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 VERNON CITY HALL VIA TELECONFERENCE

May 8, 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: Ross Maza, Director from Alhambra Tony Lima, Director from Artesia

Ali Saleh, Alternate Director from Bell

Marco Barcena, Alternate Director from Bell Gardens

Dan Koops, Director from Bellflower

Bruce Barrows, Alternate Director from Cerritos

Emma Sharif, Director from Compton

Hector Sosa, Alternate Director from Downey Suely Saro, Alternate Director from Long Beach Rick Ramirez, Alternate Director from Norwalk Annette Delgadillo, Director from Paramount Andrew Lara, Director from Pico Rivera John Wu, Director from San Gabriel

Maria Davila, Alternate Director from South Gate Judith Merlo, Director from Vernon, via teleconference Cathy Warner, Chairperson, Alternate Director from Whittier

Absent: Hugo Argumedo, Director from Commerce

Paul Krekorian, Director from Los Angeles City Scarlet Peralta, Director from Montebello Thomas Wong, Director from Monterey Park

Lindsey Horvath, Director from Los Angeles County

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

Jessica Lienau, District Counsel

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Director Lara, 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 CERRITOS

A certificate from the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos was presented to the Secretary stating that at a meeting of the City Council held April 29, 2024, Mr. Naresh which is the designation of the presiding officer of the

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

RE: ALTERNATE DIRECTOR FROM CITY OF CERRITOS

A copy of an action taken by the City Council of the City of Cerritos at a meeting held April 29, 2024, was presented to the Secretary stating that Mr. Bruce Cerritos, was appointed to serve as alternate Director from

Barrows, a member of the City Council of the City of Cerritos, was appointed to serve as alternate Director from the city, was accepted and ordered filed.

RE: ALTERNATE DIRECTOR FROM CITY OF PARAMOUNT

A copy of an action taken by the City Council of the City of Paramount at a meeting held April 9, 2024, was presented to the Secretary stating that Ms. Isabel

Aguayo, a member of the City Council of the City of Paramount, was appointed to serve as alternate Director from the city, was accepted and ordered filed.

RE: MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting held April 24, 2024, were approved.

RE: DISTRICT EXPENSES

The following expenses for the month of February 2024 were presented and approved:

	District No. 2	Joint Administration	Technical Support	Joint Outfall System	Solid Waste System	Stormwater
Operations & Maintenance Capital Allocated	<u>\$12,088</u>	\$3,763,190 235,895	\$5,153,356 30,932	\$25,076,164 13,286,098	\$10,159,750 480,110	<u>\$2,485</u>
Expenses: Joint Administration Joint Outfall				4,438,249	1,672,009	
Technical Support Total Expenses:	<u>\$12,088</u>	<u>\$3,999,085</u>	\$5,184,288	4,210,183 \$47,010,694	280,447 \$12,592,316	<u>\$2,485</u>

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT SAN JOSE CREEK WATER RECLAMATION PLANT INFLUENT SEWER REHABILITATION MLADEN BUNTICH CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. CONTRACT NO. 5495 - ACCEPTANCE OF THE WORK Mladen Buntich Construction Co., Inc., has completed the work in connection with Contract No. 5495 for construction of the San Jose Creek Water Reclamation Plant Influent Sewer Rehabilitation (Project) within the time allowed by the contract, and in accordance with its terms. This Project consisted of the rehabilitation of approximately 616 feet of 78-inch-diameter corroded

concrete pipe at the San Jose Creek Water Reclamation Plant. Three change orders totaling \$853,394.55 were approved for this Project. A recommendation was made to accept this work.

The work in connection with Contract No. 5495, entered into by Mladen Buntich Construction Co., Inc., on January 24, 2023, for construction of the *San Jose Creek Water Reclamation Plant Influent 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 \$3,157,634.55 was authorized in accordance with the terms of the contract.

