

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

December 13, 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 both in person and via teleconference.

There were present: Ali Sajjad Taj, Alternate Director from Artesia
Ali Saleh, Alternate Director from Bell
Marco Barcena, Alternate Director from Bell Gardens
Dan Kooops, Director from Bellflower
Bruce Barrows, Director from Cerritos
Hugo Argumedo, Director from Commerce
Emma Sharif, Director from Compton, via AB2449 teleconference
Tim McOsker, Alternate Director from Los Angeles City
David Torres, Director from Montebello
Erik Lutz, Director from Pico Rivera
Tony Ding, Alternate Director from San Gabriel
Maria Avalos, Director from South Gate
Judith Merlo, Alternate Director from Vernon
Hilda Solis, Alternate Director from Los Angeles County
Cathy Warner, Chairperson, Alternate Director from Whittier

Absent: Ross Maza, Director from Alhambra
Claudia Frometa, Director from Downey
Rex Richardson, Director from Long Beach
Jose Sanchez, Director from Monterey Park
Ana Valencia, Director from Norwalk
Isabel Aguayo, Director from Paramount

Also present: Kimberly S. Christensen, Secretary to the Board
Wes Beverlin, District Counsel

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, 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 the Board on any matters.

RE: DIRECTOR FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY A certificate from the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles was presented to the Secretary certifying that pursuant to Section 7 of the Rules of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Lindsey Horvath assumed the Office of Chairmanship of the Board of Supervisors at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, to serve in such capacity until December 4, 2024, or until the election or succession of her successor, which automatically places Supervisor Horvath on the Board of Directors of this District.

RE: ALTERNATE DIRECTOR FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY A copy of an action taken by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles at a meeting held December 5, 2023, was presented to the Secretary stating that Ms. Hilda Solis, a member of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, was appointed to serve as alternate Director from the County.

RE: MINUTES The minutes of the regular meeting held November 8, 2023, and the adjourned regular meeting held November 16, 2023, were approved.

RE: DISTRICT EXPENSES

The following expenses for the month of September 2023 were presented and approved:

	District No. 2	Joint Administration	Technical Support	Joint Outfall System	Solid Waste System	Stormwater
Operations & Maintenance	<u>\$14,742</u>	\$ 995,115	\$5,382,653	\$23,791,871	\$7,608,958	<u>\$3,290</u>
Capital		<u>528,366</u>	<u>48,864</u>	24,143,465	180,911	
Allocated Expenses:						
Joint Administration				4,496,820	1,702,400	
Joint Outfall Technical Support				<u>4,454,876</u>	<u>275,470</u>	
Total Expenses:	<u>\$14,742</u>	<u>\$1,523,481</u>	<u>\$5,431,517</u>	<u>\$56,887,032</u>	<u>\$9,767,739</u>	<u>\$3,290</u>

REGULAR AGENDA

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 22 TRUNK SEWERS GROUP 3 REHABILITATION - AWARD CONTRACT NO. 5584 TO SOUTHWEST PIPELINE AND TRENCHLESS CORP. - ORDER SECRETARY TO EXECUTE

The *District 22 Trunk Sewers Group 3 Rehabilitation* (Project) will consist of rehabilitation of approximately 15,457 feet of existing 12-inch and 15-inch-diameter corroded concrete pipe and appurtenant structures that were constructed in the 1950s. The work is located within the Cities of Covina, Glendora, La Verne, San Dimas, and unincorporated area of Los Angeles County

as was shown on the maps 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 October 24, 2023, for construction of the Project are as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Southwest Pipeline and Trenchless Corp.	\$3,163,156.00
Insituform Technologies, LLC	\$4,196,505.00
Nu Line Technologies, LLC	\$4,385,918.00

