

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

July 28, 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, 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
Claudia M. Frometa, Director from Downey
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
Maria Davila, Alternate Director from South Gate
Melissa Ybarra, Director from Vernon
Hilda Solis, Director from Los Angeles County
Cathy Warner, Chairperson, Alternate Director from Whittier

Absent: Grace Hu, Director from Cerritos
Aja Brown, Director from Compton
Robert Garcia, Director from Long Beach
Yvonne Yiu, Director from Monterey Park
Raul Elias, Director from Pico Rivera
Chin Ho Liao, Director from San Gabriel

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Director Frometa, 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 special and regular meetings held July 14, 2021, were approved.

RE: LEGAL SERVICES
PAYMENT AND
REIMBURSEMENT OF
EXPENSES ADVANCED An invoice dated May 31, 2021, from Lewis Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith LLP, in the amount of \$166,925.40 for legal services rendered and reimbursement of expenses advanced in various Districts' matters during the month of May 2021, was 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
DOWNEY AVENUE EXTENSION TRUNK
SEWER REHABILITATION BETWEEN
MH 02 0376 AND MH 02 0377 - INSITUFORM
TECHNOLOGIES, LLC - CONTRACT
NO. 5317 - ACCEPTANCE OF THE WORK

Insituform Technologies, LLC, has completed the work in connection with Contract No. 5317 for construction of the Downey Avenue Extension Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Between MH 02 0376 and MH 02 0377 (Project) within the time allowed by the contract, and in accordance with its terms. The Project consisted of lining approximately 335 linear feet of existing 18-inch-

diameter cracked vitrified clay pipe that was constructed in the 1950s. The Project also included the rehabilitation of two manholes with a protective coating system. This work is located in the City of Paramount. There were no change orders for this Project. A recommendation was made to accept this work.

The work in connection with Contract No. 5317, entered into by Insituform Technologies, LLC, on November 3, 2020, for construction of the Downey Avenue Extension Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Between MH 02 0376 and MH 02 0377, 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 final payment of \$135,798 is authorized in accordance with the terms of the contract.

REGULAR AGENDA

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT
JOINT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
PLANT - ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
WINDOWS - REPLACE - AUTHORIZE
ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDER TO
MDJ MANAGEMENT, LLC

The Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) Administration Building is nearly 50 years old and includes the original windows. During rain events, a significant quantity of rainwater leaks through the window seals creating a slip hazard and potential electrical hazard. As such, the windows require replacement.

This project will include removal and replacement of all exterior windows and doors. Pursuant to authority previously granted by the Board, the project will be completed utilizing the Job Order Contracting 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 herein do not constitute a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21065 and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") Section 15378. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding 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 MDJ Management, LLC, in the amount of approximately \$473,856 for replacement of the Administration Building windows at JWPCP.

Upon motion of Director Frometa, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to MDJ Management, LLC, for replacement of the Administration Building windows at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant, at a cost of approximately \$473,856.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT
JOINT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
PLANT GASEOUS OXYGEN PIPELINES
AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE
ORDER TO W.M. LYLES

On June 10, 2021, gas leaks were detected coming from the Cryogenic Oxygen Plant No. 1 and 2 pipelines that supply gaseous oxygen to the secondary wastewater treatment process at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant. The leaking pipelines were originally constructed in 1983 and consist of approximately 800 feet of 12-

inch-diameter carbon steel with a concrete encasement. Based on the reactivity of oxygen gas and the condition of the corroded pipelines, it has been determined that it is not feasible to repair them with pipe liners. Consequently, it is necessary to completely replace approximately 410 linear feet of 12-inch-diameter carbon steel piping, including appurtenant pipe fittings and valves. A temporary gaseous oxygen bypass line will also be installed to facilitate installation of the replacement line and to allow for the continued safe operation of the treatment process during the construction process. 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 to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a purchase order to W.M. Lyles in the approximate amount of \$1,300,000 for the *Emergency Repair of Joint Water Pollution Control Plant Gaseous Oxygen Pipelines*.

Upon motion of Director Frometa, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to W.M. Lyles for the *Emergency Repair of Joint Water Pollution Control Plant Gaseous Oxygen Pipelines*, at a cost of approximately \$1,300,000.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT
VARIOUS WATER RECLAMATION
PLANTS - AMMONIUM HYDROXIDE
SOLUTION - AUTHORIZE EXTENSION
OF PURCHASE ORDER TO HILL
BROTHERS CHEMICAL COMPANY

In June 2019, subsequent to competitive bidding, the Board authorized issuance of a purchase order to Hill Brothers Chemical Company (Hill Brothers) to furnish and deliver ammonium hydroxide to the Water Reclamation Plants (WRPs) for one year. Ammonium hydroxide is used in the disinfection process of the treated wastewater. The specifications allow for two one-year

extensions based upon mutual agreement. In accordance with the specification, Hill Brothers has offered to extend the agreement; this is the second one-year extension at an increase of 25 percent. This is a large increase; however, based on a review of the past bidding and cost of raw materials, the increase is acceptable and it would be in the best interest of the Districts to extend the agreement at this time. 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 Hill Brothers Chemical Company in the amount of approximately \$410,440 to furnish and deliver ammonium hydroxide solution to various WRPs.

Upon motion of Director Frometa, 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 Hill Brothers Chemical Company to furnish and deliver ammonium hydroxide solution to various water reclamation plants, at a cost of approximately \$410,440.

RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS SUPPLY
AGREEMENT - U.S. GAIN - CONTRACT
NO. 5374 - APPROVE - FUTURE
ADDENDA, AMENDMENTS, AND ALL
RELATED DOCUMENTS - CHIEF ENGINEER
AND GENERAL MANAGER - EXECUTE

In March 2021, the Board authorized the construction of a new Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicle fueling station at the Compton Field Office and the expansion of the existing CNG station at the San Gabriel Valley Field Office. Approximately 43 percent of the project funding for this work is from a Carl Moyer Program grant from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. As a condition of the grant, all fuel dispensed at these

facilities must be Renewable Natural Gas (RNG). To meet this requirement and to be able to generate revenue from the sale of transportation fuel environmental credits, the Districts solicited proposals in late 2020 to purchase RNG supplied via utility pipelines. Two proposals were received and one was withdrawn when the vendor could not secure RNG within the required timeframe. U.S. Gain submitted the remaining proposal and confirmed RNG availability. The *Renewable Natural Gas Supply Agreement* (Agreement) has a three-year term with two optional one-year extensions. It is estimated that the facilities will dispense approximately 54,500 gasoline gallon equivalents of RNG per year and the estimated revenue from the sale of environmental credits is approximately \$19,500 annually. Staff determined that approval of the Agreement does not constitute a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21065 and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") Section 15378. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship. A recommendation was made to approve and order executed an Agreement with U.S. Gain. Furthermore, a recommendation was made to authorize the Districts' Chief Engineer and General Manager to execute future addenda, amendments, and all related documents.

Upon motion of Director Frometa, 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 *Renewable Natural Gas Supply Agreement* with U.S. Gain providing for the purchase of Renewable Natural Gas supplied via utility pipelines for a three-year term with two optional one-year extensions, as set forth in the Agreement and under terms and conditions contained therein. All the terms and conditions of the *Renewable Natural Gas Supply Agreement*, Contract No. 5374, dated July 28, 2021, were accepted and approved, and the Chairperson and Secretary were authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the District. Furthermore, the Board authorized the Districts' Chief Engineer and General Manager to execute future addenda, amendments, and all related documents.

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

CATHY WARNER
Chairperson

ATTEST:

KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN
Secretary

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