REGULAR AGENDA

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 15 TRUNK SEWERS GROUP 1 REHABILITATION - AWARD CONTRACT NO. 5621 TO INSITUFORM TECHNOLOGIES, LLC - ORDER SECRETARY TO EXECUTE The District 15 Trunk Sewers Group 1 Rehabilitation (Project) will consist of rehabilitation of approximately 13,882 feet of existing 12-inch to 24-inch-diameter corroded concrete and cast-iron pipe, cracked vitrified clay pipe, and appurtenant structures that were constructed in the 1940s. The work is located within the

cities of Arcadia, El Monte, Monrovia, Rosemead, San Gabriel, South El Monte, and Temple City and 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 bid received at the District's office on February 15, 2024, for construction of the Project is as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u> <u>TOTAL BID</u>

Insituform Technologies, LLC

\$4,933,158.00

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 \$4,933,158. 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 Lara, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, Contract No. 5621 for construction of the *District 15 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 \$4,933,158. 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 CALIFORNIA AVENUE EXTENSION TRUNK SEWER REHABILITATION PHASE II AWARD CONTRACT NO. 5620 TO CHARLES KING COMPANY ORDER SECRETARY TO EXECUTE The California Avenue Extension Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Phase II (Project) will consist of rehabilitation of approximately 5,107 feet of 24-inch and 48-inch-diameter corroded concrete pipe and appurtenant structures that were constructed in 1948. The work is located in the City of Lynwood 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 April 2, 2024, for construction of the Project are as follows:

BIDDERTOTAL BIDCharles King Company\$6,683,285.00Insituform Technologies, LLC\$6,704,380.00SAK Construction, LLC\$6,829,775.00Spiniello Infrastructure West, Inc.\$9,834,600.00

The bid of Charles King Company was the lowest bid received and that Charles King Company was the lowest, regular, responsible bidder for the work, and a recommendation was made to award a contract to Charles King Company at the unit prices stated in its bid amounting to approximately \$6,683,285. 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 Charles King Company for construction of the Project.

Upon motion of Director Lara, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, Contract No. 5620 for construction of the *California Avenue Extension Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Phase II* was awarded to the sole bidder/lowest, regular, responsible bidder, to wit: Charles King Company at the unit prices stated in its bid amounting to approximately \$6,683,285. 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 Charles King Company for construction of the Project.

RE: TECHNICAL SERVICES
TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR
COMPLIANCE WITH EFFLUENT
TEMPERATURE LIMITATIONS
AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF
PURCHASE ORDER TO
LARRY WALKER ASSOCIATES, INC.

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) recently lowered temperature limits in surface water discharge permits issued to Districts' Water Reclamation Plants (WRPs). Because the WRPs cannot immediately comply with the new requirements, the Regional Board established a 10-year compliance schedule that allows the Districts to conduct temperature studies and, if appropriate, propose new site-specific

studies and, if appropriate, propose new site-specific temperature objectives that are protective of receiving waters. In 2022, through a competitive Request for Proposals process, the Board of Directors authorized issuance of two purchase orders to Larry Walker Associates, Inc., (LWA) to conduct technical studies within the San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo watersheds to assess the effects of waterbody temperature on aquatic life. It is now necessary to evaluate potential regulatory options to modify temperature limitations in the Districts' discharge permits. Under this purchase order, LWA would assist the Districts with identifying alternative regulatory compliance options and support discussions with the Regional Board. LWA is uniquely qualified to assist in this effort given their in-depth knowledge of

these receiving waters, as well as previous experience with successful implementation of alternative regulatory compliance approaches that have been previously approved by the Regional Board. 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 LWA in the amount of approximately \$200,000 to provide technical support services for compliance with effluent temperature limitations.

Upon motion of Director Lara, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to Larry Walker Associates, Inc., to provide technical support services for compliance with effluent temperature limitations, at a cost of approximately \$200,000.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT DIGESTER NO. 14 CLEANING AT A.K. WARREN WATER RESOURCE FACILITY - AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDER TO AMERICAN PROCESS GROUP, LLC The A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility (Warren Facility) has 24 digesters that historically have been on an eight-year cleaning cycle, with approximately three digesters cleaned per year. Meeting this cleaning interval is essential in order to inspect the condition of the digester and for preventative maintenance and repair of its interior and other appurtenant equipment. Over the

past five years, the Warren Facility has experienced a greater volume of flushable wipes and materials entering the digesters, increasing the time to clean them to the point where only two digesters are being cleaned per year. Digester cleaning services are necessary to supplement staff resources in order to maintain the digester cleaning and preventative maintenance/repair schedules. American Process Group, LLC, (APG) was the only vendor to provide a cost proposal, given the size and scale of the cleaning operations involved. Staff found their proposal to be in line with the historic costs of digester cleaning utilizing Districts' forces. Staff has determined that the activities described are not subject to the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The activities described herein do not constitute a "Project" as that term is defined in 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 to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a purchase order to APG in the amount of approximately \$685,000 for Digester No. 14 cleaning at the Warren Facility.

