

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

May 22, 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.

There were present: Ross Maza, Director from Alhambra  
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, Alternate Director from Cerritos  
Hugo Argumedo, Director from Commerce  
Emma Sharif, Director from Compton  
Mario Trujillo, Director from Downey  
Scarlet Peralta, Director from Montebello  
Rick Ramirez, Alternate Director from Norwalk  
Annette Delgadillo, Director from Paramount  
John Wu, Director from San Gabriel  
Maria Davila, Alternate Director from South Gate  
Judith Merlo, Director from Vernon  
Lindsey Horvath, Director from Los Angeles County

Absent: Rex Richardson, Director from Long Beach  
Paul Krekorian, Director from Los Angeles City  
Thomas Wong, Director from Monterey Park  
Andrew Lara, Director from Pico Rivera  
Joe Vinatieri, Director from Whittier

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

Upon motion of Director Saleh, duly seconded and unanimously carried, Director Taj was elected Chairperson pro tem.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion of Director Horvath, duly seconded and unanimously carried, 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: DIRECTOR FROM CITY OF VERNON  
A certificate from the City Clerk's Office of the City of Vernon was presented to the Secretary stating that at a meeting of the City Council held May 7, 2024, Ms. Judith Merlo was elected Mayor of the City of Vernon, which is the designation of the presiding officer of the governing body of that city and automatically places Ms. Merlo on this Board, was accepted and ordered filed.

RE: MINUTES  
The minutes of the regular meeting held May 8, 2024, were approved.

RE: LEGAL SERVICES PAYMENT AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES ADVANCED  
An invoices dated March 28, 2024, and April 9, 2024, from Lewis Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith LLP, in the amounts of \$147,998.65 and \$207,645.32, for professional services rendered and reimbursement of expenses advanced in various Districts' matters during the months of February

and March 2024, respectively, 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.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT  
 LONG BEACH WATER RECLAMATION  
 PLANT SECURITY FENCE AND ENTRANCE  
 GATE IMPROVEMENTS - PERIMETER  
 SECURITY GROUP - CONTRACT NO. 5438  
 ACCEPTANCE OF THE WORK

Perimeter Security Group has completed the work in connection with Contract No. 5438 for construction of the *Long Beach Water Reclamation Plant Security Fence and Entrance Gate Improvements* (Project) within the time allowed by the contract and in accordance with its terms. This Project consisted of removal and replacement of the existing chain link perimeter fencing and

gates with eight-foot-tall steel mesh security fencing and gates, installation of a manual and automated vehicle and pedestrian access gate, and appurtenant work to improve facility security, reliability, and safety. Five change orders totaling \$70,986.11 were approved for this Project. A recommendation was made to accept this work.

The work in connection with Contract No. 5438, entered into by Perimeter Security Group, on May 5, 2022, for construction of the *Long Beach Water Reclamation Plant Security Fence and Entrance Gate Improvements*, 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 \$1,928,536.11 was authorized in accordance with the terms of the contract.

### REGULAR AGENDA

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT  
 SCHOLL CANYON LANDFILL FLARE  
 STATION IMPROVEMENTS  
 AWARD CONTRACT NO. 5624  
 TO LUCAS BUILDERS, INC.  
 ORDER SECRETARY TO EXECUTE

The *Scholl Canyon Landfill Flare Station Improvements* (Project) consists of the installation of two new ultra-low emission flares at the Scholl Canyon Landfill to meet more stringent emission standards imposed by the Southern California Air Quality Management District. The Project will include construction of the associated equipment foundations, electrical and instrumentation systems,

mechanical piping, and related site improvements. 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 15302 and 15304. A Notice of Exemption was filed for the Project in November 2021. This item is consistent with the Districts’ Guiding Principles to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investments 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 28, 2024, for construction of the Project are as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Lucas Builders, Inc.	\$5,564,391.00
W.M. Lyles Co.	\$5,691,200.00
Environmental Construction, Inc.	\$6,904,975.00
SCS Field Services	\$9,066,610.00

The bid of Lucas Builders, Inc., was the lowest bid received and that Lucas Builders, Inc., was the lowest, regular, responsible bidder for the work, and a recommendation was made to award a contract to Lucas Builders, Inc., at the unit prices stated in its bid amounting to approximately \$5,564,391. 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 Lucas Builders, Inc., for construction of the Project.

