

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

April 14, 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
Ali Saleh, Director from Bell
Marco Barcena, Director from Bell Gardens
Ray Dunton, Alternate Director from Bellflower
Leonard Mendoza, 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
Brenda Olmos, 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 Solís, Director from Los Angeles County
Cathy Warner, Chairperson, Alternate Director from Whittier

Absent: 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 Saleh, 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 PARAMOUNT A certificate from the City Clerk of the City of Paramount was presented to the Secretary stating that at a meeting of the City Council held April 6, 2021, Ms. Brenda Olmos was elected Mayor of the City of Paramount, which is the designation of the presiding officer of the governing body of that city and automatically places Ms. Olmos on this Board, was accepted and ordered filed.

RE: MINUTES The minutes of the adjourned regular meeting and regular meeting held March 24, 2021, were approved.

RE: DISTRICT EXPENSES The following expenses for the month of January 2021 were presented and approved:

Local District Expenses:
Operations & Maintenance (O & M) \$ 142,155.07
Capital 39,602.19

Allocated Expenses:	
Joint Administration	\$ 429,592.40
Technical Support	501,484.44
Joint Outfall	2,012,092.91
Solid Waste System Expenses:	
Operations & Maintenance (O&M)	8,733,942.81
Allocated Expenses	967,022.41
Capital	350,682.75
Stormwater Expenses:	
Operations & Maintenance	<u>98,022.59</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$13,274,597.57</u>

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT
SAN JOSE CREEK WATER
RECLAMATION PLANT FLOW
EQUALIZATION FACILITIES-PHASE I
W.M. LYLES CO. - CONTRACT NO. 4988
ACCEPTANCE OF THE WORK

W.M. Lyles Co., has completed the work in connection with Contract No. 4988 for construction of the *San Jose Creek Water Reclamation Plant (SJCWRP) Flow Equalization Facilities-Phase I* (Project) within the time allowed by the contract and in accordance with its terms. The Project consisted of construction of an eight million gallon flow equalization storage tank, a pump station,

pipng, electrical and control systems, and appurtenant facilities at SJCWRP to allow for storage of peak wastewater flows. Thirteen change orders totaling \$420,336.44 were approved for this Project. A recommendation was made to accept this work.

The work in connection with Contract No. 4988, entered into by W.M. Lyles Co., on October 3, 2016, for construction of the *San Jose Creek Water Reclamation Plant Flow Equalization Facilities-Phase I*, is hereby approved and accepted by this Board of Directors; the Chief Engineer and General Manager is directed to execute and record a Notice of Completion with respect to this work of improvement; and a final payment of \$41,394,195.44 is authorized in accordance with the terms of the contract.

REGULAR AGENDA

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT
REPLACEMENT OF BIOFILTER MEDIA
AT THE JOINT WATER POLLUTION
CONTROL PLANT - REPORT ON
BIDS AND AWARD OF ORDER

On February 25, 2021, one bid was received at the District's office for *Replacement of Biofilter Media at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP)*. Biofilters are used to treat odorous air and emissions generated from biosolids handling. The East Biofilter at JWPCP needs refurbishment. The biofilter wood media has settled and the

aeration plates need cleaning and/or replacement. A properly functioning biofilter is essential to effectively control odorous emissions and for maintaining compliance with air permit requirements. The bid summary/recommendation to award was attached to the agenda. Staff has determined that the activities described are not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). 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. 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 sole responsible, responsive bidder, Viramontes Express Inc., in the amount of approximately \$1,179,406.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to the sole responsible, responsive bidder, Viramontes Express Inc., for *Replacement of Biofilter Media at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant*, in the amount of approximately \$1,179,406, in accordance with the bid received February 25, 2021.

RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
SCAFFOLDING SERVICES FOR THREE-YEAR
PERIOD AT VARIOUS LANDFILL FACILITIES
REPORT ON BIDS AND AWARD OF ORDER

On February 25, 2021, three bids were received at the District's office for *Scaffolding Services for Three-Year Period at Various Landfill Facilities*. Scaffolding is periodically required at the landfill gas-to-energy recovery facilities in order to perform repairs to the boilers, flares,

and auxiliary equipment. The proposed work includes labor and material to erect, rent, and remove scaffolding during annual maintenance and for additional unexpected smaller jobs. The bid summary/recommendation to award was

attached to the agenda. Staff has determined that the activities described are not subject to the provisions of the 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 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 lowest responsive bidder, Scaffolding Unlimited, in the amount of approximately \$534,660.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to the lowest responsive bidder, Scaffolding Unlimited, for *Scaffolding Services for Three-Year Period at Various Landfill Facilities*, in the amount of approximately \$534,660, in accordance with the bids received February 25, 2021.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT
JOINT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
PLANT - ELECTRICAL UPGRADES
AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF
PURCHASE ORDER TO
EXPRESS ENERGY SERVICES, INC.

Districts' property at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) on the north side of Sepulveda Boulevard was vacated by Color Spot Nurseries in December 2018. Without an ongoing presence, the property has been subject to vandalism. One of the two sewer maintenance workgroups currently located at the Compton Field Office will be relocated to a portion of this property,

which will provide a Districts' presence, alleviate the crowded conditions at the Compton Field Office, and strategically locate the workgroup closer to its maintenance territory. An existing 8,500-square-foot warehouse building in the southeast corner of the property is suitable for the needs of the sewer maintenance workgroup, but it requires renovation. The electrical upgrades will include installation of a new electrical service and new lighting and electrical outlets throughout the building. Pursuant to authority previously granted by the Board, the project will be completed utilizing the Job Order Contracting (JOC) program, which relies on pre-established competitively bid construction tasks that will accelerate project delivery and reduce administration and design costs. Staff has determined that the activities described are not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). 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. 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 to Express Energy Services, Inc., in the amount of approximately \$118,291 for electrical upgrades at JWPCP.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to Express Energy Services, Inc., for electrical upgrades at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant, at a cost of approximately \$118,291.

RE: FACILITIES PLANNING - JOINT
OUTFALL SYSTEM CLIMATE CHANGE
VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT AND
MANAGEMENT PLAN CONSULTING
SERVICES - AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF
PURCHASE ORDER TO
HAZEN AND SAWYER

Consulting services are necessary to provide specialized expertise in developing a Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Management Plan (Climate Change Plan) for the Districts' wastewater conveyance and treatment facilities in the Joint Outfall System (JOS). Climate Change Plans are necessary to identify potential hazards to Districts' facilities as a result of climate change and develop mitigation plans that can be

incorporated into Districts' planning efforts over time. In addition, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) now requires agencies to prepare Climate Change Plans in facility permit renewals and is expected to include this requirement for JOS facilities in upcoming permit renewals. A Request for Proposals was sent to 67 consulting firms and 3 responded. Hazen and Sawyer is the highest ranked firm based on technical qualifications and their final, negotiated cost proposal is cost effective and comparable to the other proposers. Staff has determined that the activities described are not subject to the provisions of the 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 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 Hazen and Sawyer in the amount of

approximately \$523,770 for consulting services in support of the Joint Outfall System Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Management Plan.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to Hazen and Sawyer for consulting services in support of the Joint Outfall System Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Management Plan, at a cost of approximately \$523,770.

RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
PUENTE HILLS MATERIALS RECOVERY
FACILITY BUILDING MODIFICATIONS
HOULLA ENTERPRISES LTD. DBA
METRO BUILDERS & ENGINEERS
GROUP, LTD. - CONTRACT NO. 5153
APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 52
EXTRA WORK AND EXTENSION

As part of the construction of the *Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility Building Modifications* (Project), the contractor was required to install compressed air flow outlets around the processing and tipping floor work areas for maintenance purposes. During construction, it was determined that the equipment and piping system necessary to supply compressed air to the outlets had not been specified. The contractor was therefore directed to design and install a complete compressed air system to feed the

outlets. 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). 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. 52 to Contract No. 5153 with Houalla Enterprises Ltd. DBA Metro Builders & Engineers Group, Ltd., for the construction of *Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility Building Modifications*; resulting in a payment of \$105,352.51 for extra work.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, Change Order No. 52 to Contract No. 5153 with Houalla Enterprises Ltd. DBA Metro Builders & Engineers Group, Ltd., for the construction of the *Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility Building Modifications*, resulting in a payment of \$105,352.51, was approved.

RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
AGREEMENT FOR DELIVERY AND
ACCEPTANCE OF FOOD WASTE
SLURRY AT JOINT WATER
POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT
WASTE RESOURCES RECOVERY
CONTRACT NO. 5361 - APPROVE

The Districts operates a food waste recycling program at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP). Processed food waste slurry is received and co-digested with wastewater sludge to generate renewable natural gas. The slurry is currently produced at the Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility and also by eight companies who deliver it to JWPCP pursuant to agreements executed by the Board on December 9, 2020. These

existing agreements and the proposed *Agreement for Delivery and Acceptance of Food Waste Slurry at Joint Water Pollution Control Plant* expire on December 31, 2021, and allow the companies to deliver food waste slurry to JWPCP at a rate of \$27 per ton. 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") Section 15301. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle to provide leadership in our industry through innovation, compliance, and cost effectiveness. A recommendation was made to approve and order executed an Agreement with Waste Resources Recovery.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, 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 Delivery and Acceptance of Food Waste Slurry at Joint Water Pollution Control Plant* (JWPCP) with Waste Resources Recovery providing for the delivery of food waste slurry to JWPCP at a rate of \$27 per ton, as set forth in the Agreement and under terms and conditions contained therein. All the terms and conditions of the *Agreement for Delivery and Acceptance of Food Waste Slurry at Joint Water Pollution Control Plant*, Contract No. 5361, dated April 14, 2021, were accepted and approved, and the Chairperson and Secretary were authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Districts.

RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
FOURTH AMENDMENT TO COMPRESSED
NATURAL GAS VEHICLE FUELING STATION
AND CNG SALES AGREEMENT - CLEAN
ENERGY - CONTRACT NO. 4419D - APPROVE

On August 27, 2008, the Board approved and ordered executed the *Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Vehicle Fueling Station and CNG Sales Agreement* (Agreement), a ten-year Agreement with Clean Energy (CE) to operate and maintain the CNG fueling station (Station) at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP). In the fall of 2020, the

Districts began operation of a new biogas conditioning system which produces Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) from

digester gas generated at JWPCP and is dispensed at the Station. There are federal credits administered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) associated with the sale of RNG for vehicle fuel. There is a range of values associated with these credits that depends upon how USEPA categorizes the source of the RNG. The third amendment to the Agreement, which provides for the sale of these credits, was based on a designated category of the credits that existed at the time. Recently, USEPA changed the category of the RNG credits from JWPCP, so the Agreement needs to be amended to reflect this change. Staff has determined that the activities described are not subject to the provisions of the 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 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 a *Fourth Amendment to Compressed Natural Gas Vehicle Fueling Station and CNG Sales Agreement* with Clean Energy at JWPCP.

Upon motion of Director Solis, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, an amendment to the agreement entered into with Clean Energy, Contract No. 4419 dated August 27, 2008, as amended July 9, 2014 (Contract No. 4419A), March 14, 2018 (Contract No. 4419B), and August 26, 2020 (Contract No. 4419C), providing for the amended agreement to reflect the United States Environmental Protection Agency change in the category of the Renewable Natural Gas credits from the Joint Pollution Control Plant, as set forth therein, was approved. All the terms and conditions of the *Fourth Amendment to Compressed Natural Gas Vehicle Fueling Station and CNG Sales Agreement*, Contract No. 4419D, dated April 14, 2021, were accepted and approved, and the Chairperson and Secretary were authorized to execute the Amendment on behalf of the District.

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

CATHY WARNER
Chairperson

ATTEST:

KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN
Secretary

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