## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2 HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT; AND THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION VIA TELECONFERENCE

January 10, 2024 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 Ali Sajjad Taj, Alternate Director from Artesia, via AB2449 teleconference

present: Ali Saleh, Alternate Director from Bell

Marco Barcena, Alternate Director from Bell Gardens

Dan Koops, Director from Bellflower, via AB2449 teleconference

Hugo Argumedo, Director from Commerce Emma Sharif, Director from Compton

Suely Saro, Alternate Director from Long Beach Tony Ding, Alternate Director from San Gabriel Maria Davila, Alternate Director from South Gate

Crystal Larios, Director from Vernon

Hilda Solis, Alternate Director from Los Angeles County Cathy Warner, Chairperson, Alternate Director from Whittier

Absent: Ross Maza, Director from Alhambra

Bruce Barrows, Director from Cerritos Mario Trujillo, Director from Downey

Paul Krekorian, Director from Los Angeles City David Torres, Director from Montebello

Jose Sanchez, Director from Monterey Park Margarita Rios, Director from Norwalk Isabel Aguayo, Director from Paramount Andrew Lara, Director from Pico Rivera

Also present: Kimberly S. Christensen, Secretary to the Board

Jessica Lienau, 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

CITY OF BELL GARDENS

A certificate from the City Clerk of the City of Bell

Gardens was presented to the Secretary stating that at a meeting of the City Council held December 11, 2023,

Mr. Jorgel Chavez was elected Mayor of the City of Bell Gardens, which is the designation of the presiding officer of the governing body of that city and automatically places Mr. Chavez on this Board, was accepted and

ordered filed.

RE: DIRECTOR FROM CITY OF DOWNEY

A certificate from the City Clerk of the City of Downey was presented to the Secretary stating that at a meeting of the City Council held January 9, 2024, Mr. Mario

Trujillo was elected Mayor of the City of Downey, which is the designation of the presiding officer of the governing body of that city and automatically places Mr. Trujillo on this Board, was accepted and ordered filed.

RE: DIRECTOR FROM CITY OF NORWALK

A certificate from the City Clerk of the City of Norwalk was presented to the Secretary stating that at a meeting of the City Council held December 12, 2023, Ms. Margarita

Rios was elected Mayor of the City of Norwalk, which is the designation of the presiding officer of the governing body of that city and automatically places Ms. Rios on this Board, was accepted and ordered filed.

RE: DIRECTOR FROM CITY OF PICO RIVERA

A certificate from the City Clerk of the City of Pico Rivera was presented to the Secretary stating that at a meeting of the City Council held December 12, 2023,

Mr. Andrew Lara was elected Mayor of the City of Pico Rivera, which is the designation of the presiding officer of the governing body of that city and automatically places Mr. Lara on this Board, was accepted and ordered filed

**RE: MINUTES** 

The minutes of the regular meeting held December 13, 2023, and the adjourned regular meeting held

December 18, 2023, were approved.

**RE: DISTRICT EXPENSES** 

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

	District No. 2	Joint Administration	Technical Support	Joint Outfall System	Solid Waste System	Stormwater
Operations &						
Maintenance	<u>\$5,708</u>	\$1,153,941	\$5,464,396	\$27,078,877	\$ 9,797,525	<u>\$13,924</u>
Capital		477,235	710,097	24,869,075	1,760,930	
Allocated Expenses:						
Joint Administration				3,963,518	1,462,341	
Technical				2 401 155	227 406	
Support				3,401,155	227,486	
Total Expenses:	<u>\$5,708</u>	<u>\$1,631,176</u>	<u>\$6,174,493</u>	<u>\$59,312,625</u>	<u>\$13,248,282</u>	<u>\$13,924</u>

## REGULAR AGENDA

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT JOINT OUTFALL H UNIT 9B TRUNK SEWER REHABILITATION PHASE II AWARD CONTRACT NO. 5591 TO INSITUFORM TECHNOLOGIES, LLC ORDER SECRETARY TO EXECUTE The Joint Outfall H Unit 9B Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Phase II (Project) will consist of rehabilitation of approximately 10,782 feet of existing 25-inch and 28-inch-diameter corroded concrete pipe and appurtenant structures that were constructed in the 1940s. The work is located within the Cities of La Puente, West Covina and 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 November 2, 2023, for construction of the Project are as follows:

BIDDER	TOTAL BID
Insituform Technologies, LLC	\$3,885,966.00
Sancon Technologies, Inc.	\$3,913,263.00
Southwest Pipeline and Trenchless Corp.	\$4,783,714.00
SAK Construction, LLC	\$4,935,910.00

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 \$3,885,966. 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 Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, Contract No. 5591 for construction of the *Joint Outfall H Unit 9B Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Phase II* was awarded to the lowest, regular, responsible bidder, to wit: Insituform Technologies, LLC, at the unit prices stated in its bid amounting to approximately \$3,885,966. 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 DISTRICT 02 TRUNK SEWERS GROUP 1 REHABILITATION - AWARD CONTRACT NO. 5590 TO INSITUFORM TECHNOLOGIES, LLC - ORDER SECRETARY TO EXECUTE The District 02 Trunk Sewers Group 1 Rehabilitation (Project) will consist of rehabilitation of approximately 15,265 feet of 12-inch to 24-inch-diameter corroded concrete and cracked clay pipe and appurtenant structures that were constructed in the 1950s and 1960s. The work is located within the Cities of Bell Gardens,

Commerce, Montebello, and unincorporated Los Angeles County and 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 bid received at the District's office on December 5, 2023, for construction of the Project is as follows:

BIDDER TOTAL BID

Insituform Technologies, LLC

\$5,289,304.00

The bid of Insituform Technologies, LLC, was the sole 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 \$5,289,304. 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 Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, Contract No. 5590 for construction of the *District 02 Trunk Sewers Group 1 Rehabilitation* was awarded to the sole bidder, to wit: Insituform Technologies, LLC, at the unit prices stated in its bid amounting to approximately \$5,289,304. 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: SOLID WASTE MANAGMENET AIR COMPRESSOR AT THE PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL - REPORT ON BIDS AND AWARD OF ORDER On November 13, 2023, three bids were received at the District's office to Furnish and Deliver an Air Compressor at the Puente Hills Landfill (PHLF). The gas collection system at the PHLF utilizes a series of pneumatic pumps to clear liquids from numerous gas

wells and trenches. The existing air compressors are over 20 years old and have limited parts availability and increased maintenance costs. Procurement and installation of the new compressor, including associated equipment, will be performed by the proposed contractor. 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 low responsive bidder meeting District specifications, Vicon Enterprises, in the amount of approximately \$175,000.

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 responsive bidder meeting District specifications, Vicon Enterprises, to *Furnish and Deliver an Air Compressor at the Puente Hills Landfill*, in the amount of approximately \$175,000 and in accordance with the bids received November 13, 2023.

RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ON-CALL WELDING SERVICES AT ENERGY RECOVERY FACILITIES AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDER TO INNOVATIVE ENGINEERING AND MAINTENANCE On-call contract welding services are periodically required at Energy Recovery Facilities (Facilities) for maintenance repairs such as boiler tube leaks, valve replacements, piping and structural steel repair. Innovative Engineering and Maintenance (Innovative) is a qualified contractor selected from a formal bid process in early 2023 and has performed satisfactorily to date.

Issuing a purchase order for a two-year period is in the Districts' best interest. Staff has determined that the activities described herein do not constitute a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Public Resource Code Section 21065 and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") Section 15378. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles 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 Innovative in the amount of approximately \$200,000 for on-call welding services at Facilities for a two-year period.

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 Innovative Engineering and Maintenance for on-call welding services at Energy Recovery Facilities for a two-year period, at a cost of approximately \$200,000.

RE: JOINT ADMINISTRATION LEARNING SUBSCRIPTIONS AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDER TO PRYOR LEARNING SOLUTIONS This learning investment provides a cost-effective and consistent approach to the Districts' training of employees. The annual subscriptions include unlimited access to over 4,000 courses online and numerous inperson courses. Any required curriculum is determined by managers and supervisors and is administrated by

Human Resources. The contract includes two 1-day private group training sessions per year. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to continual improvement. A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a purchase order to Pryor Learning Solutions in the amount of \$402,300 for up to 1,850 learning subscriptions for a five-year period.