Upon motion of Director Horvath, duly seconded and unanimously carried, Contract No. 5624 for construction of the *Scholl Canyon Landfill Flare Station Improvements* was awarded to the lowest, regular, responsible bidder, to wit: Lucas Builders, Inc., at the unit prices stated in its bid amounting to approximately \$5,564,391. 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 Lucas Builders, Inc., for construction of the Project.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT  
EAST ARTESIA TRUNK SEWER  
REHABILITATION  
AWARD CONTRACT NO. 5625  
TO INSITUFORM TECHNOLOGIES, LLC  
ORDER SECRETARY TO EXECUTE

The *East Artesia Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation* (Project) will consist of rehabilitation of approximately 2,398 feet of 18-inch and 21-inch-diameter corroded concrete pipe, cracked vitrified clay pipe and appurtenant structures that were constructed in 1958. The work is located within the cities of Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, and Lakewood 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 16, 2024, for construction of the Project are as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Insituform Technologies, LLC	\$1,248,744.00
Sancon Technologies, Inc.	\$1,314,078.00

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 \$1,248,744. 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 Horvath, duly seconded and unanimously carried, Contract No. 5625 for construction of the *East Artesia Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation* was awarded to the lowest, regular, responsible bidder, to wit: Insituform Technologies, LLC, at the unit prices stated in its bid amounting to approximately \$1,248,744. 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: FACILITIES PLANNING  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
VMWARE CLUSTER PROJECT  
REPORT ON BIDS AND  
AWARD OF ORDER

On April 9, 2024, four bids were received at the District’s office for *Information Technology VMware Cluster Project* (Project). The Districts utilizes a centralized data center at the Joint Administration Office to provide computing services for all business functions across the enterprise. The Board previously authorized

a purchase order to convert a portion of the data center to virtual servers, which has improved operational efficiencies and will reduce the level of effort for future data center redundancy projects. The proposed Project will convert the remaining compatible servers to virtual servers. 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 bidder, Hypertec USA, Inc., in the amount of approximately \$364,660.81.

Upon motion of Director Horvath, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to the low bidder, Hypertec USA, Inc., for *Information Technology VMware Cluster Project*, in the amount of approximately \$364,660.81 and in accordance with the bids received April 9, 2024.

RE: FACILITIES PLANNING  
MICROSOFT VOLUME LICENSING  
ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT RENEWAL  
REPORT ON BIDS AND AWARD OF ORDER

On April 19, 2024, three bids were received at the District’s office for *Microsoft Volume Licensing Enterprise Agreement Renewal for Three-Year Period*. The Districts utilizes various Microsoft Enterprise software to conduct business throughout all facilities. The Districts’ Volume

Licensing Enterprise Agreement is due for renewal and this award is to cover the next three years. 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, Dell Marketing, LP, in the amount of approximately \$2,449,234.17.

Upon motion of Director Horvath, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to the low responsive bidder meeting District specifications, Dell Marketing, LP, for *Microsoft Volume Licensing Enterprise Agreement Renewal for Three-Year Period*, in the amount of approximately \$2,449,234.17 and in accordance with the bids received April 19, 2024.

RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT  
BOILER AIR PREHEATER MAINTENANCE AT  
PUENTE HILLS GAS-TO-ENERGY FACILITY  
AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDER  
TO REEVES & WOODLAND INDUSTRIES, INC.

The Puente Hills Gas-to-Energy (PERG) Facility's boilers utilize preheaters to increase efficiency and aid burner flame stabilization. Functional preheaters are essential for boiler operation and require periodic maintenance to operate reliably. Wear items such as seals, bearings and heating elements are replaced as needed.

Reeves & Woodland Industries, Inc., (R&W) is the only local contractor that specializes in maintaining such equipment and has satisfactorily completed repairs multiple times at the PERG Facility since 2003. This work would be performed on one boiler during the upcoming maintenance outage in October 2024. 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 Resource Code Section 21084 and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") Sections 15301 and 15302. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs; and commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness). A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a purchase order to R&W in the amount of approximately \$108,824 for boiler air preheater maintenance at the Facility.

