

SPECIAL MEETING — BOARD OF DIRECTORS — COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 14

To be held at the OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT
1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, California

In Response to concerns about the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), and in accordance with the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20, Directors will attend these meetings via teleconference. Interested members of the public may call in to listen and provide comments by calling (719) 387-1138, passcode 458803 or may submit public comments to: info@lacs-d.org up to two hours prior to the start of the meeting. You may find further information at: www.lacs-d.org/aboutus/governance/agenda_and_minutes/default.asp

THE DISTRICT MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY AGENDA ITEM LISTED BELOW

THURSDAY	January 21, 2021	At 9:30 A.M.
Governing Body	Director	Alternate
LANCASTER	PARRIS (Chairperson)	CRIST (Chair pro tem)
PALMDALE	HOFBAUER	BISHOP
LOS ANGELES COUNTY	SOLIS	BARGER

At the call of the Chairperson, a special meeting of the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County will be held at the above time and place for the purpose of:

1. Approve Minutes of Special Meeting Held December 14, 2020
2. Approve November 2020 Expenses in Amount of \$1,468,682.83

Summary: Local District expenses represent costs incurred for operations, maintenance, and capital projects that are the sole responsibility of the individual District. Allocated expenses represent the District’s proportionate share of expenses made by District No. 2, the Administrative District, on its behalf pursuant to the Joint Administration Agreement. This Agreement provides for the joint administration and technical support for all of the signatory Districts along with the methodology for determining the proportionate costs for each District. A listing of Districts’ payments and previously approved budgets can be found on the Districts’ website at lacs-d.org/financial-documents. This item is consistent with the Districts’ Guiding Principle of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship.

Local District Expenses:	
Operations & Maintenance (O & M)	\$ 1,115,703.45
Capital	157,754.40
Legal	684.10
Allocated Expenses:	
Joint Administration	89,707.78
Technical Support	103,745.60
Legal	1,087.50
Total Expenses	<u>\$1,468,682.83</u>

3. Authorize Issuance of Purchase Order to Process Wastewater Technologies, LLC, (PWTech) in Amount of Approximately \$522,500 for Volute Dewatering Press at Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant (WRP)

Summary: Centrifuges are utilized to dewater solids generated in the wastewater treatment process. The existing centrifuges are obsolete and are costly to operate and maintain. Based on a pilot study conducted in 2019, the Volute Press offered by PWTech is being recommended for full-scale evaluation as a replacement dewatering technology for the plant. It is anticipated that the District could save approximately \$117,500 annually if all four of the centrifuges are replaced with a total of two Volute Press units. This project will start with the purchase of one unit. 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).

4. Confirm Determination by Chief Engineer and General Manager (Chief Engineer) of District’s Surplus Groundwater Rights for 2021 in Accordance with *Surplus Groundwater Agreement* (Agreement) with City of Lancaster (City)

Summary: Under the terms of the Agreement, which was entered into by the District and City in December 2018, the Board must determine by January 1 of each year the amount of the District’s surplus groundwater rights that is available for potential sale, lease, or transfer during that calendar year.

4. Contd.

According to the Agreement, if the Board has not determined the amount by January 1, then the Chief Engineer shall make that determination. The Chief Engineer has determined that the District’s surplus groundwater rights for 2021 is 199 acre-feet (AF) and the City Portion is 157 AF based on the number of capacity units in the District’s sewerage system that is within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City as indicated in the attached letter. This item is consistent with the Districts’ Guiding Principle of commitment to continual improvement.

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Impacts on Businesses and Districts’ COVID-19 and Low Water Rebate Programs

Summary: The Chief Engineer and General Manager will discuss options for commercial service charge ratepayers impacted by COVID-19 related business closures.

Adjourn

Status Report: Prior to or during the meeting session, the Chief Engineer and General Manager may update the Directors on various matters concerning the Districts that may be of current interest to the Directors.

Public Comment: Members of the public may address the Board of Directors on any item shown on the agenda or matter under the Board’s authority. A “Request to Address Board of Directors” form is available. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you require special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Secretary to the Boards’ Office (562) 908-4288, extension 1100. Notification of 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable staff to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. (28CFR 35.101 et seq. ADA Title II).

Document Requests: Links to supporting documents are available online at the time of posting. Agendas and supporting documents or other writings that will be distributed to Board members in connection with matters subject to discussion or consideration at this meeting that are not exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act are available for inspection following the posting of this agenda at the office of the Secretary to the Boards of Directors located at the Districts’ Joint Administration Building, 1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, California, 90601 or at the time of the meeting at the address posted on this agenda.



January 4, 2021

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL 7005-0390-0005-1555-5150

Mr. Jason Caudle
City Manager
City of Lancaster
44933 Fern Avenue
Lancaster, CA 93534

Dear Mr. Caudle:

Surplus Groundwater Rights Notice for 2021

Pursuant to Section 2 of the Surplus Groundwater Agreement (“Agreement”) effective December 31, 2018, between County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County (“District”) and the City of Lancaster (“City”), the City Portion of the District’s Surplus Groundwater Rights for calendar year 2021 is 157 acre-feet¹.

The City, as broker on behalf of the District, may seek potential purchasers, lessees, or other transferees of all or a part of the City Portion of the District’s Surplus Groundwater Rights at or above Fair Market Value as determined by the District’s independent appraisal.

Please note that, pursuant to Section 3 of the Agreement, the District is holding for Carryover the 2019 City Portion of 157 acre-feet and the 2020 City Portion of 157 acre-feet, which the City did not broker on behalf of the District. This Carryover water is also available for the City to seek potential purchasers, lessees or other transferees.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Raymond Tremblay, Head of the District’s Facilities Planning Department, at (562) 908-4288, extension 2701, or rtremblay@lacsd.org.

Very truly yours,

Robert C. Ferrante

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¹This is the portion of the District’s Surplus Groundwater Rights that is proportional to the number of capacity units in the District’s sewerage system that are within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City.