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 Pryor Learning Solutions for up to 1,850 learning subscriptions for a five-year period, at a cost of approximately \$402,300.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT RENOVATION OF VARIOUS RESTROOMS AT A. K. WARREN WATER RESOURCE FACILITY AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDER TO MDJ MANAGEMENT, INC. Renovation of the restrooms in the Administration Building and East Laboratory at the A. K. Warren Water Resource Facility (Warren Facility) are needed to resolve increasing maintenance issues associated with the facilities that have reached the end of their useful life. The restrooms in the Administration Building and the

East Laboratory were constructed in the 1970s. The renovations will include replacing water closets and urinals, updating finishes on the walls, floor, ceiling, and showers, and upgrading plumbing and electrical fixtures. 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 MDJ Management, Inc., in the amount of approximately \$589,080 for renovation of various restrooms 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 MDJ Management, Inc., for renovation of various restrooms at the A. K. Warren Water Resource Facility, at a cost of approximately \$589,080.

RE: FACILITIES PLANNING - RENEWAL OF SOFTWARE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR DISTRICTS' EXISTING SOFTWARE WORK AND ASSET MANAGEMENT AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF PURCHASE ORDER TO ORACLE AMERICA, INC.

The Board previously approved a purchase order to Oracle America, Inc., (Oracle) to provide software support services for the Work and Asset Management (WAM) system, which is used Districts-wide to manage operational assets. Oracle is the sole licensor of the WAM system and has offered to continue to provide support services for a three-year period at an increase of

approximately 5 percent. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles to provide reliable and responsible services with safety first; and 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 three-year extension of a purchase order with Oracle for the renewal of software support services for the WAM system in the amount of approximately \$483,000.

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 three-year period, with Oracle America, Inc., for the renewal of software support services for the WAM system, at a cost of approximately \$483,000.

RE: FACILITIES PLANNING - RENEWAL OF SOFTWARE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR DISTRICTS' EXISTING SOFTWARE E-BUSINESS SUITE - AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF PURCHASE ORDER TO ORACLE AMERICA, INC.

The Board previously approved a purchase order to Oracle America, Inc., (Oracle) to provide software support services for the E-Business Suite (EBS) system, which is used Districts-wide to manage human and financial resources. Oracle is the sole licensor of the EBS system and has offered to continue to provide support services for a three-year period at an increase of

approximately 13 percent. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles to provide reliable and responsible services with safety first; and 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 three-year extension of a purchase order with Oracle for the renewal of software support services for EBS in the amount of approximately \$1,721,000.

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 three-year period, with Oracle America, Inc., for the renewal of software support services for E-Business Suite, at a cost of approximately \$1,721,000.

RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT CHILLER MAINTENANCE SERVICES AT CALABASAS GAS-TO-ENERGY FACILITY CONFIRM PURCHASE ORDER TO EMCOR SERVICES MESA ENERGY The Calabasas Gas-to-Energy Facility (Facility) uses three landfill gas cleanup and conditioning systems to prepare raw landfill gas for power generation. Major components of these systems are the chiller skids that cool the landfill gas to remove moisture and heat of compression. Maintenance services are required to keep

the chiller systems and the power plant operational. On March 20, 2023, the Districts issued a one-year purchase order for \$98,925 to Emcor Services Mesa Energy (Emcor) for chiller maintenance services, which was within the Purchasing Agent's authority. Extra work related to an unexpected failure of compressors and an evaporator resulted in exceeding the original purchase order. The revised purchase order will be for approximately \$275,000 which includes costs to address the equipment failure and cover 18 months of maintenance. Emcor is the only service provider in the area that can meet the Facility's call out and support requirements. Emcor has provided exceptional service at a reasonable price. Staff has determined that the activities described herein do not constitute a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21065 and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") Section 15378. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles 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 for the Board to confirm the issuance of a purchase order to Emcor in the amount of approximately \$275,000 for chiller maintenance services at the Facility.