Upon motion of Director Lara, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to American Process Group, LLC, for Digester No. 14 cleaning at the Warren Facility, at a cost of approximately \$685,000.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT WORK UNIFORMS AND OTHER WORK CLOTHING - AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF PURCHASE ORDER TO VESTIS In 2020, Ameripride Uniform Services (Ameripride) was awarded a three-year purchase order to provide uniform rental and laundry service for Districts' workers after a competitive proposal process. The agreement includes providing work clothing for over 1,000 workers

OF PURCHASE ORDER TO VESTIS

after a competitive proposal process. The agreement includes providing work clothing for over 1,000 workers at various locations, including work shirts, pants, coveralls, and laboratory coats. Since the selection, Ameripride merged with Aramark Uniform Services, and is now known as Vestis. Vestis has provided adequate service to Districts' facilities for the past year. Staff recommends that the purchase order be extended one additional year since Vestis has agreed to hold existing pricing despite high inflation and associated increased labor and material costs. 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 Vestis in the amount of approximately \$300,000 to furnish and maintain work uniforms and other work clothing.

Upon motion of Director Lara, 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 Vestis to furnish and maintain work uniforms and other work clothing for a one-year period, at a cost of approximately \$300,000.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT CATIONIC EMULSION POLYMER AT A.K. WARREN WATER RESOURCE FACILITY, LANCASTER WATER RECLAMATION PLANT, AND PALMDALE WATER RECLAMATION PLANT - AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF PURCHASE ORDER TO SNF POLYDYNE, INC. In April 2023, the Board authorized issuance of a purchase order to SNF Polydyne, Inc., (Polydyne), the qualifying bidder in a competitive bid process, to furnish and deliver cationic emulsion polymer used for biosolids dewatering at the A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility (Warren Facility) and the Lancaster and Palmdale Water Reclamation Plants (WRP) for a one-year period with the option of three 1-year extensions. In accordance with

the specifications, Polydyne has offered to extend the agreement at no price increase for the first-year extension. 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 one-year extension of a purchase order with Polydyne in the amount of approximately \$11,962,500 to furnish and deliver cationic emulsion polymer at the Warren Facility, Lancaster WRP, and Palmdale WRP.

Upon motion of Director Lara, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to extend the purchase order, for a one-year period, with SNF Polydyne, Inc., to furnish and deliver cationic emulsion polymer at the A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility, Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant, and Palmdale Water Reclamation Plant, at a cost of approximately \$11,962,500.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT EMERGENCY CLEANING OF JOINT OUTFALL G - UNIT 3 SIPHON BETWEEN MHS G 0037 AND G 0038 CONFIRM PURCHASE ORDER TO SPINIELLO INFRASTRUCTURE WEST INC. Districts maintenance staff found that the sewer siphon between manholes (MHs) G 0037 and G 0038 was severely blocked with heavy debris. After multiple attempts to clear the blockage, it was determined that a contractor would be needed on an urgent basis to bypass flow and clean the sewer with specialized equipment. Spiniello Infrastructure West Inc. (Spiniello) was

selected to perform this emergency cleaning work due to their qualifications, immediate availability, and their familiarity with this type of sewer cleaning work. The sewer cleaning was completed on a time and material basis on January 30, 2024. Final invoicing has been received and reviewed by staff and found acceptable. 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 Spiniello in the amount of \$274,220 for emergency cleaning of Joint Outfall G - Unit 3 siphon between MHs G 0037 and G 0038.

