

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

February 28, 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 present: Ali Sajjad Taj, Alternate Director from Artesia  
Ali Saleh, Alternate Director from Bell  
Marco Barcena, Alternate Director from Bell Gardens  
Dan Koops, Director from Bellflower  
Bruce Barrows, Director from Cerritos  
Hugo Argumedo, Director from Commerce  
Emma Sharif, Director from Compton  
Suely Saro, Alternate Director from Long Beach  
Scarlet Peralta, Director from Montebello  
Rick Ramirez, Alternate Director from Norwalk  
Isabel Aguayo, Director from Paramount  
Gustavo Camacho, Alternate Director from Pico Rivera  
Tony Ding, Alternate Director from San Gabriel  
Maria Davila, Alternate Director from South Gate  
Judith Merlo, Alternate Director from Vernon  
Lindsey Horvath, Director from Los Angeles County

Absent: Ross Maza, Director from Alhambra  
Mario Trujillo, Director from Downey  
Paul Krekorian, Director from Los Angeles City  
Jose Sanchez, Director from Monterey Park  
Joe Vinatieri, Director from Whittier

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

Upon motion of Director Davila, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, Director Saleh was elected Chairperson pro tem.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion of Director Argumedo, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

RE: PUBLIC COMMENT The Chairperson pro tem announced this was the time for any questions or comments by members of the public.  
There were no public comments or questions to address to Board on any matters.

RE: ALTERNATE DIRECTOR FROM CITY OF NORWALK A copy of an action taken by the City Council of the City of Norwalk at a meeting held February 6, 2024, was presented to the Secretary stating that Mr. Rick Ramirez, a member of the City Council of the City of Norwalk, was appointed to serve as alternate Director from the city, was accepted and ordered filed.

RE: MINUTES The minutes of the regular meeting held February 14, 2024, were approved.

RE: LEGAL SERVICES PAYMENT AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES ADVANCED An invoice dated January 16, 2024, from Lewis Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith LLP, in the amount of \$173,646.52, for professional services rendered and reimbursement of expenses advanced in various Districts' matters during the month of December 2023,

were approved, and the Chief Engineer and General Manager was authorized to have a warrant drawn in full payment of the invoice, the charges to be distributed to the affected Districts.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT  
 JOINT OUTFALL B UNIT 1D DIVERSION  
 STRUCTURE - AWARD CONTRACT NO. 5606  
 TO MLADEN BUNTICH CONSTRUCTION  
 COMPANY, INC. - ORDER SECRETARY TO  
 EXECUTE

The *Joint Outfall B Unit 1D Diversion Structure* (Project) consists of construction of approximately 160 feet of 57-inch-diameter fiberglass reinforced plastic pipe sewer and appurtenant structures to divert flow away from downstream sewers that have limited hydraulic capacity during wet weather events and have overflowed in the past. The work is located within the

City of Pico Rivera as was shown on the map attached to the agenda. The bid summary/recommendation to award was attached to the agenda. Staff has determined that the Project is exempt or otherwise not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Public Resources Code Sections 21080.21 and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (“CEQA Guidelines”) Sections 15301 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 January 24, 2024, for construction of the Project are as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Mladen Buntich Construction Company, Inc.	\$4,647,000.00
Steve Bubalo Construction Company	\$4,952,000.00
KEC Engineerig	\$6,388,888.00
Mike Bubalo Construction Company	\$6,612,200.00
J.F. Shea Construction Co., Inc.	\$9,704,000.00

The bid of Mladen Buntich Construction Company, Inc., was the lowest bid received and that Mladen Buntich Construction Company, Inc., was the lowest, regular, responsible bidder for the work, and a recommendation was made to award a contract to Mladen Buntich Construction Company, Inc., at the unit prices stated in its bid amounting to approximately \$4,647,000. 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 Mladen Buntich Construction Company, Inc., for construction of the Project.