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 Emcor Services Mesa Energy, in the amount of \$275,000, for chiller maintenance services at the Calabasas Gas-to-Energy Facility.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT JOINT OUTFALL UNIT 7C TRUNK SEWER AT MH F 0180 - CONFIRM PURCHASE ORDER TO MLADEN BUNTICH CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. On December 7, 2023, during routine maintenance on the Joint Outfall Unit 7C Trunk Sewer, staff discovered severe corrosion of an existing manhole structure which included a hole through the roof slab and shaft near the street surface. Due to the potential risk to the public, it was determined that the repairs needed to be done on an

emergency basis. Mladen Buntich Construction Co., Inc., 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 Mladen Buntich Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of approximately \$300,000 for the emergency repair of *Joint Outfall Unit 7C Trunk Sewer at MH F 0180*.

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 Mladen Buntich Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$300,000 for the emergency repair of the *Joint Outfall Unit 7C Trunk Sewer at MH F 0180*.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS VEHICLE FUELING STATION DESIGN, BUILD, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND CNG SALES AGREEMENT - CLEAN ENERGY CONTRACT NO. 5411 - APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 6 - EXTRA WORK As part of the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Vehicle Fueling Station Design, Build, Operation, Maintenance and CNG Sales Agreement "Joint Water Pollution Control Plant CNG Fueling Station Expansion" (Project), the contractor was required to excavate and prepare the site to install concrete foundations for the new CNG fueling station equipment. During excavation, the contractor encountered abandoned, underground concrete structures

that interfered with the work and were not shown on the contract drawings. The contractor was therefore directed to remove and dispose of the interfering portions of the concrete structures and replace it with suitable soil as required to support the concrete foundations. 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. 6 to Contract No. 5411 with Clean Energy for Construction of the Project; resulting in a payment of \$159,588.53 for extra work.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, Change Order No. 6 to Contract No. 5411 with Clean Energy for the construction of *Compressed Natural Gas* (CNG) *Vehicle Fueling Station Design, Build, Operation, Maintenance and CNG Sales Agreement* "Joint Water Pollution Control Plant CNG Fueling Station Expansion," resulting in a payment of \$159,588.53, was approved.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT JOINT OUTFALL B UNIT 1A TRUNK SEWER REHABILITATION PHASE 2 SPINIELLO INFRASTRUCTURE WEST, INC. CONTRACT NO. 5483 - APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS NOS. 3 AND 4 - EXTRA WORK As part of the *Joint Outfall B Unit 1A Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 2* (Project), the contractor was required to rehabilitate approximately 6,500 linear feet of existing 144-inch-diameter sewer. During construction, the contractor encountered unspecified debris within the residual flow that resulted in the repeated clogging of the dewatering pumps. As a result, the contractor was

directed to supply additional dewatering pumps, provide full-time pump monitoring, and perform additional pump maintenance as required to address the debris encountered. Separately, in preparation for the anticipated increased sewer flows resulting from Hurricane Hillary on August 19-20, 2023, the contractor was directed to suspend all work on the Project and restore the flow in the 144-inch-diameter sewer to ensure there was adequate capacity in the sewer system to avoid a sewer spill. Following the storm event, the contractor was directed to clean the sewer to resume the work. 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 claims have been reviewed and the work determined to be beyond the scope of the plans and specifications. A recommendation was made to approve Change Orders Nos. 3 and 4 to Contract No. 5483 with Spiniello Infrastructure West, Inc., for the construction of the Project; resulting in a total payment of \$679,360.28 for extra work.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, Change Orders Nos. 3 and 4 to Contract No. 5483 with Spiniello Infrastructure West, Inc., for the construction of *Joint Outfall B Unit 1A Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 2*, resulting in a payment of \$679,360.28, was approved.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT - ARTESIA EXTENSION TRUNK SEWER REHABILITATION PHASE 2 - SANCON TECHNOLOGIES, INC. CONTRACT NO. 5516 - APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 - EXTRA WORK