The bid of Southwest Pipeline and Trenchless Corp. was the lowest bid received and that Southwest Pipeline and Trenchless Corp. was the lowest, regular, responsible bidder for the work, and a recommendation was made to award a contract to Southwest Pipeline and Trenchless Corp. at the unit prices stated in its bid amounting to approximately \$3,163,156. 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 Southwest Pipeline and Trenchless Corp. for construction of the Project.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, Contract No. 5584 for construction of the *District 22 Trunk Sewers Group 3 Rehabilitation* was awarded to the lowest, regular, responsible bidder, to wit: Southwest Pipeline and Trenchless Corp. at the unit prices stated in its bid amounting to approximately \$3,163,156. 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 Southwest Pipeline and Trenchless Corp. for construction of the Project.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT LOS COYOTES WATER RECLAMATION PLANT PROCESS AIR COMPRESSOR REPLACEMENT - AWARD CONTRACT NO. 5585 TO W.M. LYLES CO. ORDER SECRETARY TO EXECUTE

The *Los Coyotes Water Reclamation Plant Process Air Compressor Replacement* (Project) will replace 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 include demolition of the existing

PAC buildings, construction of a new building to house the upgraded equipment, and installation of a new odor control system to provide reliable treatment of foul air that is generated during the wastewater treatment process. 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 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). The bids received at the District’s office on November 7, 2023, for construction of the Project are as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
W. M. Lyles Co.	\$21,984,080.00
Metro Builders and Engineers Group, Ltd.	\$23,633,511.00
Steve P. Rados, Inc.	\$26,692,900.00

The bid of W.M. Lyles Co. was the lowest bid received and that W.M. Lyles Co. was the lowest, regular, responsible bidder for the work, and a recommendation was made to award a contract to W.M. Lyles Co. at the unit prices stated in its bid amounting to approximately \$21,984,080. 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 W.M. Lyles Co. for construction of the Project.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, Contract No. 5585 for construction of the *Los Coyotes Water Reclamation Plant Process Air Compressor Replacement* was awarded to the lowest, regular, responsible bidder, to wit: W.M. Lyles Co. at the unit prices stated in its bid amounting to approximately \$21,984,080. 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 W.M. Lyles Co. for construction of the Project.

RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
WALL RENOVATION AT THE PUENTE
HILLS FIELD OFFICE AND PUENTE HILLS
MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY
REPORT ON BIDS AND AWARD OF ORDER

On October 19, 2023, two bids were received at the District’s office for *Wall Renovation at the Puente Hills Field Office (PHFO) and Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility (PHMRF)* (Project). The Project will remove and dispose of stained and damaged carpet from the office walls and refinish with paint. The renovation

aims to enhance the overall aesthetics, functionality, and air quality of the office areas. 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 21084 and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (“CEQA Guidelines”) Section 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 award a purchase order to the low bidder, 3M Construction Corporation, in the amount of approximately \$218,730.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to the low bidder, 3M Construction Corporation, for *Wall Renovation at the Puente Hills Field Office and Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility*, in the amount of approximately \$218,730 and in accordance with the bids received October 19, 2023.

RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
STREET SWEEPING SERVICES AT VARIOUS
DISTRICTS’ FACILITIES - REPORT ON BIDS
AND AWARD OF ORDER

On September 29, 2023, one bid was received at the District’s office for *Street Sweeping Services at Various Districts’ Facilities*. Street sweeping services are required to maintain District facilities and for compliance with existing stormwater regulations. An Invitation to Bid

(ITB) was issued in August 2023 to solicit bids for one year with four annual renewals based on mutual agreement. The ITB was distributed to ten vendors and one bid was received from SCA of CA, LLC, in the amount of \$661,780 per year. The ITB required bids to include prevailing wage for the first time for street sweeping, which may be the reason why only one bid was received. This service is required for compliance, so it is recommended to proceed with awarding a purchase order for one year at this time and will be rebid next year. The bid summary/recommendation to award was attached to the agenda. 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 authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to award a purchase order to the sole bidder, SCA of CA, LLC, in the amount of approximately \$661,780.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to the sole bidder, SCA of CA, LLC, for *Street Sweeping Services at Various Districts' Facilities*, in the amount of approximately \$661,780 and in accordance with the bids received September 29, 2023.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT
GARDENA PUMPING PLANT FACILITY
REPLACEMENT - AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE
OF PURCHASE ORDER TO SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