Upon motion of Director Horvath, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to Reeves & Woodland Industries, Inc., for boiler air preheater maintenance at the Puente Hills Gas-to-Energy Facility, at a cost of approximately \$108,824.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT  
MEMBRANE DIFFUSERS AT SAN JOSE  
CREEK WATER RECLAMATION PLANT  
AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE  
ORDER TO XYLEM WATER SOLUTIONS  
USA, INC.

Recent efforts at the San Jose Creek Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) have been directed toward modernizing and upgrading the aeration system which is an integral part of the biological treatment process necessary for compliant wastewater treatment and improved energy efficiency. A critical element of the modernization and performance optimization efforts is the implementation

of an automated aeration control system that delivers air to diffusers. The WRP has historically utilized ceramic diffusers to transfer the air needed for microorganisms for treatment. However, ceramic diffusers do not perform as well as membrane diffusers at low air conditions, which will be implemented under the automated control system. Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc., (Xylem) under its Sanitaire Products line, offers a membrane diffuser that is interchangeable with its ceramic diffusers. In addition, membrane diffusers are less expensive than ceramic diffusers and much lighter, which makes them easier and safer to install. 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). A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a purchase order to Xylem in the amount of approximately \$687,566 for membrane diffusers at the San Jose Creek WRP.

Upon motion of Director Horvath, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc., for membrane diffusers at the San Jose Creek Water Reclamation Plant, at a cost of approximately \$687,566.

RE: TECHNICAL SERVICES  
INLAND EMPIRE REGIONAL COMPOSTING  
FACILITY - AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF  
PURCHASE ORDER TO INLAND EMPIRE  
REGIONAL COMPOSTING AUTHORITY

The Board previously approved the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) forming the Inland Empire Regional Composting Authority (IERCA), the purpose of which was to design, construct, and operate a biosolids composting facility along with the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA). The composting facility has been operational

since 2007 and has a capacity of 150,000 tons of biosolids per year, approximately 75,000 tons each for IEUA and the Districts. On May 1, 2023, the IERCA Board of Directors approved a budget for fiscal year (FY) 2023-2024, which identified \$1,500,000 in additional capital funds that cannot be accrued through normal operating revenue sources. The specific capital projects in the FY 2023-2024 budget included replacement of

material receiving equipment, replacement of the compost storage structure, and the expansion of the facility lunchroom. The additional capital funds would be used to replenish the capital reserve fund to meet the minimum fund balance threshold that is established in the IERCA Capital Reserve Policy after payment for these capital projects. Under the terms of the JPA, the Districts is responsible for one-half of the capital costs, or \$750,000. 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”) Section 15301. This expenditure 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 IERCA in the amount of \$750,000 for one-half of the capital costs of the Inland Empire Regional Composting Facility budgeted for FY 2023-2024.

Upon motion of Director Horvath, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to Inland Empire Regional Composting Authority for one-half of the capital costs of the Inland Empire Regional Composting Facility budgeted for fiscal year 2023-2024, at a cost of \$750,000.

RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT  
SURFACE GAS EMISSION MONITORING  
SERVICES AT PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL  
AND PALOS VERDES LANDFILL  
AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE  
ORDER TO RES ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.

The Districts operates landfill gas control systems and conducts quarterly monitoring in compliance with South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 1150.1. The monitoring program includes ambient air, surface gas emissions, landfill gas, and perimeter probes. The surface gas emissions monitoring is the largest effort and requires walking the entire landfill footprint. Support

through a services contract is recommended to supplement Districts’ staff and ensure this work is completed within required timelines. On January 25, 2024, the Districts released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to five companies. Three proposals were received and all were deemed responsive with RES Environmental, Inc., (RES) submitting the highest rated and lowest cost proposal. In accordance with the RFP, the purchase order will have a one-year initial term with three additional one-year extensions upon mutual agreement. The cost is estimated to be approximately \$920,732 for four years. 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 RES in the amount of approximately \$920,732 for surface gas emission monitoring services at the Puente Hills Landfill and the Palos Verdes Landfill for a four-year period.

