

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 10, 2021  
1:30 o'clock, P.M.

The Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County met in regular session via teleconference.

There were present: Katherine Lee, Alternate Director from Alhambra  
Ali Sajjad Taj, Director from Artesia  
Marco Barcena, Director from Bell Gardens  
Ray Dunton, Alternate Director from Bellflower  
Ivan Altamirano, Director from Commerce  
Michelle Chambers, Alternate Director from Compton  
Claudia M. Frometa, Director from Downey  
Robert Garcia, Director from Long Beach  
Joe Buscaino, Alternate Director from Los Angeles City  
Kimberly Ann Cobos-Cawthorne, Director from Montebello  
Jennifer Perez, Director from Norwalk  
Peggy Lemons, Director from Paramount  
Gustavo Camacho, Alternate Director from Pico Rivera  
Denise Menchaca, Director from San Gabriel  
Maria Davila, Director from South Gate  
Leticia Lopez, Director from Vernon  
Hilda Solis, Director from Los Angeles County  
Cathy Warner, Chairperson, Alternate Director from Whittier

Absent: Ali Saleh, Director from Bell  
Naresh Solanki, Director from Cerritos  
Yvonne Yiu, Director from Monterey Park

Also present: Kimberly S. Christensen, Secretary to the Board  
Wes Beverlin, District Counsel

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion of Director Lemons, 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 24, 2021, were approved.

RE: DISTRICT EXPENSES The following expenses for the month of December 2020 were presented and approved:

Local District Expenses:	
Operations & Maintenance (O & M)	\$ 231,993.11
Capital	313,707.02
Allocated Expenses:	
Joint Administration	431,680.90
Technical Support	555,380.66
Joint Outfall	2,312,693.50

Solid Waste System Expenses:	
Operations & Maintenance (O&M)	9,553,370.25
Allocated Expenses	961,029.60
Capital	3,858,807.62
Stormwater Expenses:	
Operations & Maintenance	8,370.53
Total Expenses	<u>\$18,227,033.19</u>

## REGULAR AGENDA

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT  
POMONA WATER RECLAMATION PLANT  
HIGH SPEED TURBO BLOWER, MASTER  
CONTROL PANEL, AND ASSOCIATED  
ADVANCED CONTROLS PACKAGE  
AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE  
ORDER TO APGN INC., DBA APG-NEUROS

Process air compressors (PACs) provide compressed air for biological treatment which is critical for compliant Pomona Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) operation. One of three PACs at the plant has repeatedly failed and is unrepairable. Staff recommends that it be replaced with a turbo blower manufactured by APGN Inc., dba APG-Neuros (APGN, Inc.) which is uniquely constructed with an integrated electrical transformer that will allow the unit to fit within the existing footprint of the failed PAC. This unique feature will minimize installation costs and expedite replacement of the failed PAC. The recommended turbo blower is more energy efficient than the existing PACs and will save in energy costs due to its wider range of operational control and advanced controls package. APGN, Inc., is the only supplier that has turbo blowers with these unique features that meet the District's needs and that are operating in wastewater treatment facilities within the United States. 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 APGN Inc., dba APG-Neuros in the amount of approximately \$592,000 for the high speed turbo blower, master control panel, and associated advanced controls package for the Pomona WRP.

Upon motion of Director Lemons, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to APGN Inc., dba APG-Neuros for the high speed turbo blower, master control panel, and associated advanced controls package for the Pomona Water Reclamation Plant, at a cost of approximately \$592,000.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT  
JOINT OUTFALL SYSTEM WATER  
RECLAMATION PLANT MASTER  
FACILITIES PLAN 2021  
AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF  
PURCHASE ORDER TO  
CAROLLO ENGINEERS, INC.