The *Gardena Pumping Plant Facility Replacement* (Project) will consist of the complete replacement of the Gardena Pumping Plant Facility and will therefore require simultaneous operation of the new and existing pumping plant facilities for the purpose of commissioning and testing all the equipment prior to placing the new

facility in service. The existing "Preferred/Emergency" (P/E) switchgear that is maintained by Southern California Edison Company (SCE) is not designed to provide power to operate both facilities simultaneously. SCE will therefore install a new P/E switchgear that will allow the operation of both facilities simultaneously. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs; and the 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 SCE in the amount of approximately \$123,591 for the replacement of Preferred Emergency switchgear for the Project.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to Southern California Edison Company for the replacement of Preferred Emergency switchgear for the *Gardena Pumping Plant Facility Replacement*, at a cost of approximately \$123,591.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT
A.K. WARREN WATER RESOURCE FACILITY
RETURN ACTIVATED SLUDGE PUMP
AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE
ORDER TO POWER-FLO PRODUCTS, INC.

The Secondary Treatment process at the A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility (Warren Facility) uses microorganisms to treat wastewater. As part of the process, the microorganisms settle in the secondary clarifiers and are pumped back to the reactors as Return Activated Sludge (RAS) to maintain a stable biological population in the

reactors. The existing RAS pumps are over 20 years old, have exceeded their useful lives, and must be replaced. The proposed replacement pump manufactured by Morrison is of a different make and model than the existing pump manufactured by Johnston/Sulzer and was selected because it is approximately \$148,000 less expensive and requires less maintenance than a Johnston/Sulzer replacement pump. It is recommended that one Morrison replacement pump is purchased and tested for one year to ensure that it performs satisfactorily and reliably. If the Morrison pump operates reliably, approval to upgrade the remaining RAS pumps will be requested to ensure reliable operation of Secondary Treatment. 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 Power-Flo Products, Inc., in the amount of approximately \$145,000 for one RAS pump at the Warren Facility.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to Power-Flo Products, Inc., for one Return Activated Sludge pump at the A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility, at a cost of approximately \$145,000.

RE: TECHNICAL SERVICES - AIR EMISSIONS
TESTING AT VARIOUS SOLID WASTE AND
WASTEWATER FACILITIES - AUTHORIZE
ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDER TO
AIRKINETICS, INC.

The Districts operates solid waste and wastewater facilities that utilize a wide variety of combustion equipment, such as boilers, engines, flares, and turbines, that combust landfill gas, digester gas, and natural gas. The South Coast Air Quality Management District requires testing be performed by an independent

contractor to verify emissions from the equipment are compliant with local air district, state, and federal regulations. A Request for Proposals was released, and two proposals were received, with AirKinetics, Inc., (AirKinetics) submitting the highest ranked proposal based on technical qualifications and cost. 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 authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a purchase order to AirKinetics in the amount of approximately \$278,286 for air emissions testing at various solid waste and wastewater facilities.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to AirKinetics, Inc., for air emissions testing at various solid waste and wastewater facilities, at a cost of approximately \$278,286.

RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
RENEWABLE RED DYED DIESEL AND
UNLEADED GASOLINE - AUTHORIZE
EXTENSION OF PURCHASE ORDER TO
MERRIMAC ENERGY GROUP

The Districts uses fuel for its fleet of vehicles and mobile equipment in various locations throughout our service area. To the extent possible, the Districts has committed to expanding the use of alternative fuels for its fleet to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG). Currently, these efforts are reducing GHG emissions by 2,100

metric tons of CO₂ equivalent per year. In 2021, the Board awarded a purchase order to Merrimac Energy Group (Merrimac) to supply unleaded gasoline to all Districts' facilities and expand the supply of renewable diesel. The initial term of the agreement was for one year with the option to extend the agreement for two additional one-year periods. In 2022, the Board approved an extension for a second year. Merrimac has proposed to extend the agreement for a third year per the contract specifications with no change in contract pricing. Staff recommends extending the purchase order for an additional one-year period since the proposal is competitive and in the best interest of the Districts to extend 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 Merrimac in the amount of approximately \$3,000,000 to furnish and deliver renewable red dyed diesel and unleaded gasoline to various Districts' locations.