Upon motion of Director Argumedo, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, Contract No. 5606 for construction of the *Joint Outfall B Unit 1D Diversion Structure* was awarded to the lowest, regular, responsible bidder, to wit: Mladen Buntich Construction Company, Inc., at the unit prices stated in its bid amounting to approximately \$4,647,000. 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 Mladen Buntich Construction Company, Inc., for construction of the Project.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT  
 JOINT OUTFALL B UNIT 6G TRUNK  
 SEWER REHABILITATION PHASE 2  
 AWARD CONTRACT NO. 5607  
 TO INSITUFORM TECHNOLOGIES, LLC  
 ORDER SECRETARY TO EXECUTE

The *Joint Outfall B Unit 6G Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 2* (Project) will consist of rehabilitation of approximately 10,031 feet of 36-inch-diameter corroded concrete pipe and appurtenant structures that were constructed in 1948 and 1957. The work is located within the Cities of Alhambra and San Gabriel as was shown on the map attached to the agenda. The bid summary/recommendation

to award was attached to the agenda. Staff has determined that the Project is exempt or otherwise not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Public Resources Code Sections 21080(b)(4) and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (“CEQA Guidelines”) Section 15301. This item is consistent with the Districts’ Guiding Principles to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs; and commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness). The bids received at the District’s office on January 25, 2024, for construction of the Project are as follows:

BIDDER

TOTAL BID

Insituform Technologies, LLC	\$6,389,450.00
Spiniello Infrastructure West, Inc.	\$8,449,428.99
SAK Construction, LLC	\$8,576,200.00

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 \$6,389,450. 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 Argumedo, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, Contract No. 5607 for construction of the *Joint Outfall B Unit 6G Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 2* was awarded to the lowest, regular, responsible bidder, to wit: Insituform Technologies, LLC, at the unit prices stated in its bid amounting to approximately \$6,389,450. 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  
 JOINT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT  
 REMEDIATION SYSTEM EXPANSION  
 AWARD CONTRACT NO. 5608  
 TO AMERICAN INTEGRATED SERVICES, INC.  
 ORDER SECRETARY TO EXECUTE

The *Joint Water Pollution Control Plant Remediation System Expansion* (Project) consists of construction and operation, monitoring, and maintenance of a treatment system to remediate petroleum hydrocarbon contamination in the deep soil and groundwater to the Districts' vacant property adjacent to the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant, now known as the A.K. Warren Water

Resource Facility. The contamination is due to historical oil refinery operations at the site. The proposed remediation system includes vertical and horizontal wells that supply air to degrade and extract contaminants from the soil and groundwater. Additionally, the Project includes up to five years of operation and maintenance as well as system decommissioning upon completion of remediation activities. This Project will help prepare the site for potential future construction of the Pure Water Southern California project or other redevelopment to support Districts' operations. 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") Sections 15301, 15303 and 15304. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles of commitment to continual improvement; and commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness). The bids received at the District's office on January 17, 2024, for construction of the Project are as follows:

BIDDER

TOTAL BID

American Integrated Services, Inc.	\$13,084,245.00
Innovative Construction Solutions	\$15,138,088.50

The bid of American Integrated Services, Inc., was the lowest bid received and that American Integrated Services, Inc., was the lowest, regular, responsible bidder for the work, and a recommendation was made to award a contract to American Integrated Services, Inc., at the unit prices stated in its bid amounting to approximately \$13,084,245. 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 American Integrated Services, Inc., for construction of the Project.

Upon motion of Director Argumedo, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, Contract No. 5608 for construction of the *Joint Water Pollution Control Plant Remediation System Expansion* was awarded to the lowest, regular, responsible bidder, to wit: American Integrated Services, Inc., at the unit prices stated in its bid amounting to approximately \$13,084,245. 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 American Integrated Services, Inc., for construction of the Project.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT  
ANNUAL SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE  
SUPPORT SERVICES FOR ROCKWELL  
AUTOMATION SUPERVISORY CONTROL  
AND DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM  
AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE  
ORDER TO ROYAL INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS

The Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system consists of Rockwell Automation software and hardware providing computer-based control over major processes at the Districts' wastewater treatment plants, pumping plants, and energy recovery facilities. Previous service agreements with Rockwell Automation have proven to be a cost-effective method for providing required maintenance, support, and software updates.