Upon motion of Director Lara, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Board confirmed the issuance of a purchase order to Spiniello Infrastructure West Inc., in the amount of \$274,220, for emergency cleaning of Joint Outfall G - Unit 3 siphon between MHs G 0037 and G 0038.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 21 INTERCEPTOR SEWER REHABILITATION PHASE 1 - LUCAS BUILDERS, INC. - CONTRACT NO. 5451 APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 EXTRA WORK As part of the *District 21 Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 1* (Project), the contractor was required to rehabilitate a 54-inch-diameter corroded concrete pipe sewer, located adjacent to Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) right-of-way, by encasing some sections with concrete and by slip lining other sections with fiberglass reinforced liner pipe. After the design of

the Project was complete and just prior to construction, it was discovered that UPRR had installed temporary railroad tracks alongside the sewer to facilitate construction of their Fullerton Road Grade Separation Project. Due to the close proximity of the temporary railroad tracks to the location of the sewer to be rehabilitated, UPRR required that the excavation shoring methods be changed from simple trench boxes to a much more substantial solid sheet shoring system. The contractor was therefore directed to change their excavation shoring system at three separate locations to prevent any lateral movement of the railroad tracks. 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. 3 to Contract No. 5451 with Lucas Builders, Inc., for construction of the Project; resulting in payment of \$1,248,023.51 for extra work.

Upon motion of Director Lara, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 5451 with Lucas Builders, Inc., for the construction of *District 21 Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 1*, resulting in a payment of \$1,248,023.51, was approved.

RE: TECHNICAL SERVICES - A.K. WARREN WATER RESOURCE FACILITY BIOSOLIDS MANAGEMENT - CONFIRM PURCHASE ORDER TO BURRTEC WASTE INDUSTRIES, INC., AND AGREEMENT FOR THE REMOVAL, TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF BIOSOLIDS - ECOLOGY AUTO PARTS, INC. CONTRACT NO. 5622 - APPROVE

Biosolids are a residual product of the wastewater treatment process. The majority of the biosolids generated by the Districts' wastewater facilities are produced at the A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility (Warren Facility). These biosolids are managed through a diversified portfolio of private contractors and Districts' composting facilities to cost effectively ensure reliability and diversity of reuse options, vendors, haulers, and geographic locations. In 2023, a Request for

Proposals for biosolids management services was released, and three proposals from other vendors were recommended for award. A proposal submitted by Ecology Auto Parts, Inc., (Écology) which includes biosolids transportation and disposal at the Salton City Landfill (SCL) was reviewed by staff, and negotiations have been ongoing since that time. While negotiating a long-term contract for disposal at SCL, biosolids from the Warren Facility have been disposed at the facility on an interim basis. Staff recommends that a purchase order be issued to Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc., (Burrtec) for payment of these interim disposal fees. The proposed contract with Ecology would result in a reduction of the fee for biosolids transportation and disposal at the SCL and the addition of a requirement for Ecology's trucks to fuel at the Warren Facility Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling facility, which would result in additional revenue to the Districts. The proposed Agreement for the Removal, Transportation and Disposal of Biosolids (Agreement) includes a two-year term, with two optional one-year extensions. 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 Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") Sections 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 for the A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility (Warren Facility) Biosolids Management to Burrtec in the amount of approximately \$500,000 for biosolids disposal at the SCL. Furthermore, a recommendation was made to approve and order executed an Agreement with Ecology for the removal, transportation and disposal of biosolids at the SCL.

Upon motion of Director Lara, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Board confirmed the issuance of a purchase order for the A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility (Warren Facility) Biosolids Management to Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$500,000 for biosolids disposal at the Salton City Landfill. Furthermore, 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 *Agreement for the Removal, Transportation and Disposal of Biosolids* with Ecology Auto Parts, Inc., providing for removal, transportation and disposal of biosolids at the Salton City Landfill, as set forth in the Agreement and under terms and conditions contained therein. All the terms and conditions of the *Agreement for the Removal, Transportation and Disposal of Biosolids*, Contract No. 5622, dated May 8, 2024, were accepted and approved, and the Chairperson and Secretary were authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the District.