The Districts operates five water reclamation plants within the San Gabriel River watershed that produce high quality recycled water for municipal uses. The water reclamation plants require periodic treatment optimization and upgrades to meet changing conditions and regulatory requirements. The intent of the *Joint Outfall System Water Reclamation Plant Master Facilities Plan 2021* (Master Facilities Plan) is to identify potential capital improvement needs and develop a plan of implementation over time. Consulting services are necessary to provide specialized expertise to help develop the Master Facilities Plan. A Request for Proposals was sent to 16 consulting firms and 4 responded. Carollo Engineers, Inc., is the highest ranked firm based on technical qualifications and cost. Staff has determined that the activities described are not subject to the provisions of CEQA as they 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. 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 Carollo Engineers, Inc., in the amount of approximately \$1,650,420 for consulting services in support of the *Joint Outfall System Water Reclamation Plant Master Facilities Plan 2021* update.

Upon motion of Director Lemons, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to Carollo Engineers, Inc., for consulting services in support of the *Joint Outfall System Water Reclamation Plant Master Facilities Plan 2021* update, at a cost of approximately \$1,650,420.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT  
LONG BEACH WATER RECLAMATION  
PLANT POWER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM  
MODIFICATIONS PROJECT - AUTHORIZE  
ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDER TO  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

The *Long Beach Water Reclamation Plant Power Distribution System Modifications Project*, previously approved by the Board, includes the replacement of much of the plant's electrical power system and upgrading it to a redundant design by providing dual power sources for all critical plant loads. The scope of the work includes the replacement of the majority of the

low-voltage power distribution equipment which is 50 years old and has become prone to failure. This also includes the replacement of the Southern California Edison Company (SCE) power service with an upgraded fully redundant service. To complete the work, SCE requires payment of approximately \$314,000 and execution of the *Added Facilities Agreement* (Agreement). The replacement and redundancy upgrades will assure continued reliable plant operation. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs; and the 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 in the amount of approximately \$314,000 for providing power service and authorize him to execute an Agreement with Southern California Edison Company.

Upon motion of Director Lemons, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, was authorized to issue a purchase order providing power service, at a cost of approximately \$314,000; and, on behalf of the District, was authorized to execute an *Added Facilities Agreement* with Southern California Edison Company.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT  
JOINT OUTFALL "H" UNIT 5A TRUNK  
SEWER REHABILITATION PHASE 2  
MLADEN BUNTICH CONSTRUCTION  
CO., INC. - CONTRACT NO. 5271  
APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1

As part of the construction of the Joint Outfall "H" Unit 5A Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 2 (Project), Mladen Buntich Construction Co., Inc., was required to divert sewer flows by removing and relocating a stoplog within an existing manhole structure in order to facilitate rehabilitation of the corroded sewer pipe. During construction, it was discovered that the stoplog was stuck

in place and required that the concrete roof of the manhole structure be removed to provide access to dislodge the stoplog. With the roof removed, the manhole structure and roof were observed to exhibit severely deteriorated concrete surfaces that required repair. The contractor was directed to rehabilitate the manhole structure with a protective coating and to replace the roof in its entirety. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles of commitment 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. 1 to Contract No. 5271 with Mladen Buntich Construction Co., Inc., for construction of the Project, resulting in a payment of \$151,000 for extra work.

Upon motion of Director Lemons, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 5271 with Mladen Buntich Construction Co., Inc., for the construction of Joint Outfall "H" Unit 5A Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 2, resulting in a payment of \$151,000, was approved.

RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT  
RETENTION MODIFICATION AGREEMENT  
EMERGING ACQUISITIONS, LLC DBA  
BULK HANDLING SYSTEMS - CONTRACT  
NO. 5057A - APPROVE

Emerging Acquisitions, LLC dba Bulk Handling Systems has completed the installation of the new recycling equipment at the Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility. Although the recycling equipment has been placed into service, there are still submittals, testing and training items that are outstanding and

expected to take several more months to complete. The delay in resolving this matter has been primarily due to impacts associated with the pandemic including availability of staff and materials to complete the necessary tasks. The proposed *Retention Modification Agreement* (Agreement) will reduce the \$804,115.64 in retention currently being withheld by \$603,086.73 to reflect the amount of work that has been completed and is being used by the District. The remaining retention balance is sufficient to cover the pending items. 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 approve and order executed an Agreement with Emerging Acquisitions, LLC dba Bulk Handling Systems, related to Contract No. 5057 for construction of Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility Recycling Equipment Phase II.

