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

March 13, 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 Bruce Barrows, Director from Cerritos Hugo Argumedo, Director from Commerce Emma Sharif, Director from Compton Mario Trujillo, Director from Downey

Suely Saro, Alternate Director from Long Beach Rick Ramirez, Alternate Director from Norwalk Isabel Aguayo, Director from Paramount

Tony Ding, Alternate Director from San Gabriel Maria Davila, Alternate Director from South Gate

Crystal Larios, Director from Vernon

Cathy Warner, Chairperson, Alternate Director from Whittier

Absent: Ross Maza, Director from Alhambra

Paul Krekorian, Director from Los Angeles City Scarlet Peralta, Director from Montebello Thomas Wong, Director from Monterey Park Andrew Lara, Director from Pico Rivera

Lindsey Horvath, Director from Los Angeles County

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

Kelly Alhadeff-Black, District Counsel

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Director Ramirez, 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: MINUTES The minutes of the regular meeting held February 28, 2024,

were approved.

RE: DISTRICT EXPENSES The following expenses for the month of December 2023

were presented and approved:

	District No. 2	<u>Joint</u> <u>Administration</u>	Technical Support	Joint Outfall System	Solid Waste System	Stormwater
Operations & Maintenance Capital Allocated	\$130,317	\$4,031,568 646,406	\$4,819,318 48,761	\$23,499,297 18,683,340	\$12,597,955 2,786,693	\$24,153
Expenses: Joint Administration				4,483,942	1,687,640	
Technical Support Total Expenses:	<u>\$130,317</u>	<u>\$4,677,974</u>	<u>\$4,868,079</u>	3,948,875 \$50,615,454	249,953 \$17,322,241	<u>\$24,153</u>

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RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT ELAINE AVENUE TRUNK SEWER REHABILITATION - INSITUFORM TECHNOLOGIES, LLC - CONTRACT NO. 5547 - ACCEPTANCE OF THE WORK Insituform Technologies, LLC, has completed the work in connection with Contract No. 5547 for construction of the *Elaine Avenue Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation* (Project) within the time allowed by the contract, and in accordance with its terms. The Project consisted of the rehabilitation of approximately 1,300 feet of 12-inch

diameter cracked vitrified clay pipe and appurtenant structures. The work was located within the City of Lakewood. There were no change orders for this Project. A recommendation was made to accept this work.

The work in connection with Contract No. 5547, entered into by Insituform Technologies, LLC, on September 28, 2023, for construction of the *Elaine Avenue Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation*, was approved and accepted by this Board of Directors; the Chief Engineer and General Manager was directed to execute and record a Notice of Completion with respect to this work of improvement; and final payment of \$166,619 was authorized in accordance with the terms of the contract.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT JOINT OUTFALL B UNIT 1A TRUNK SEWER REHABILITATION PHASE 2 SPINIELLO INFRASTRUCTURE WEST, INC. - CONTRACT NO. 5483 ACCEPTANCE OF THE WORK Spiniello Infrastructure West, Inc., has completed the work in connection with Contract No. 5483 for construction of the *Joint Outfall B Unit 1A Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 2* (Project) within the time allowed by the contract, and in accordance with its terms. This Project consisted of rehabilitation of approximately 6.500 linear feet of existing 144-inch-diameter corroded

6,500 linear feet of existing 144-inch-diameter corroded concrete sewer pipe and appurtenant structures. The work was located within the City of Carson. Six change orders totaling \$1,186,091.98 were approved for this Project. A recommendation was made to accept this work.

The work in connection with Contract No. 5483, entered into by Spiniello Infrastructure West, Inc., on December 27, 2022, for construction of the *Joint Outfall B Unit 1A Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 2*, was approved and accepted by this Board of Directors; the Chief Engineer and General Manager was directed to execute and record a Notice of Completion with respect to this work of improvement; and final payment of \$20,406,607.97 was authorized in accordance with the terms of the contract.

REGULAR AGENDA

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT SAN JOSE CREEK TRUNK SEWER REHABILITATION - AWARD CONTRACT NO. 5610 TO SAK CONSTRUCTION, LLC ORDER SECRETARY TO EXECUTE The San Jose Creek Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation (Project) will consist of rehabilitation of approximately 2,174 feet of 30-inch and 36-inch-diameter corroded concrete pipe and appurtenant structures that were constructed in 1962. The work is located within the Cities of Baldwin Park and Industry, and in unincorporated 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 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 February 13, 2024, for construction of the Project are as follows:

BIDDER TOTAL BID

SAK Construction, LLC Insituform Technologies, LLC

\$3,114,040.00 \$3,140,529.00

The bid of SAK Construction, LLC, was the lowest bid received and that SAK Construction, LLC, was the lowest, regular, responsible bidder for the work, and a recommendation was made to award a contract to SAK Construction, LLC, at the unit prices stated in its bid amounting to approximately \$3,114,040. 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 SAK Construction, LLC, for construction of the Project.