As part of the Artesia Extension Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 2 (Project), the contractor was required to rehabilitate approximately 160 feet of 39-inch-diameter corroded concrete sewer pipe with a cured-in-place pipe liner system. During construction and prior to rehabilitating this particular section of corroded sewer pipe, a

large hole with a void was discovered following inspection after the rainstorms that occurred between January and March 2023. The contractor was therefore directed to reprioritize their work and immediately repair this section of pipe on an emergency basis using alternative liner curing methods. Due to the significant amount of debris that had entered the sewer as a result of the damage, the contractor was also required to modify and extend the flow bypass system in order to accommodate the work. 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 claims have 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. 5516 with Sancon Technologies, Inc., for construction of the Project; resulting in payment of \$533,364.55 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. 5516 with Sancon Technologies, Inc., for the construction of *Artesia Extension Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 2*, resulting in a payment of \$533,364.55, was approved.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT A.K. WARREN WATER RESOURCE FACILITY ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT EWINGCOLE - CONTRACT NO. 5589 APPROVE Architectural and engineering support is required to assist Districts' staff in the design of laboratory biosafety improvements for the A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility East Laboratory Building Biosafety Improvements (Project). Proposals were solicited and received from three engineering firms. EwingCole was ranked as

the most qualified engineering firm to provide the required services. EwingCole has extensive experience with design of the improvements being considered and has the expertise and resources to complete the work in the time required. EwingCole submitted a cost-effective proposal and their proposed hourly rates are comparable to the other engineering firms. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship. A recommendation was made to approve and order executed an Agreement with EwingCole in the amount of approximately \$510,000 for architectural and engineering services for the Project.

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 found and determined that it would be to the advantage of the District to enter into an *Engineering Services Agreement* with EwingCole providing for architectural and engineering services, as set forth in the Agreement and under terms and conditions contained therein. All the terms and conditions of the *Engineering Services Agreement*, Contract No. 5589, dated January 10, 2024, were accepted and approved, and the Chairperson and Secretary were authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the District.

RE: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING FEE AND CHARGE RATES FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AT THE CALABASAS LANDFILL A proposed An Ordinance Prescribing Fee and Charge Rates for Solid Waste Management Activities at the Calabasas Landfill (CALF) (Ordinance) was presented to the Board for consideration and introduction. The Districts operates the CALF on behalf of the County of Los Angeles (County) under a Joint Powers Agreement.

The Districts operates at cost and is not responsible for shortfalls in revenue. A letter describing the recommended Board action and a copy of the proposed Ordinance accompanied the agenda. The Ordinance would increase the municipal solid and inert waste rate at the CALF from \$60.32 per ton to \$75.40 per ton, effective March 1, 2024. Changes to the rates for hard-to-handle and bulky items, tires, special handling, and pull-offs are also proposed. The proposed rate increases are necessary to offset increasing operational and capital costs. The County has concurred with the increases. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship; and to plan for both short-term and long-term needs to minimize the need for significant rate increases. A recommendation was made to waive the reading of the Ordinance in its entirety.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, *An Ordinance Prescribing Fee and Charge Rates for Solid Waste Management Activities at the Calabasas Landfill* (Ordinance) was introduced, and after reading of the title thereof, further reading of the Ordinance was waived.

RE: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DECLARING VARIOUS PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE SANITATION DISTRICTS TO BE EXEMPT SURPLUS LAND IN CALENDAR YEAR 2024 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SURPLUS LAND ACT - ADOPT A proposed Resolution of the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County Declaring Various Properties Owned by the Sanitation Districts To Be Exempt Surplus Land in Calendar Year 2024 in Accordance with Surplus Land Act (SLA) was presented. The SLA is intended to stimulate the development of affordable housing and requires the identification of excess publicly-owned land that may be used for this purpose. Accordingly, SLA regulations require local

agencies such as the Districts to declare property "surplus land" or "exempt surplus land" prior to lease. Declaring properties exempt surplus land avoids the need to make these properties available to outside entities for development of affordable housing prior to lease since the properties involved are either buffer for the Districts' wastewater and solid waste facilities or are needed for potential future expansion of Districts' facilities. In 2024, the Districts anticipates leasing the properties listed in the resolution attached to the agenda. Staff consulted with the California Department of Housing and Community Development to prepare the resolution, which includes detailed written findings explaining why each property is exempt surplus land. Staff recommends the Board declare the properties listed in the resolution to be "exempt surplus land" in accordance with the SLA. Staff has determined that approval of the resolution is not a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the 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 continual improvement. A recommendation was made to adopt the Resolution.