The Chief Engineer and General Manager advised that the Districts switched 100 percent to renewable red dye diesel, which burns cleaner than traditional diesel fuel and cost less to purchase. He gave credit to Fleet Management staff for the transition and encouraged Directors to look into converting city fleets to red dye diesel.

Upon motion of Director Solis, 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 Merrimac Energy Group to furnish and deliver renewable red dyed diesel and unleaded gasoline to various Districts' locations, at a cost of approximately \$3,000,000.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT
SULFIDE REDUCING CHEMICALS
AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF PURCHASE
ORDERS TO CALIFORNIA WATER
TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, KEMIRA WATER
SOLUTIONS, INC., AND PENCCO, INC.

In November 2022, an Invitation to Bid was issued for ferrous chloride and ferric sulfate (chemicals), which are primarily used to reduce sulfide concentrations in sewers and for corrosion and odor control purposes. The chemicals are also used at various wastewater treatment plants to control hydrogen sulfide generation in digester gas for air quality compliance and to enhance treatment

performance. Purchase orders were awarded to the three responsive bidders for the 2023 calendar year. In accordance with the specifications, each supplier has offered to extend the contract for an additional year for 2024, the first of up to four extensions allowed in the contracts. California Water Technologies, LLC, (CWT) has requested to increase the ferrous chloride price by 13.7 percent for calendar year 2024. Kemira Water Solutions, Inc., (Kemira) has maintained the same price for ferric sulfate and ferrous chloride for calendar year 2024. Pencco, Inc., (Pencco) has requested to increase the ferrous chloride price by 8.7 percent for calendar year 2024. Pencco and CWT indicated the price increases are mainly due to increases in raw material costs. Proposed unit prices per dry ton for ferrous chloride are \$1,245 (CWT), \$1,087.47 (Kemira), and \$1,196 (Pencco). Proposed unit price per dry ton for ferric sulfate is \$448 (Kemira). An extension of the contracts at this time will continue to protect the Districts from potential product shortages and maintain a competitive supplier environment. 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 one-year extension of purchase orders with CWT in the amount of approximately \$3,995,400; Kemira in the amount of approximately \$13,235,346, and Pencco in the amount of approximately \$19,470,880 for sulfide reducing chemicals.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to extend the purchase orders, for a one-year period, with California Water Technologies, LLC, in the amount of approximately \$3,995,400, Kemira Water Solutions, Inc., in the amount of approximately \$13,235,346, and Pencco, Inc., in the amount of approximately \$19,470,880 for sulfide reducing chemicals.

RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
SOUTH GATE TRANSFER STATION
SERVICES OF SEGREGATION, REPACKING,
TRANSPORTATION, AND DISPOSAL OF
REACTIVE WASTE - CONFIRM PURCHASE
ORDER TO CLEAN HARBORS
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.

On June 26, 2023, a customer improperly disposed of waste leading to a series of onsite chemical reactions at the South Gate Transfer Station (SGTS). The Fire Department's Hazardous Materials Response Team was called to contain and neutralize the chemical reaction. Subsequently, Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc., (Clean Harbors) was contracted to clean up and deliver the waste to a disposal facility in Rialto, CA.

After ongoing reactions at that facility, the material was redirected to an alternate, out-of-state facility. Clean Harbors charged approximately \$128,000 for the cleanup, transportation and final disposal of the waste. Districts' staff is working to recover costs from the customer responsible for this issue. 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 for the Board to confirm the issuance of a purchase order to Clean Harbors in the amount of approximately \$128,000 for services of segregation, repacking, transportation, and disposal of reactive waste for the SGTS.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Board confirmed the issuance of a purchase order to Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc., in the amount of \$128,000 for services of segregation, repacking, transportation, and disposal of reactive waste for the South Gate Transfer Station.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT
EMERGENCY REPAIR OF JOINT OUTFALL
B UNIT 2B TRUNK SEWER BETWEEN MH
B 0219 AND MH H 0418 - CONFIRM PURCHASE
ORDER TO STEVE BUBALO CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY, INC.