Upon motion of Director Ramirez, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, Contract No. 5610 for construction of the *San Jose Creek Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation* was awarded to the lowest, regular, responsible bidder, to wit: SAK Construction, LLC, at the unit prices stated in its bid amounting to approximately

\$3,114,040. 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 SAK Construction, LLC, for construction of the Project.

RE: TECHNICAL SERVICES ANNUAL BIOASSESSMENT PROGRAM AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDER TO AQUATIC BIOASSAY AND CONSULTING LABORATORIES Surface water discharge permits for various wastewater treatment plants require the Districts to conduct biological assessments in receiving waters. Conducting biological assessments requires specific expertise and certifications, which the Districts' Laboratories do not currently possess. Accordingly, staff is recommending that Aquatic Bioassay

and Consulting Laboratories (AB&C) be retained to perform this work because they have the required certifications and extensive experience conducting this type of work. AB&C has been performing this work for the Districts for over 10 years and has consistently met the needs of the Districts. Staff has reviewed the quote provided by AB&C and found it cost effective and appropriate for the work proposed. 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 AB&C in the amount of approximately \$107,000 for the annual bioassessment program.

Upon motion of Director Ramirez, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to Aquatic Bioassay and Consulting Laboratories for the annual bioassessment program, at a cost of approximately \$107,000.

RE: FACILITIES PLANNING RENEWAL OF BLUEBEAM SOFTWARE LICENSING FOR THREE-YEAR PERIOD AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDER TO BLUEBEAM, INC. The Districts utilizes Bluebeam, Inc., (Bluebeam) software to conduct reviews of engineering design documents. This software improves efficiency by automating workflows and recordkeeping, reducing paper usage, and enhancing collaboration among staff. Bluebeam is the sole licensor of the software and has offered to

continue to provide licensing for a three-year period at a discount of approximately 14 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 purchase order to Bluebeam in the amount of approximately \$300,000 for the renewal of Bluebeam software licensing for a three-year period.

Upon motion of Director Ramirez, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to Bluebeam, Inc., for the renewal of Bluebeam software licensing for a three-year period, at a cost of approximately \$300,000.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT TRUNK SEWER CROWN SPRAY SERVICES AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF PURCHASE ORDER TO NOR-CAL PIPELINE SERVICES In December 2022, subsequent to a Request for Proposal, the Board authorized the issuance of a purchase order to Nor-Cal Pipeline Services (Nor-Cal) to conduct approximately 260 miles of trunk sewer crown spray services. The crown spray program involves

the application of an alkaline slurry solution onto the inside upper surfaces of concrete sewers to control sulfide corrosion. For many years, the utilization of these services has proven highly effective in reducing corrosion and prolonging the useful life of concrete sewers. The Request for Proposal included a three-year term with price adjustments each year to reflect changes to chemical delivery costs, and this would be the first adjustment. Nor-Cal has proposed to extend the agreement in 2024, subject to a price increase of 3.5 percent, which is consistent with increases to the consumer price index. It would be in the best interest of the Districts to extend the agreement at this time. 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 Principle to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs. A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a one-year extension of a purchase order with Nor-Cal in the amount of approximately \$4,062,000 for approximately 260 miles of trunk sewer crown spray services.

Upon motion of Director Ramirez, 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 Nor-Cal Pipeline Services for approximately 260 miles of trunk sewer crown spray services, at a cost of approximately \$4,062,000.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT RENTAL STEAM BOILER AT A.K. WARREN WATER RESOURCE FACILITY CONFIRM PURCHASE ORDER TO DB SALES AND SERVICE The A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility (Warren Facility) has five boilers that produce steam used to heat anaerobic digesters. One of the existing boilers has a burner that is no longer compliant with the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) permitted Nox emissions limit and cannot be operated without violating

the permit. The facility must maintain the operation of five boilers to heat anaerobic digesters to produce Class B biosolids in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency Part 503 Biosolids Rule. Therefore, an SCAQMD permitted rental boiler will be installed for a period of approximately 12 months, or until the noncompliant burner is replaced. DB Sales and Service has been utilized by the Warren Facility and other Districts' plants to provide rental boiler systems and was the only vendor that had a readily available unit that met Districts' specifications. 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 for the Board to confirm the issuance of a purchase order to DB Sales and Service in the amount of \$458,394 for furnishing and installing an SCAQMD permitted rental steam boiler at the Warren Facility.