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

## RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DECLARING VARIOUS PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE SANITATION DISTRICTS TO BE EXEMPT SURPLUS LAND IN CALENDAR YEAR 2024 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SURPLUS LAND ACT

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 the management and disposition of real property owned by each individual district; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Surplus Land Act, codified at California Government Code Sections 54220 et seq. (the "Act"), local agencies such as the Sanitation Districts must declare any real property they own as either "Surplus Land" or "Exempt Surplus Land" prior to any disposition, including certain leasing or options to lease transactions, of the property; and

WHEREAS, exempt surplus land, pursuant to the Act, includes property that is necessary for use by the Sanitation Districts as buffer property near sensitive governmental uses including, but not limited to, wastewater treatment plants, solid waste management facilities, and other similar uses; and

WHEREAS, the Sanitation Districts are empowered to lease property declared as exempt surplus land if the planned lease and use of the property furthers the express purpose of the agency work or operations; and

WHEREAS, the Sanitation Districts are empowered to lease property declared as exempt surplus land to other governmental agencies for those agencies' use; and

WHEREAS, all the prospective leases covered by this Resolution are subject to separate review and consideration by the District and are not considered final or approved unless or until the Board of Directors of the Sanitation District that holds fee title to the property to be leased is presented with a separate hearing item for the lease that includes review, evaluation and clearances under all applicable Sanitation Districts' policies,

procedures and the requirements of all applicable laws including, without limitation, the California Environmental Quality Act; and

WHEREAS, the Sanitation Districts are the owners of Los Angeles County Assessor Parcel Numbers 7406-026-916, 7406-026-917, 7406-026-918, and 7406-026-921 located at 24721 S. Main Street in Carson, California, and commonly referred to as the former Fletcher Oil and Refining Company property (the "FORCO Site"). The FORCO Site meets the definition of "agency's use" as that term is defined in California Government Code Sections 54221(c)(1) and (f)(1)(K) because the Sanitation Districts use the property as a buffer site for ongoing operations at the Sanitation Districts' A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility (the "WWRF") (formerly known as the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant), a publicly-owned wastewater treatment plant located immediately adjacent to the FORCO Site. In addition, pursuant to California Government Code Section 54221(c)(2)(B)(i) the Sanitation Districts are preparing a lease for the FORCO Site with The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for industrial uses and activities including, without limitation, construction and operation of an advanced water treatment facility to further purify the effluent produced by the WWRF; and

WHEREAS, the Sanitation Districts are the owners of Los Angeles County Assessor Parcel Number 8125-025-922 located at 13130 Crossroads Parkway South, City of Industry, California, and commonly referred to as the Nike Hill communications tower farm site (the "Communications Tower Site"). The Communications Tower Site contains various communication towers and related infrastructure, owned and operated by private companies or public agencies, and is located within what was, at one time, the largest operating landfill in the United States known as the Puente Hills Landfill (the "PHLF"). The PHLF closed in 2013. The Communications Tower Site meets the definition of "agency's use" as that term is defined in California Government Code Sections 54221(c)(1), 54221(c)(2)(B)(i) and 54221(f)(1)(K) because the Communications Tower Site acts as a buffer to the ongoing post-closure operations at the PHLF and leasing portions of the Communications Tower Site to various operators of communications towers directly furthers the express purposes of the Sanitation Districts work and operations because the lease generates revenue to fund the Sanitation Districts ongoing post-closure maintenance costs of the PHLF; and