During routine inspection, Districts' staff discovered that a section of the Joint Outfall B Unit 2B Trunk Sewer had severe corrosion visible throughout 1,300 feet of the 57-inch-diameter reinforced concrete pipe sewer. These reaches of sewer are included in the Districts' capital improvement plan for repair in the next few years but need to be repaired now on an emergency basis. Steve

Bubalo Construction Company, Inc., (Steve Bubalo) was selected to perform this emergency repair work due to their qualifications, immediate availability, and their familiarity with this type of sewer repair work. 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 21080(b)(4) and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") Section 15301. 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 for the Board to confirm the issuance of a purchase order to Steve Bubalo in the amount of approximately \$2,600,000 for emergency repair of the *Joint Outfall B Unit 2B Trunk Sewer Between MH B 0219 and MH H 0418*.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Board confirmed the issuance of a purchase order to Steve Bubalo Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$2,600,000 for emergency repair of the *Joint Outfall B Unit 2B Trunk Sewer Between MH B 0219 and MH H 0418*.

RE: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE SERVICES
FOR VARIOUS DISTRICTS' FACILITIES
CONFIRM PURCHASE ORDER TO MIKE'S
GARDENING SERVICES, FLORA LANDSCAPE
CORP., COMPLETE LANDSCAPE CARE,
BRIGHTVIEW, AND PRIORITY LANDSCAPING
SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF
PURCHASE ORDER TO PRIORITY
LANDSCAPING SERVICES

Landscape services are required at Districts' facilities to maintain existing vegetation, weed control, and to provide a clean and safe work environment. The current agreements were originally due to expire in December 2022. All service providers agreed to two 6-month extensions of the agreements without price increases, which was necessary to finalize the Request for Proposals (RFP) for new agreements. The RFP was issued and a total of four proposals were received and evaluated; Priority Landscaping Services provided the lowest cost and highest-scoring proposal. This item is for approval of two 6-month

extensions of the previous agreements and a new two-year agreement for the 37 Districts' facilities that require landscape services. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship. A recommendation was made for the Board to confirm the issuance of purchase orders to Mike's Gardening Services in the amount of approximately \$33,893, Flora

Landscape Corp. in the amount of approximately \$77,365, Complete Landscape Care in the amount of approximately \$88,280, Brightview in the amount of approximately \$109,317, and Priority Landscaping Services in the amount of approximately \$988,326. Furthermore, a recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a purchase order to Priority Landscaping Services in the amount of approximately \$3,658,050 for landscaping maintenance services for various Districts' facilities for a two-year period.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Board confirmed the issuance of purchase orders to Mike's Gardening Services in the amount of approximately \$33,893, Flora Landscape Corp. in the amount of approximately \$77,365, Complete Landscape Care in the amount of approximately \$88,280, Brightview in the amount of approximately \$109,317, and Priority Landscaping Services in the amount of approximately \$988,326 for two 6-month extensions of the previous landscaping maintenance services agreements. Furthermore, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to Priority Landscaping Services for landscaping maintenance services for various Districts' facilities for a two-year period, at a cost of approximately \$3,658,050.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT
SCHOLL CANYON LANDFILL
GEOSYNTHETIC CLAY LINER FINAL
COVER - PHASE I - RAMA GRADING, INC.
CONTRACT NO. 5482 - APPROVE CHANGE
ORDER NO. 1 - EXTRA WORK

As part of the *Scholl Canyon Landfill Geosynthetic Clay Liner Final Cover - Phase I* (Project), the contractor was required to construct a geosynthetic clay layer (GCL) final cover over the existing interim final cover. After the contract was awarded and prior to construction, the District determined that a passive venting system, which was not part of the original design, was needed to prevent

gas from potentially building up underneath the GCL in the event of an extended power outage. The District therefore revised the contract drawings and directed the contractor to construct a passive venting system at the Edison Arm, Windy Canyon, Ballfield, and Kidney disposal areas. 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 claim has been reviewed and the work determined to be beyond the scope of the plans and specifications. A recommendation was made to approve Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 5482 with Rama Grading, Inc., for the construction of the Project; resulting in payment of \$585,000 for extra work.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 5482 with Rama Grading, Inc., for the construction of *Scholl Canyon Landfill Geosynthetic Clay Liner Final Cover - Phase I*, resulting in a payment of \$585,000, was approved.