Upon motion of Director Horvath, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to RES Environmental, Inc., for surface gas emission monitoring services at the Puente Hills Landfill and the Palos Verdes Landfill for a four-year period, at a cost of approximately \$920,732.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT  
SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE SUPPORT  
SERVICES FOR DISTRIBUTED CONTROL  
SYSTEM AT A.K. WARREN WATER  
RESOURCE FACILITY AND PUENTE HILLS  
GAS-TO-ENERGY FACILITY - AUTHORIZE  
ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDER TO  
ABB, INC.

The Distributed Control System (DCS), which provides computer-based control over all major unit processes at the A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility (Warren Facility) and Puente Hills Gas-to-Energy (PERG) Facility, consists of ABB, Inc., (ABB) software and hardware, which are critical to the automated operations of these facilities. Previous service agreements with ABB have proven to be a cost-effective method for providing required maintenance and support. ABB has agreed to a five-year renewal of the

service support contract that will continue to provide the required services with a 6 percent inflation adjustment for each of the following years. In addition, during the term of the contract agreement, the Districts will receive up to \$75,000 for repair or replacement parts, a 25 percent discount for engineering field support, and a 35 percent discount for all new hardware purchases. It is in the best interest of the Districts to approve this purchase order to ABB, given the mission critical hardware and software support that is essential to maintain automated operations at the Warren and PERG Facilities. 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 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 ABB in the amount of approximately

\$1,299,792 for software and hardware support services for the DCS at the Warren Facility and the PERG Facility for a five-year period.

Upon motion of Director Horvath, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to ABB, Inc., for software and hardware support services for the Distributed Control System at the A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility and the Puente Hills Gas-to-Energy Facility for a five-year period, at a cost of approximately \$1,299,792.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT  
PHASE II FLOW MONITORING SERVICES  
IN SUPPORT OF DEVELOPMENT OF  
SYSTEM-WIDE HYDRAULIC MODEL OF  
SEWER SYSTEM IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS  
AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE  
ORDER TO ADS CORP.

Following the December 2021 sewer spill in the City of Carson, an independent external audit recommended that the Districts develop and utilize a hydraulic model of the sewer system to assist in its operation and prevent sewer spills. Accordingly, the Board previously authorized purchase orders to the consulting firm GHD to prepare an implementation plan for the sewer model and to conduct a pilot study by modeling the sewer system

within District No. 8; and to ADS Corp. (ADS) to provide flow monitoring services for the pilot study. The implementation plan created by GHD identified additional sewer flow monitoring data to be collected in two phases over a three-year period to support the system-wide model development. For Phase I the Board previously authorized purchase orders to ADS and McCrometer to provide flow monitoring services at approximately 600 locations. This flow monitoring is underway and successfully collected flow data during the past rainy season. For Phase II, it is recommended that approximately 18 months of sewer flow monitoring data be collected at approximately 226 locations. Proposals were solicited and received from three qualified flow monitoring firms. ADS submitted a cost-effective proposal that demonstrated their ability to meet the schedule and data quality requirements. To ensure timely completion, staff recommends issuance of a purchase order to ADS. 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). A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a purchase order to ADS in the amount of approximately \$4,456,487 for Phase II flow monitoring services in support of the development of a system-wide hydraulic model of sewer system in various Districts.

Upon motion of Director Horvath, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to ADS Corp. for Phase II flow monitoring services in support of the development of a system-wide hydraulic model of sewer system in various Districts, at a cost of approximately \$4,456,487.

RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT  
VARIOUS DISTRICTS' SOLID WASTE  
FACILITIES - HEAVY EQUIPMENT  
AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE  
ORDERS TO WEST-MARK, INLAND  
KENWORTH, AND BEJAC CORPORATION  
AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL OF DISTRICT-OWNED  
EQUIPMENT

The purchase of heavy equipment is required to replace equipment at various Districts' solid waste facilities that is no longer cost effective to maintain. Staff recommends the purchase of heavy equipment through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase Agreements (Sourcewell). Sourcewell provides nationally leveraged and competitively solicited purchasing contracts. Sourcewell has contracts with Kenworth, Liebherr-America, and West-Mark. Inland Kenworth is the local Kenworth dealer, and Bejac

Corporation is the local Liebherr-America dealer. Purchasing the equipment through Sourcewell is the most cost-effective means of procurement. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship. A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue purchase orders to West-Mark in the amount of approximately \$138,013 for one tanker trailer, to Inland Kenworth in the amount of approximately \$520,347 for two fuel and lube trucks, and to Bejac Corporation in the amount of approximately \$1,155,352 for two Liebherr L566 XPower wheel loaders, and that the Board find that five existing pieces of heavy equipment are no longer required for Districts purposes and authorize disposal.