WHEREAS, the Sanitation Districts are the owners of Los Angeles County Assessor Parcel Numbers 8125-021-942, 8125-021-943, 8125-022-901, 8125-023-901, 8125-023-902, and 8125-025-922 located at 13130 Crossroads Parkway South, City of Industry, California. This is the entirety of the "PHLF Site" which originally opened in 1957 and operated continuously until it was closed in October 2013. Pursuant to the Conditional Use Permits issued by the County of Los Angeles for the PHLF, portions of the PHLF Site must be made available to the County of Los Angeles for use as a public park. The PHLF Site meets the definition of "exempt surplus land" as that term is defined in California Government Code Section 54221(f)(1)(D) as the Sanitation Districts are party to a Joint Powers Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the future construction and operation of a public park and recreational facility at the PHLF Site for area residents; and

WHEREAS, the Sanitation Districts are the owners of Los Angeles County Assessor Parcel Number 8125-021-942, which is part of the PHLF Site and contains the Puente Hills Gas-to-Energy Facility (the "PHLF Gas Facility Site"). The PHLF Gas Facility Site meets the definition of "agency's use" as that term is defined in California Government Code Sections 54221(c)(1), 54221(c)(2)(B)(i) and 54221(f)(1)(K) because leasing a portion of the site to a third party for the purpose of harvesting and beneficially using the biogas produced at the PHLF Site will generate revenue to support the operation and maintenance of the Sanitation Districts' solid waste management facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Sanitation Districts are the owners of Los Angeles County Assessor Parcel Numbers 6232-016-902 and 6232-016-906 located at 9530 Garfield Avenue, South Gate, California, and commonly referred to as the South Gate Transfer Station (the "SGTS Site"). The SGTS Site meets the definition of "agency's use" as that term is defined in California Government Code Sections 54221(c)(1), 54221(c)(2)(B)(i) and 54221(f)(1)(K) because leasing a portion of the site to a third party will generate revenue to support the operation and maintenance of the Sanitation Districts' solid waste management facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Sanitation Districts are the owners of Los Angeles County Assessor Parcel Number 3116-007-900, located at 1865 W. Avenue D, Lancaster, California, which is part of the Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant (the "Lancaster WRP Site"). The Lancaster WRP Site meets the definition of "agency's use" as that term is defined in California Government Code Sections 54221(c)(1), 54221(c)(2)(B)(i) and 54221(f)(1)(K) because leasing a portion of the site to a third party will generate revenue to support the operation and maintenance of the Sanitation Districts' wastewater management facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Sanitation Districts are the owners of Los Angeles County Assessor Parcel Numbers 3022-007-900 and 3025-024-900, located at 39300 30<sup>th</sup> Street East and 40500 40<sup>th</sup> Street East, respectively, Palmdale, California, which comprise the Palmdale Water Reclamation Plant (the "Palmdale WRP Site"). The

Palmdale WRP Site meets the definition of "agency's use" as that term is defined in California Government Code Sections 54221(c)(1), 54221(c)(2)(B)(i) and 54221(f)(1)(K) because leasing a portion of the site to a third party will generate revenue to support the operation and maintenance of the Sanitation Districts' wastewater management facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Sanitation Districts, during calendar year 2024, anticipate negotiating leases affecting the FORCO Site, the Communications Tower Site, the PHLF Site, the PHLF Gas Facility Site, the SGTS Site, the Lancaster WRP Site, and the Palmdale WRP Site (collectively, the "Properties") as more fully described in this Resolution. Each of the leases will continue to further the purposes of the Sanitation Districts work and operations for the reasons stated in this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Directors has reviewed this Resolution and now desires to declare the Properties as "Exempt Surplus Land" as that term is defined in California Government Code Sections 54221(f)(1)(D) and 54221(f)(1)(K) based on the findings and justifications contained in this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, the District's Board of Directors finds and resolved as follows:

<u>SECTION 1</u>. The above recitals are true, correct and are specifically incorporated in and made a substantive part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The District's Board of Directors hereby declares that the Properties are all "Exempt Surplus Land" in accordance with the terms, requirements, and provisions of the Act, and based on the findings contained in this Resolution for each of the properties. If the Sanitation Districts elect to dispose of, by lease, additional properties not included in this Resolution, the Sanitation Districts will, in advance of any contemplated transactions, consider and vote on a subsequent resolution that includes the requisite property specific findings in conformance and compliance with the terms, requirements and provisions of the Act.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Board of Directors is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the California Department of Housing and Community Development in accordance with the requirements of Section 400(e) of the Surplus Land Act Guidelines, dated April 2021 and the Guide to Exemptions from the Standard Surplus Land Act Process for Local Agencies issued by the California Department of Housing and Community Development dated July 2022.