RE: TECHNICAL SERVICES
FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT
FOR PURCHASE AND SALE OF RECYCLED
WATER - WATER REPLENISHMENT
DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
CONTRACT NO. 4785A - APPROVE

The existing *Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Recycled Water* (Agreement) was executed in 2013 and allows the sale of recycled water from the San Jose Creek, Pomona, Whittier Narrows, and Los Coyotes Water Reclamation Plants (WRPs) to Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) to supply current and future groundwater recharge projects,

including the Montebello Forebay Groundwater Recharge Project (MFGRP), Albert Robles Center (ARC) Advanced Water Treatment Facility, and Leo J. Vander Lans Advanced Treatment Facility (LVL). In order to provide flexibility to maximize use of recycled water, the *First Amendment to Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Recycled Water* (Amendment) will combine the currently separate allotments for tertiary recycled water into a single allotment of up to 73,000 acre-feet per year (AFY) from the San Jose Creek, Pomona, and Whittier Narrows WRPs. The Amendment will remove the 10,000 AFY allotment from the Los Coyotes WRP, which has remained unused and will be addressed in a future agreement, as necessary. The Amendment will also revise recycled water pricing terms to lower the rate that is charged for recycled water delivered to ARC due to the higher than expected cost to operate the facility, which was unexpected at the time of signing the original agreement. The Amendment will also simplify the calculation of the price charged for recycled water being directly recharged and streamline processes for invoicing and payment and update recycled water quality requirements to reflect applicable regulations. 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 provide reliable and responsible services with safety first; 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 an Amendment with WRD.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, an amendment to the agreement entered into with Water Replenishment District of Southern California, Contract No. 4785 dated June 26, 2013, providing for flexibility to maximize use of recycled water, as set forth therein, was approved. All the terms and conditions of the *First Amendment to Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Recycled Water*, Contract No. 4785A, dated December 13, 2023, were accepted and approved, and the Chairperson and Secretary were authorized to execute the Amendment on behalf of the District.

RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
A.K. WARREN WATER RESOURCE FACILITY
TEMPLATE AGREEMENT FOR DELIVERY AND
ACCEPTANCE OF FOOD WASTE SLURRY
APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE CHIEF ENGINEER
AND GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE

The Districts operates a food waste recycling program at the A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility (Warren Facility). Processed food waste slurry is received and co-digested with wastewater sludge to generate renewable natural gas. Twelve companies currently deliver food waste slurry to the Warren Facility under a combination of yearly and multi-year agreements. The Template Agree-

ment (Agreement) is an annual template that allows companies to deliver food waste slurry to the Warren Facility until December 31, 2024. The Agreement has similar terms to the current contract with a processing fee of \$29.70 per ton, which is an increase of 2.4 percent based on the Consumer Price Index for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County. Additionally, the Agreement requires a security deposit or bond to ensure payment for delivered slurry. Board authority is requested for the Districts' Chief Engineer and General Manager to execute future Agreements and all related documents regarding delivery and acceptance of food waste slurry at the Warren Facility. To comply with the California Environmental Quality Act, a Mitigated Negative Declaration was approved for the project by the Board on February 28, 2018. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle to provide leadership in our industry through innovation, compliance, and cost effectiveness. A recommendation was made to approve the Agreement for delivery and acceptance of food waste slurry at the Warren Facility. Furthermore, a recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager to execute future template agreements for delivery and acceptance of food waste slurry at the Warren Facility with the same pricing, terms, and conditions.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Template Agreement for delivery and acceptance of food waste slurry at the A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility was approved. Furthermore, the Chief Engineer and General Manager, on behalf of the District, was authorized to execute future template agreements for delivery and acceptance of food waste slurry at the Warren Facility with the same pricing, terms, and conditions.