RE: FACILITIES PLANNING
FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT
APPROVE ACTION BY DISTRICT
NO. 3 TO APPROVE AND ORDER EXECUTED
AMENDMENT WITH RODERICK L. DODD
D/B/A ORGANIC HARVEST GARDENS FOR
DISTRICTS' PROPERTY IN LONG BEACH

The Districts owns approximately two acres of land (Property) in the City of Long Beach, near the Los Angeles River and 91 Freeway, on which it operates and maintains an odor control facility. The Districts does not have an immediate need for approximately 0.7 acres at the north end of the Property. In 2019, the Districts leased this area to Roderick L. Dodd d/b/a Organic Harvest Gardens (OHG) for establishment of an urban

mini farm. The lease requires payment of rent, which is currently \$176 per month. OHG has requested that the Districts eliminate the rent payment due to the minimal revenue its operation generates. The primary consideration the Districts receive under the lease is the security and deterrence that OHG provides in occupying this isolated property, which was subject to trespassing and trash dumping before the OHG lease. Billing and processing of the nominal rent proceeds exceeds the rental income. As such, staff recommends proceeding with OHG's request, and the proposed *First Amendment to Lease Agreement* (Amendment) would eliminate the monthly rent effective March 1, 2024. Staff has determined that approval of the Amendment 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 Regulation ("CEQA Guidelines") Section 15301. As fee title owner of the Property, District No. 3 must approve the Amendment, and District No. 2, as the administrative District, must approve the action by District No. 3. This item is

consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle to maximize use of our assets and resources (recycled water, recyclables, and energy). A recommendation was made to approve the action by District No. 3 to approve and order executed the Amendment with OHG for Districts' property in Long Beach.

Upon motion of Director Lara, 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 and consented to the action taken by District No. 3 to approve and order executed the *First Amendment to Lease Agreement* with Roderick L. Dodd d/b/a Organic Harvest Gardens for Districts' property in Long Beach.

RE: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING FEE AND CHARGE RATES FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AT THE PUENTE HILLS MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY AND THE SOUTH GATE TRANSFER STATION An Ordinance Prescribing Fee and Charge Rates for Solid Waste Management Activities at the Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and the South Gate Transfer Station (SGTS) (Ordinance) was presented to the Board for consideration and introduction. 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 (MSW) rate at the Puente Hills MRF from \$93.99 per ton to \$99.16 per ton, and the MSW rate at the SGTS would increase from \$101.04 per ton to \$106.60 per ton, effective July 1, 2024. Changes to the rates for hard-to-handle, bulky items and pull offs, are also proposed at both facilities. The proposed rate increases are necessary to offset increasing operational and capital costs. 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 Lara, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, *An Ordinance Prescribing Fee and Charge Rates for Solid Waste Management Activities at the Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility and the South Gate Transfer Station* (Ordinance) was introduced, and after reading of the title thereof, further reading of the Ordinance was waived.

RE: SERVICE CHARGE PROGRAM HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON SERVICE CHARGE REPORT, AND COLLECTION ON TAX ROLL The Chief Engineer and General Manager announced that today the Board would hold a public hearing, and the proposed rate increases associated with the service charge and the collection of the service charge on the property tax roll were presented. Holding a public

property tax roll were presented. Holding a public hearing and then adopting 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 this matter, together with the Service Charge Report, the preliminary budget, and a budget explanation and glossary, accompanied 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.

In accordance with Section 5473 of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California, the *County Sanitation District No. 2 Service Charge Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25* was filed on March 13, 2024, and publication of two newspaper notices for today's public hearing were published in the *Montebello News*, a weekly newspaper. The Service Charge Report addresses the continued collection of the service charge for the District on the tax roll. These charges are needed to supplement the District's existing revenue sources for the forthcoming fiscal year, as discussed in the letter to the Boards, dated February 9, 2024.

The Chairperson opened a public hearing on the Service Charge Report for County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County. In response to the Chairperson's question, the Secretary reported that the District has received no protests, correspondence, or telephone calls on the Service Charge Report.

There being no further comments, the Chairperson closed the public hearing.

RE: SERVICE CHARGE PROGRAM ADOPT SERVICE CHARGE REPORT Following the public hearing, upon motion of Director Lara, 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 and adopted the *County Sanitation District No.* 2 Service Charge Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25, which was filed with the Clerk of the Board on March 13, 2024.

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

Cathy Warner CATHY WARNER Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Secretary