Upon motion of Director Lemons, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, an amendment to the agreement entered into with Emerging Acquisitions, LLC dba Bulk Handling Systems, related to Contract No. 5057 for construction of Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility Recycling Equipment Phase

II, dated September 13, 2017, providing to reduce the \$804,115.64 in retention currently being withheld by \$603,086.73 to reflect the amount of work that has been completed and is being used by the District, as set forth as set forth therein, was approved. All the terms and conditions of the *Retention Modification Agreement*, Contract No. 5057A, dated March 10, 2021, were accepted and approved, and the Chairperson and Secretary were authorized to execute the Amendment on behalf of the District.

RE: SERVICE CHARGE REPORT  
RECEIVE AND ORDER FILED  
SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR  
MAY 12, 2021, 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.

In regular session, a report titled *County Sanitation District No. 2 Service Charge Report for Fiscal Year 2021-22*, 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, was presented.

Filing of the Service Charge Report is required each year in order to collect the wastewater service charge on the property tax roll. No rate increases are recommended for fiscal year 2021-22. A letter discussing the service charge rate, the fiscal year 2021-22 preliminary budget, and related matters 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.

A recommendation was made that, in accordance with Section 5473 of the Health and Safety Code, the Board instructed 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 the public hearing be set for May 12, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., in the District's Board Room at the Joint Administration Office via teleconference, 1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, California, for the purpose of public discussion of the adopted service charge and industrial wastewater surcharge rates and in order to continue to collect these charges on the next property tax roll. After the public hearing is closed, the Board must adopt the Service Charge Report in order to ensure collection of the service charge through property tax billing.

Upon motion of Director Lemons, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the *County Sanitation District No. 2 Service Charge Report for Fiscal Year 2021-22* was ordered filed with the Clerk of the District and the Board does hereby fix May 12, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., as the date and time, and in the District's Board Room at the Joint Administration Office via teleconference, 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 2021-22*, the Report having been duly filed with the District Clerk.

RE: FACILITIES PLANNING  
WILMINGTON JAYCEES  
FOUNDATION, INC. - GROUND LEASE  
AGREEMENT - WILMINGTON ATHLETIC  
COMPLEX CONFERENCE WITH REAL  
PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS - DISCUSS

The Chief Engineer and General Manager gave a brief presentation for this item. The Wilmington Athletic Complex (WAC) is located adjacent to the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) on approximately 18 acres of Districts' property in the Wilmington neighborhood of the City of Los Angeles. In the 1960s, the Districts purchased the vacant land to act as buffer

for JWPCP and support potential plant expansion. Starting in 1975, the Districts entered into a series of agreements with the Wilmington Jaycees Foundation, Inc., (Jaycees), a local non-profit organization, to develop sports fields and ancillary improvements on the property and to organize sporting activities for the benefit of the local community. By the early 2000's, the facilities at the WAC were in need of significant revitalization. In 2013, the Districts entered into a 30-year ground lease agreement (Lease) with the Jaycees. Among other items, the Lease requires the Jaycees to satisfactorily operate and maintain the WAC, as well as to construct certain improvements. The Chief Engineer and General Manager, Districts' Counsel, and the Districts' Real Property Negotiators: Raymond L. Tremblay, Ajay M. Malik, and Stan Pegadiotes were anticipated to discuss the status of the Jaycees' performance of its obligations under the Lease and potential next steps in joint closed session.

The Chairperson announced this was the time for any questions or comments by members of the public. The Secretary stated that one written comment via email was received, which was emailed to the Directors and posted on the Districts' website.

1. Mr. Dean Martoccia, Partner with Seyfarth Shaw LLP, submitted comments in support of the contributions of the Jaycees to the Wilmington community through their development of the WAC.

