, Ltd., (Dakessian) to pursue claims for refunds of past sales taxes and exemption for future sales taxes on these chemical purchases for a five-year term. Over the term of the agreements, the Districts received over \$560,000 in sales tax refunds from these efforts. Originally, it was anticipated that either the state would make the exemption permanent or Districts' staff would be able to administer this process for future claims. However, based on the outcome of the claims over the last five years, staff recommends continuing these efforts with the current firms. The proposed agreements are for an additional five-year term with the same conditions as the original agreements. The firms will perform the work on a contingency basis and will therefore not receive any fees if they are not successful with the claims. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship. A recommendation was made to approve and order executed Agreements for *Tax Consulting and Advocacy Services* providing for sales tax on purchases of chemicals used for wastewater treatment with ERS and Dakessian. Furthermore, a recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager to take all actions on behalf of the District required under the agreements.

Upon motion of Director Sharif, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County found and determined that it would be to the advantage of the District to enter into *Tax Consulting and Advocacy Services* with Equity Recovery Solutions, Inc., and Dakessian Law, Ltd., providing for sales tax on purchases of chemicals used for wastewater treatment, as set forth in the Agreements and under terms and conditions contained therein. All the terms and conditions of the *Tax Consulting and Advocacy Services*, Contracts Nos. 5579 and 5580, dated October 25, 2023, were accepted and approved, and the Chairperson and Secretary were authorized to execute the Agreements on behalf of the District. Furthermore, the Chief Engineer and General Manager, on behalf of the District, was authorized to take all actions required under the agreements.

RE: FACILITIES PLANNING
SPECIAL USE PERMIT - NATIONAL PARK
SERVICE - AUTHORIZE CHIEF ENGINEER
AND GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE

A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager to execute a *Special Use Permit* (SUP) issued by National Park Service (NPS) for the Calabasas Landfill (CALF) resulting in expenditure of approximately \$400,000 over a five-year term. The

CALF is owned by the County of Los Angeles and operated by the Districts. The CALF is located within the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (Park), which is part of the National Park System. Federal regulations require the Districts to obtain a SUP in order to operate a solid waste facility within the boundaries of the Park. The existing SUP expires November 14, 2023, and must be renewed for an additional five-year term. There are no significant changes to the terms and conditions in the proposed SUP. The annual cost of the proposed SUP is approximately \$80,000 and includes NPS' costs to administer the permit and required funding for research activities to support scientific programs and resource management at the Park. Staff has determined that renewal of the SUP 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).

Upon motion of Director Sharif, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Chief Engineer and General Manager, on behalf of the District, was authorized to execute a *Special Use Permit* with the National Park Service, at a cost of approximately \$400,000 over a five-year term for the Calabasas Landfill.

RE: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
CLAIM FOR PERSONAL INJURIES BY
VIRGINIA SUSIE SAUCEDO - REJECT

A claim was received from Virginia Susie Saucedo on September 14, 2023, alleging personal injury as a result of being struck by a motor vehicle on or about March 12, 2023. The claim is related to the roadway

conditions and other above ground improvements that are not owned or maintained by the Districts. District Counsel has reviewed the claim and recommends that the claim be rejected. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship.

In response to Director Hahn, District Counsel stated that the opposing legal counsel often name all public entities in the area. District Counsel reviewed the claim and determined that the incident is related to roadway conditions and other above ground improvements that are not related to the Districts and recommends that the claim be rejected.

Upon motion of Director Sharif, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the claim filed by Virginia Susie Saucedo, alleging injuries as a result of being struck by a motor vehicle, was rejected.

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



CATHY WARNER
Chairperson

ATTEST:



KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN
Secretary

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