Upon motion of Director Horvath, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue purchase orders to West-Mark, for one tanker trailer, at a cost of approximately \$138,013, to Inland Kenworth, for two fuel and lube trucks, at a cost of approximately \$520,347, and to Bejac Corporation, for two Liebherr L566 XPower wheel loaders, at a cost of approximately \$1,155,352. Furthermore, the Board found that five existing pieces of heavy equipment are longer required for Districts' purposes and the Purchasing Agent was authorized and directed to dispose of the equipment in the manner he determines will best serve the interests of the Districts.

RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT  
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FOR  
BIOGAS CONDITIONING SYSTEM AT A.K.  
WARREN WATER RESOURCE FACILITY  
CONFIRM PURCHASE ORDER TO  
TETRA TECH, INC.

The Biogas Conditioning System (BCS) converts digester gas from the A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility (Warren Facility) into renewable natural gas vehicle fuel that is dispensed at the Warren Facility's compressed natural gas fueling station. Tetra Tech, Inc., (Tetra Tech) designed and constructed the BCS. In March 2023, the Board approved issuance of a purchase

order to Tetra Tech in the amount of \$250,000 to operate and maintain the BCS for a one-year period with options for two 1-year extensions. Tetra Tech's support is still necessary; the requested purchase order would provide for Tetra Tech to operate and maintain the BCS for the two 1-year extensions for a total of approximately \$520,000. TetraTech would conduct inspections, routine services, preventative maintenance, and emergency call-out services to ensure proper function of the BCS. 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 Tetra Tech in the amount of approximately \$520,000 to provide operation and maintenance for the BCS for approximately two years at the Warren Facility.

Upon motion of Director Horvath, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Board confirmed the issuance of a purchase order to Tetra Tech, Inc., in the amount of \$520,000 to provide operation and maintenance for the BCS for approximately two years at the A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT  
EMERGENCY REPAIR OF JOINT OUTFALL F  
UNIT 4 BETWEEN MANHOLES 18 0126 AND  
F 0096 - CONFIRM PURCHASE ORDER TO  
SANCON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

On May 5, 2024, during routine inspection of a sewer in the City of Norwalk, Districts' staff discovered large holes with voids and exposed rebar in six sewer reaches. Due to the severely corroded condition of the sewer, it is necessary to repair these reaches now on an emergency basis. Sancon Technologies, Inc., (Sancon) was selected

to perform this emergency repair work due to their qualifications, immediate availability, and their familiarity with this type of sewer repair work. The *Emergency Repair of Joint Outfall F Unit 4 Between Manholes 18 0126 and F 0096* (Project) will consist of rehabilitation of approximately 1,200 feet of existing 30-inch to 36-inch-diameter corroded concrete pipe and appurtenant structures. The work is located within the City of Norwalk as was shown on the map attached to the agenda. 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 Sancon in the amount of approximately \$2,500,000 for the Project.

Upon motion of Director Horvath, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Board confirmed the issuance of a purchase order to Sancon Technologies, Inc., in the amount of \$2,500,000 for the *Emergency Repair of Joint Outfall F Unit 4 Between Manholes 18 0126 and F 0096*.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT  
PROFESSIONAL WATER SERVICES AND  
WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS FOR  
VARIOUS WATER RECLAMATION PLANTS  
AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF PURCHASE  
ORDER TO TAMCO CHEMICAL, INC.