Royal Industrial Solutions is the only authorized representative to provide support service agreements to the Districts on behalf of Rockwell Automation. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance program. A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a purchase order to Royal Industrial Solutions in the amount of approximately \$218,355 for annual software and hardware support services for Rockwell Automation SCADA system.

Upon motion of Director Argumedo, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to Royal Industrial Solutions for annual software and hardware support services for Rockwell Automation Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system, at a cost of approximately \$218,355.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT  
WHITTIER NARROWS WATER  
RECLAMATION PLANT RETURN  
ACTIVATED SLUDGE PIPING  
REPLACEMENT AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE  
OF PURCHASE ORDER TO  
ACCO ENGINEERED SYSTEMS

The wastewater treatment process is dependent on piping to convey return activated sludge to biological reactors, which are critical for compliant operations. The existing return activated sludge piping has corroded, is in poor condition, can no longer be effectively repaired, and needs to be replaced. ACCO Engineered Systems will be installing new piping, valves, and appurtenant work. Pursuant to authority previously granted by the

Board, the *Whittier Narrows Water Reclamation Plant Return Activated Sludge Piping Replacement* (Project) will be completed utilizing the Job Order Contracting program which relies on pre-established, competitively-bid construction tasks that will accelerate project delivery and reduce administration and design costs. Staff has determined that the activities described herein are exempt or otherwise not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21084 and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") Section 15301. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs; and commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness). A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a purchase order to ACCO Engineered Systems in the amount of approximately \$444,703 for the Project.

Upon motion of Director Argumedo, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to ACCO Engineered Systems for the *Whittier Narrows Water Reclamation Plant Return Activated Sludge Piping Replacement*, at a cost of approximately \$444,703.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT  
ALUMINUM ODOR CONTROL COVERS  
AT SAN JOSE CREEK WATER RECLAMATION  
PLANT AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE  
ORDER TO HALLSTEN CORPORATION

Odor control covers are used at the San Jose Creek Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) to prevent the migration of foul odors offsite. Hallsten Corporation (Hallsten) aluminum covers have a gasketed air-tight design and have been used in similar applications at other treatment plants and Districts' facilities. They also have demon-

strated superior corrosion resistance and strength. Hallsten aluminum covers are competitively priced and offer superior structural integrity over those of other cover manufacturers. 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 purchase order to Hallsten in the amount of approximately \$859,600 for aluminum odor control covers at the San Jose Creek WRP.

Upon motion of Director Argumedo, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to Hallsten Corporation for aluminum odor control covers at the San Jose Creek Water Reclamation Plant, at a cost of approximately \$859,600.

RE: ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE  
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL  
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023  
RECEIVE AND ORDER FILED

The Districts' *Annual Comprehensive Financial Report* (ACFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, which includes the annual audit required by state and federal laws, has been previously distributed to the Directors. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding

Principles of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship; and to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs. A recommendation was made to receive and order filed the Districts' ACFR for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

The Chief Engineer and General Manager advised that all of the agendas include an item to receive and file the ACFR, which includes the annual audit required by state and federal laws. The ACFR was reviewed by an independent Certified Public Accounting firm and there were no findings of concern. The agency maintained a high credit rating, and the CalPERS pension is funded at 90 percent. The first several pages in the ACFR include a management summary that discusses the Districts' capital projects, goals, an overview of the Districts' wastewater and solid waste operations, and financial position.

Upon motion of Director Argumedo, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the *Annual Comprehensive Financial Report* for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, which includes the annual audit required by state and federal laws, and was previously distributed to the Directors, was accepted and ordered filed.

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

ATTEST:

ALI SALEH  
Chairperson pro tem

KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN  
Secretary

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