SECTION 4. This Resolution has been reviewed in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq. and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.) ("CEQA" and the "CEQA Guidelines," respectively). The District's staff have determined that the designation of the Properties as "Exempt Surplus Land" does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and is, therefore, exempt from review under CEQA Section 21080 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) because it is not a project as defined in CEQA Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378. Moreover, adoption of this Resolution does not have the potential to result in either a direct physical change or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change to the environment. If and when the Properties are leased for use by prospective tenants, and if the prospective tenants propose a use for the property that requires the issuance of a discretionary permit from an agency with land use authority and control over the property, that future use, and the associated discretionary permit(s) will be reviewed and analyzed in accordance with the requirements of CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines.

SECTION 5. The officers and staff of the District are hereby authorized, jointly and severally, to do all things which they may deem necessary and proper to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution, and any such actions previously taken are hereby ratified and confirmed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County at its meeting on January 10, 2024.

AYES: Directors Taj, Saleh, Barcena, Koops, Argumedo, Sharif, Saro, Ding, Davila, Larios, Solis, and Warner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Directors Maza, Barrows, Trujillo, Krekorian, Torres, J. Sanchez, Rios, Aguayo, and Lara

RE: JOINT ADMINISTRATION PURCHASING POLICY - ADOPT

As part of the continuing effort to ensure the Districts follows best practices as it relates to financial matters, revisions to the Purchasing Policy (Policy) are being

recommended. The Policy establishes rules for purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, services, and construction projects. Proposed revisions to the Policy clarify several sections and modify the provisions for emergency orders and contracts. In September 2023, the Personnel Committee, comprised of the Chairpersons of all active Districts, unanimously endorsed the proposed revisions, and the revised Policy was adopted by this Board at the November 8, 2023, meeting. Subsequently, in response to concerns raised at the November meetings of the District No. 14 and District No. 20 Boards, staff made further revisions to notification requirements related to emergency actions specified in Section 3.3 to reduce the threshold for Board Chairperson notification and concurrence for actions exceeding \$200,000 for smaller Districts. These changes are included in the revised Policy attached to the agenda. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship; and to plan for both short-term and long-term needs to minimize the need for significant rate increases. A recommendation was made that the Policy be approved and adopted.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Policy was approved, and adopted.

RE: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REJECT CLAIM BY JORGE CAMPA ALLEGING INJURIES SUSTAINED FROM INCIDENT INVOLVING DISTRICT VEHICLE CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PENDING LITIGATION - DISCUSS On December 20, 2023, a claim of injuries was received from Jorge Campa alleging he was injured on August 28, 2023, after being struck by a District vehicle. Districts' staff has investigated the incident, and 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.

District Counsel advised that it would be in the interest of the District to meet in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.9(a) of the California Government Code *Conference with Legal Counsel-Pending Litigation* to confer on the matter of the claim of Jorge Campa, alleging injuries sustained from an incident involving a District vehicle.

The Chairperson took the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County into closed session at 2:01 p.m. pursuant to Section 54956.9(a) of the California Government Code *Conference with Legal Counsel-Pending Litigation* to confer on the matter referred by District Counsel.

Upon completion of the closed session, the meeting reconvened in regular session at 2:11 p.m. District Counsel advised that no action was taken of a nature that requires disclosure pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Board rejected the claim of Jorge Campa, alleging injuries sustained from an incident involving a District vehicle.

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

ATTEST:	CATHY WARNER Chairperson
KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN	

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Secretary