Professional water services and water treatment chemicals are required to prevent scaling, fouling of metal surfaces, and corrosion loss of metal in boilers at various Water Reclamation Plants (WRPs). On May 5, 2022, proposals were solicited from qualified suppliers to develop and implement a water treatment program and provide the necessary chemical products for the program. Tamco

Chemical, Inc., (Tamco) provided a comprehensive proposal that met all the Districts' requirements at the lowest cost and was awarded a two-year contract with provisions for additional one-year renewals if mutually agreeable. This is the first one-year renewal. Tamco has offered to provide the same services and chemicals at a 2 percent price increase. Tamco has not increased its prices since 2022, and the additional costs are attributed to higher material and operational costs and are reasonable compared to increases to the consumer price index and chemical services over this time period. Tamco has been providing satisfactory water treatment services and chemicals to various WRPs since 2013, and a one-year extension is in the best interest of the Districts. 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 Tamco in the amount of approximately \$122,400 to furnish and deliver professional water services and water treatment chemicals for various WRPs for a one-year period.

Upon motion of Director Horvath, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to extend the purchase order, for a one-year period, with Tamco Chemical, Inc., to furnish and deliver professional water services and water treatment chemicals for various Water Reclamation Plants for a one-year period, at a cost of approximately \$122,400.

RE: INSURANCE - UMBRELLA GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE - ALL DISTRICTS' OPERATIONS - AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO AON RISK SERVICES, INC.

Proposals were solicited from 45 companies through Aon Risk Services, Inc., (Aon) the Districts' insurance broker, for renewal of umbrella general liability insurance, which covers wastewater, solid waste management, and energy recovery operations. Of the companies that were

approached, two companies provided quotes which, combined, will provide the desired coverage. The best offer was from Great American Assurance Company (GAAC), the Districts' current carrier, with an excess layer from Allied World National Assurance Company (AWAC). Given prevailing market conditions and our willingness to bear additional risk which will be mitigated by the Districts' self-insured retention fund, increasing the self-insured retention from \$5 million to \$10 million retention is recommended. The self-insured retention increase will result in a premium decrease of 27 percent. The recommended coverage is for one year with a \$25 million limit (note this amount has been corrected from what was shown in the agenda), including a \$10 million self-insured retention. The Districts procures \$1 million of underlying automobile liability insurance and self-insures for both automobile liability and general liability up to the \$10 million self-insured retention amount. Overall, this level of coverage is the most cost-effective and appropriate approach for excess liability insurance. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship. A recommendation was made to authorize payment to Aon for umbrella general liability insurance coverage from GAAC and AWAC for all Districts' operations at an annual premium of \$705,000.

Upon motion of Director Horvath, duly seconded and unanimously carried, payment to Aon Risk Services, Inc., for umbrella general liability insurance coverage from Great American Assurance Company and Allied World National Assurance Company for all Districts' operations was approved at an annual premium of \$705,000.

RE: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT 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 ADOPT - FIND EXEMPT FROM CEQA

*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 for the Board's consideration. A letter describing the recommended Board action and the rate increases planned was provided to the Directors prior to a public hearing and the introduction of the Ordinance at the May 8, 2024, Board

meeting. A copy of the letter and 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 adopt the Ordinance. The Board previously conducted a public hearing and introduced the Ordinance at its regular meeting of May 8, 2024, at which no written or oral communication was received from the public.

Upon motion of Director Horvath, duly seconded and unanimously carried by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Maza, Taj, Saleh, Barcena, Koops, Barrows, Argumedo, Sharif, Trujillo, Peralta, Ramirez, Delgadillo, J. Wu, Davila, Merlo, and Horvath

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Directors Richardson, Krekorian, Wong, Lara, and Vinatieri

*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*, was adopted. Furthermore, the Board found that adoption of the Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under Section 15273 of State Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA on the basis that CEQA does not apply to the modification of rates or other charges by the District which are for the purpose of meeting operating expenses, purchasing equipment, and funding capital projects necessary to maintain services within existing service areas; and that the proposed rate increases are for the purpose of (1) meeting operating expenses, including employee



wage rates and fringe benefits, (2) purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment, or materials, (3) meeting financial reserve needs and requirements, or (4) obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas, as reported to the Board of Directors by the Chief Engineer and General Manager and as reflected in the official minutes of the District on file at the office of the District.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT  
A.K. WARREN WATER RESOURCE FACILITY  
SIDESTREAM CENTRATE TREATMENT  
FACILITY - ENGINEERING SERVICES  
AGREEMENT - HAZEN AND SAWYER, D.P.C.  
CONTRACT NO. 5626 - APPROVE