Upon motion of Director Ramirez, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Board confirmed the issuance of a purchase order to DB Sales and Service, in the amount of \$458,394 for furnishing and installing a South Coast Air Quality Management District permitted rental steam boiler at the A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility.

RE: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TEMPORARY LABOR SERVICES FOR VARIOUS LANDFILLS - CONFIRM PURCHASE ORDER TO MINUTE MAN, INC. Temporary labor services are required at Districts' facilities to perform a variety of tasks including traffic direction, litter removal, cleaning duties, general labor, and grounds maintenance. In 2021, the Board approved the final two-year extension of a Labor Services Agree-

ment (Agreement) with Minute Man, Inc., (Minute Man) to provide labor services at Districts' facilities. In June 2023, a Request for Proposals was issued to initiate a new labor agreement; however, only two proposals were received, and the pricing was significantly higher than expected. Staff rejected the proposals and began preparation of a new, modified Request for Proposals. A purchase order was issued to Minute Man to continue to provide the required services under all the terms and conditions of the previous Agreement during the interim period, while the new Request for Proposals was being prepared and issued. This item is to confirm issuance of the interim purchase order which covers labor services for approximately nine months. The activities described herein do not constitute a "Project" as that term is defined in California Public Resources Code ("PRC") Section 21065 and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") Section 15378. Staff has determined that the activities described are not subject to the provisions of CEQA. 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 for the Board to confirm the issuance of a purchase order to Minute Man in the amount of \$3,500,000 for temporary labor services for various landfills.

Upon motion of Director Ramirez, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Board confirmed the issuance of a purchase order to Minute Man, Inc., in the amount of \$3,500,000 for temporary labor services for various landfills.

RE: SERVICE CHARGE REPORT RECEIVE AND ORDER FILED SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 8, 2024, AND GIVE REQUIRED NOTICE Prior to meeting in regular session, the Chief Engineer and General Manager updated the Directors on the Districts' wastewater rates for the various Boards meeting today, as recorded in the Status Report presented on this date.

A report titled *County Sanitation District No. 2 Service Charge Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25*, prepared in accordance with Section 5473 of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California and which establishes the formula for the calculation of a sewage unit that represents the average daily quantity of sewage flow and strength from a single-family home (SFH) was presented.

Filing of the Service Charge Report is required each year to collect the wastewater service charge on the property tax roll. The current service charge rate per single-family home is \$15.75 per month (\$189 per year). The rate for fiscal year 2024-25, as previously adopted by the Board of Directors, is \$16.08 per month (\$193 per

year). A letter discussing the service charge rate, the fiscal year 2024-25 preliminary budget, and related matters accompanies the agenda. Staff recommends the Public Hearing be held at the Board meeting scheduled for May 8, 2024. 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, in accordance with Section 5473 of the Health and Safety Code, the Board instruct the District Clerk to publish newspaper notices to inform the public of the date, time, and place for a public hearing on the Service Charge Report, and that a public hearing be set for May 8, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the District's Board Room at the Joint Administration Office, 1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, California, for the purpose of public discussion of the proposed service charge and its collection on the property tax roll. After the public hearing is closed, the Board must consider adoption of the Service Charge Report and introduction of ordinances establishing the service charge rates and providing for the collection of the service charge on the property tax roll.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby fix May 8, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. as the date and time, and in the District's Board Room at the Joint Administration Office, 1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, California, as the place for a public hearing on *County Sanitation District No. 2 Service Charge Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25*, the proposed service charge and the collection of the service charge on the property tax roll.

The Clerk of this Board shall cause notice of the filing of the Service Charge Report and the time and place of the public hearing to be published once a week for two successive weeks in *Montebello News*, a weekly newspaper printed and published within the District, and in such other publications as are deemed appropriate by the Chief Engineer and General Manager.

Upon motion of Director Ramirez, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the *County Sanitation District No. 2 Service Charge Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25* was ordered filed with the Clerk of the District.

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

ATTEST:

CATHY WARNER Chairperson

KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN

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Secretary