The following public members addressed the Boards:

2. David Behar, WAC, thanked the Board. He recognized Districts' staff members Ajay Malik, Stan Pegadiotes, Alex Mena, and Doug Harman for working with him. He stated that he had known Chairperson Buscaino for years. He asked that Chairperson Buscaino recuse himself from voting in closed session because of obstruction and interference from the City Council office of the Districts' employees he previously named.

Mr. Wes Beverlin, District Counsel, stated that there was no legal conflict requiring Chairperson Buscaino to recuse himself.

Mr. Behar continued. He shared information regarding a ribbon cutting event on March 20 for the groundbreaking of stadium-like facilities and invited the Directors. Then he shared a newsletter that described the world-class facilities and restrooms at the WAC. He stated that the grass is beautiful and claimed that City Council District No. 15 staff have interfered with partnerships that would have led to other improvements. He stated that the property is undergoing a beautiful transformation for the youth and families in the area. He stated that the amenities are world-class and has 24-hour secured access. The northeast volleyball courts are the most challenging area on-site and will be improved in the near future.

3. Lionel Pasamonte, WAC, stated that he was born and raised in Wilmington, and that he is the son of a past President of the Jaycees. He has seen seven years of improvements since the signing of the 2013 lease. He stated that he believes that the LA City Council is using the WAC as a political platform, which is a disruption and has a negative effect on the progress.
4. Mike Marchetti, Musco Sports Lighting, stated that his company specializes in lighting for athletic facilities. He stated that using LED lighting for sports complexes is the latest technology. The lighting is efficient and meets the minimum lighting standards with various sports. The lighting provides safety and the facility is well-lit.
5. Edwin Guerrero, Southwestern Soccer Coach, spoke in support of access to the facility.
6. Ingrid Gonzalez, Southwestern Soccer Team Administrator, stated that she was the soccer manager. She expressed her happiness in having the access and benefit to use the WAC. She appreciates the facility.
7. Nobeyba Ortega, Co-Founder of Casa Bella Foundation, stated that she wanted to address the complaint regarding the Jaycees compliance with the Lease. She stated that the WAC underwent a beautiful transformation. She hoped that free access to the community would be continued.
8. Jesse P. Martinez, Resident of Wilmington, stated that he lived 1.5 blocks away from the WAC. He stated that the facility transformed beautifully over 30 years. He is unaware of any complaints. At the beginning the facility was not safe, but now it is beautiful.
9. Tynia Tomas, Resident of Wilmington, stated that, as a parent, she felt that the WAC is a good benefit for low-income youth. These kids need to stay active. She loves the park and its transformation. She hopes that kids will continue to have access to it.
10. Vida Patricia Rodriguez, Director of Design & Brand Development at FYT Branding, Inc., She stated that she is the global community arts curator in partnership with WAS. She was excited in participating in developing the art of sports which bridges the gap between the art culture and sports. She shared her appreciation of the park and the enrichment it will bring to the community.
11. Norma Pedregon, JWPCP Citizens Advisory Committee member, stated that she lives two blocks from the WAC. She disagreed with the information presented by the previous speakers. She stated that the Jaycees are not doing anything to serve the needs of the community and have not met promises to meet with the Citizens Advisory Committee.

District Counsel advised that it would be in the interest of the District to meet in joint closed session with District No. 8 for the purpose of: Conference with Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8 – *Ground Lease Agreement* with the Wilmington Jaycees Foundation, Inc., for the Wilmington Athletic Complex property, identified as 1700 S. Figueroa Street, Wilmington, California, adjacent to the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant.

Upon motion of Director Davila, duly seconded and unanimously, carried by a roll-call vote, the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District Nos. 2 and 8 of Los Angeles County met in joint closed session at 2:22 p.m. to confer on the matter referred to by District Counsel.

Upon motion of Director Dunton, duly seconded and carried by a roll-call vote with Directors Taj, Altamirano, and Garcia absent, the meeting reconvened in regular session at 2:45 p.m. District Counsel advised that no action was taken of a nature that requires disclosure pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1.

Upon motion of Director Davila, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned to March 24, 2021, 11:30 a.m., at the Joint Administration Office, 1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, California.

CATHY WARNER  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN  
Secretary

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