RE: JOINT OUTFALL SYSTEM RECYCLED
WATER RATES - HOLD PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED RECYCLED WATER RATE
MASTER ORDINANCE AND PROPOSED
RECYCLED WATER RATE ORDINANCE

As part of the continuing effort to ensure the Districts follows best practices as it relates to financial matters, implementation of new Recycled Water Rate Ordinances is recommended. These Ordinances will improve consistency and transparency in pricing across all recycled water customers and provide a better framework for capturing

costs of providing recycled water. A letter describing the recommended Board action was provided to the Directors prior to the introduction of the Ordinances on November 8, 2023. The letter and the proposed Ordinances accompanied the agenda. Staff has determined that the activities described herein are exempt or otherwise not subject to the provisions of CEQA pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") Section 15273. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship.

In regular session, the Chairperson opened a public hearing scheduled at this time and place on the Proposed Recycled Water Rate Master Ordinance and the Proposed Recycled Water Rate Ordinance. The Chairperson announced this was the time for any questions or comments by members of the public. There being none, the Chairperson closed the public hearing.

RE: JOINT OUTFALL SYSTEM RECYCLED
WATER RATES - AN ORDINANCE
PRESCRIBING RATES FOR RECYCLED
WATER PRODUCED BY OR THROUGH THE
JOINT OUTFALL SYSTEM AND PROVIDING
FOR THE COLLECTION OF SUCH CHARGES
AND AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING
RECYCLED WATER RATES FOR THE JOINT
OUTFALL SYSTEM - ADOPT - FIND EXEMPT
FROM CEQA

Following the public hearing, *An Ordinance Prescribing Rates for Recycled Water Produced by or Through the Joint Outfall System and Providing for the Collection of Such Charges* and *An Ordinance Prescribing Recycled Water Rates for the Joint Outfall System* (Ordinances) were presented for the Board's consideration. Copies of the Ordinances accompanied the agenda. A recommendation was made to adopt the Ordinances. Furthermore, a recommendation was made to find that adoption of *An Ordinance Prescribing Recycled Water Rates for the*

Joint Outfall System is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15273.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Directors Taj, Saleh, Barcena, Koops, Barrows, Argumedo, Sharif, McOsker, Torres, Lutz, Ding, Avalos, Merlo, Solis, and Warner

ABSTAIN: None

NOES: None

ABSENT: Directors Maza, Frometa, Richardson, Sanchez, Valencia, and Aguayo

An Ordinance Prescribing Rates for Recycled Water Produced by or Through the Joint Outfall System and Providing for the Collection of Such Charges and *An Ordinance Prescribing Recycled Water Rates for the Joint Outfall System* were adopted. Furthermore, the Board found that adoption of *An Ordinance Prescribing Recycled Water Rates for the Joint Outfall System* is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act Pursuant California Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15273 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.

RE: FORMATION OF AN EDUCATION FOUNDATION FOCUSED ON EDUCATION INTERESTS RELATED TO OUR MISSION APPROVE NONPROFIT'S ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, AND AUTHORIZE CHIEF ENGINEER AND GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE, AND RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF A NONPROFIT EDUCATION FOCUSED ON EDUCATION ABOUT WATER AND SOLID WASTE ISSUES, ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AND INSPIRING FUTURE SANITATION WORKERS - ADOPT

Prior to meeting in regular session, the Chief Engineer and General Manager discussed matters pertaining to the formation of an education foundation focused on education interests related to the Districts' mission as recorded in the Status Report presented to the Boards on this date.