Engineering support is required to assist Districts' staff in the design of a treatment process to reduce nitrogen loadings in the A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility (Warren Facility) effluent that is currently discharged to the ocean and subject to future regulatory requirements. Proposals were solicited and received from four engineering firms. Hazen and Sawyer, D.P.C., (Hazen)

was ranked as the most qualified engineering firm to provide the required services. Hazen has extensive experience with design of nitrogen removal treatment processes and has the expertise and resources to complete the work in the time required. Hazen submitted a cost-effective proposal, and their proposed hourly rates are comparable to the other engineering firms. Grant funding in the amount of \$1 million will be used. The Board previously adopted a resolution authorizing the Districts to accept this grant funding from the United States Bureau of Reclamation for preliminary engineering activities related to the Pure Water Southern California (PWSC) project. The *A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility Sidestream Centrate Treatment Facility* (Project) supports the PWSC since, if implemented, it would reduce nitrogen loading in the Warren Facility's effluent and would allow the effluent to be used as source water. Eligibility for other grant funds will continue to be investigated. 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 approve and order executed an *Engineering Services Agreement* with Hazen in the amount of approximately \$7,015,000 for engineering services for the Project.

Upon motion of Director Horvath, duly seconded and unanimously carried, 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 Hazen and Sawyer, D.P.C., providing for engineering services for the *A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility Sidestream Centrate Treatment Facility*, 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. 5626, dated May 22, 2024, were accepted and approved, and the Chairperson and Secretary were authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the District.

RE: HUMAN RESOURCES - HECTOR  
CARDENAS - CLAIM - EXECUTE  
COMPROMISE AND RELEASE PENDING  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS  
BOARD PROCEEDINGS - AUTHORIZE  
REVISED SETTLEMENT

During employment with the Districts, Hector Cardenas sustained an injury to the left hip and other parts of the body after falling off a truck. Initially, Hector Cardenas' attorney and District Counsel agreed on a proposed settlement in the form of Compromise and Release in the amount of \$150,000, which was approved by the Board at the July 12, 2023, Board meeting. At that time, it was

estimated that approximately \$90,000 was required for future medical care. The remaining approximately \$60,000 represented the settlement amount for permanent disability. However, due to his ongoing medical treatment, Mr. Cardenas' attorney has advised that they can go no lower than \$175,000 to resolve this matter. Increasing the settlement amount by \$25,000 would allow the Districts to conclude this matter, releasing all future liability for the Districts which is estimated to be in excess of \$25,000. District Counsel believes the amended settlement is cost-effective and recommends that the proposed settlement be approved. A recommendation was made to approve the revised settlement with former Districts' employee Hector Cardenas and authorize District Counsel to execute a Compromise and Release in connection with the pending Workers' Compensation Appeals Board proceedings.

Upon motion of Director Horvath, duly seconded and unanimously carried, a revised payment of \$175,000 to Hector Cardenas was authorized in full settlement of his claim for an injury to the left hip and other parts of the body after falling off a truck. Furthermore, District Counsel was authorized to execute a Compromise and Release in the amount of \$175,000 in connection with the pending Workers' Compensation Appeals Board proceedings.

RE: SCHOLL CANYON LANDFILL  
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-  
POTENTIAL LITIGATION - DISCUSS

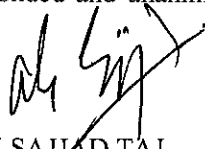
District Counsel advised that it would be in the interest of the District to meet in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.9(d)(4) of the California Government Code *Conference with Legal Counsel-Potential Litigation*

to confer on the matter regarding Scholl Canyon Landfill.

The Chairperson pro tem took the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County into closed session at 1:57 p.m. pursuant to Section 54956.9(d)(4) of the California Government Code *Conference with Legal Counsel-Potential Litigation* to confer on the matter referred by District Counsel.

The Chairperson pro tem reconvened the meeting in regular session at 2:22 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 the Chairperson pro tem, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.



ALI SAJJAD TAJ  
Chairperson pro tem

ATTEST:



KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN  
Secretary

/ee