One of the goals of the Districts is to educate people in its service area about water and solid waste to encourage more environmentally responsible behavior and potentially inspire future sanitation workers. In October 2023, the Personnel Committee, comprised of the Chairpersons of all active Districts, unanimously endorsed the concept to initiate the formation of an education foundation that will educate the public regarding clean water, wastewater and sanitation in Los

Angeles County and its importance to public health and the environment. As described in the attached letter, the goal of the foundation will be to expand Districts' education programs and activities in the service area. In order to initiate the process of creating this tax-exempt nonprofit, federal and state filings are required. A recommendation was made to approve the nonprofit's Articles of Incorporation, and to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager to be the sole incorporator of the nonprofit and take all actions and execute all documents necessary to consummate formation of the foundation.

Furthermore, a proposed *Resolution of the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County Authorizing the Formation of a Nonprofit Foundation Focused on Education About Water and Solid Waste Issues, Environmental Responsibility and Inspiring Future Sanitation Workers* (Resolution), was presented. A copy of the proposed Resolution was attached to the agenda. A recommendation was made to adopt the Resolution.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County approved the nonprofit's Articles of Incorporation and authorized the Chief Engineer and General Manager to be the sole incorporator of the nonprofit and take all actions and execute all documents necessary to consummate formation of the foundation. Furthermore, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF A NONPROFIT FOUNDATION FOCUSUED ON EDUCATION
ABOUT WATER AND SOLID WASTE ISSUES, ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AND
INSPIRING FUTURE SANITATION WORKERS

WHEREAS, County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County (the “District”) and 23 other County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, each organized and existing under the provisions of the County Sanitation District Act, California Health and Safety Code Section 4700 et seq., make up the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (“Sanitation Districts”); and

WHEREAS, the District is empowered to act as the administrative district for the Sanitation Districts, including on matters concerning public education and community outreach efforts including efforts to recruit, and provide education and training opportunities for members of the public as a potential entry into employment in clean water fields; and

WHEREAS, District staff have been exploring the possibility of forming a non-profit foundation or similar entity for the purpose of educating the public regarding clean water, wastewater and sanitation in Los Angeles County, the importance of these issues to public health, the environment and long term regional resource sustainability, and encouraging more people to consider working in clean water and sanitation related fields; and

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2023, at a regularly-scheduled meeting, the District’s Personnel Committee, comprised of the Chairpersons of all active Sanitation Districts, met, discussed and, those Directors present, unanimously endorsed the concept of forming a non-profit educational foundation to further the education and outreach goals of the Sanitation Districts; and

WHEREAS, District’s staff have drafted preliminary articles of incorporation (the “Articles”) forming the _____ (the “Foundation”). A copy of the Articles is included as Exhibit “A” to this resolution and incorporated herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the District hereby finds and resolves as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are true, correct and are specifically incorporated in and made a substantive part of this Resolution.

Section 2. The Board of Directors of the District hereby authorizes the Chief Engineer and General Manager or his designee to take all necessary steps including, without limitation, filing the necessary formation documents, to form the Foundation. The purpose of the Foundation is to educate the public regarding clean water, wastewater and sanitation in Los Angeles County, the importance of these issues to public health, the environment and long-term regional resource sustainability and to encourage future sanitation workers.

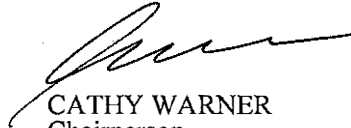
Section 3. The Board of Directors of the District hereby approves the Articles as the formation document for the Foundation.

Section 4. The Board of Directors of the District hereby authorizes the Chief Engineer and General Manager, the Chairperson of the board of directors of the District, and the Chairperson of the board of directors of County Sanitation District No. 8 of Los Angeles County to serve as the initial members of the board of directors of the Foundation, and each such person, individually or collectively are further authorized to sign all forms and applications and take all steps necessary to complete the formation of the Foundation including, without limitation, filing the Articles with the State of California.

Section 5. The Board of Directors of the District authorizes the expenditure of up to \$20,000 for the initial expenses to form the Foundation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the District’s Board of Directors at its meeting on December 13, 2023.

Upon motion of Director McOsker, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned to Monday, December 18, 2023, 1:30 p.m., at the Office of the District, 1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, California.


CATHY WARNER
Chairperson

ATTEST:


KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN
Secretary

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