

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 provisions of California Government Code Section 54953(e), Directors will attend these meetings via teleconference. To join the meeting, click <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8091438308> or enter the Meeting ID 809 143 8308 into the Zoom app on your smartphone or computer. Alternatively, you may join by phone by calling (669) 900-9128 and entering the Meeting ID. You may find further information at: <http://www.lacsd.org/agendas>

THE DISTRICT MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY AGENDA ITEM LISTED BELOW

| THURSDAY | January 13, 2022 | At 9:30 A.M. |
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| Governing Body | Director | Alternate |
| LANCASTER | PARRIS (Chairperson) | CRIST (Chair pro tem) |
| PALMDALE | HOFBAUER | BISHOP |
| LOS ANGELES COUNTY | MITCHELL | 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. Public Comment
2. Approve Minutes of Special Meeting Held September 9, 2021
3. Approve August, September, October, and November 2021 Expenses in Amount of \$6,698,238.91

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 lacsd.org/financial-documents. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship.

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| Local District Expenses: | |
| Operations & Maintenance (O & M) | \$4,746,830.77 |
| Capital | 832,891.74 |
| Legal | 16,571,25 |
| Allocated Expenses: | |
| Joint Administration | 487,834.35 |
| Technical Support | 591,508.60 |
| Legal | <u>22,602.20</u> |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$6,698,238.91</u> |
4. Approve *Resolution of the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County Proclaiming a Local Emergency, Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020 by California Governor and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Body*

Summary: Remote teleconferenced meetings, during the continued existence of the Governor's proclaimed state of COVID-19 emergency, will be conducted under the provisions of AB 361 which added California Government Code Section 54953(e), to the Brown Act. Under the provisions of AB 361 and Government Code Section 54953(e), each District must adopt, by majority vote, a resolution making certain findings about the continuing COVID state of emergency and health and safety risks of conducting their meeting in person. By statute, this Resolution and its referenced findings, are only legally valid for 30 days. The Resolution is attached to the agenda.
5. Re: Contract with Stronghold Engineering, Inc., in Amount of Approximately \$6,172,029, for Construction of [Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant \(WRP\) Power Distribution System Modifications](#) (Project)
 - (a) Report on Bids and Award and Order Executed Contract
 - (b) Order Staff to Review Insurance and Surety Bonds for Performance and Payment and, if Sufficient, Order Secretary to Sign Contract Evidencing Approval of Bonds and Insurance

Summary: The Project will include the addition of electrical equipment to provide redundancy to most of the switchboards associated with the power distribution systems at the Lancaster WRP. In addition,

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existing busways will be replaced with busducts, and protective relaying will be upgraded to provide arc-flash protection to the modified power distribution systems, and all appurtenant work. Funds have been allocated in the capital budget to cover the cost of this Project. The bid summary/recommendation to award is attached. Staff has determined that the Project described herein is exempt or otherwise not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Public Resources Code Sections 15301 and 15302 and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (“CEQA Guidelines”) Section 21080. 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).

6. Authorize Issuance of Purchase Orders as Follows:

- (a) To R&B Automation, Inc., in Amount of Approximately \$148,240 for Replacement of Valve Actuators at Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant (WRP)

Summary: The Recycled Water Pump Station at the Lancaster WRP is designed with eight flow control valves that regulate flow from the plant and on-site storage reservoirs into the pump station wet well. These valves are controlled by specialized electro-hydraulic actuators that also automatically close on power failure to protect the station from being flooded because it is located at a lower elevation than both the plant and storage reservoirs. The existing eight valve actuators have been in service since 2012 but have been unreliable and difficult to maintain due to long lead times for repair parts and poor technical support due to lack of local/regional support. The Districts has replaced similar electro-hydraulic actuators at other treatment plants with electric actuators manufactured by Sipos that have required minimal servicing. In addition, the replacement electric actuators are supported by R&B Automation, a local company, and have proven to be reliable at other WRPs for similar applications. 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).

- (b) To Horizons Construction Co. International, Inc., in Amount of Approximately \$298,529.93 for Demolition and Disposal of Abandoned Facilities at Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant (WRP)

Summary: The Lancaster WRP has been in service since 1959 and has undergone several upgrades since its commissioning. Some of the decommissioned facilities have been abandoned in place. There are three locations at the WRP that contain abandoned chemical addition stations and tanks that will be demolished and removed. 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 Project is exempt or otherwise not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 15301 and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (“CEQA Guidelines”) Section 15304. These items are 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).

7. Receive and Order Filed [Annual Comprehensive Financial Report](#) (ACFR) for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

Summary: The Districts’ ACFR for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, which includes the annual audit required by state and federal laws, is attached. This item is consistent with the Districts’ Guiding Principles of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship; and to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs.

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.

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LOS ANGELES
COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 14

RE: AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

FOR BOARD MEETING January 13, 2022

BIDS were received at the District Office on December 16, 2021

FOR LANCASTER WATER RECLAMATION PLANT POWER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MODIFICATIONS

No. of Bids Received: 2

| <u>BIDDER</u> | <u>TOTAL BID</u> |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Stronghold Engineering, Inc. | <u>\$6,172,029.00</u> |
| Pacific Industrial Electric | <u>\$6,627,070.00</u> |

RECOMMENDATION:

Award contract to Stronghold Engineering, Inc. low bidder, in the amount of \$6,172,029.00.

Engineer's Estimate: \$6,250,000.00



Robert C. Ferrante
Chief Engineer and General Manager

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY SANITATION
DISTRICT NO. 14 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY,
RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY
ON MARCH 4, 2020 BY CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR AND AUTHORIZING
REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY

WHEREAS, the County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County (“District”) is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the District’s Board of Directors and committees; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the District’s Board of Directors are open and public, pursuant to the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Sections 54950-54963) (the “Brown Act”), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, observe and watch the District’s Board of Directors conduct business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Section 54953(e), allows for conducting and participating in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of the Brown Act Section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, a required condition under the Brown Act Section 54953(e) is the declaration of a state of emergency by the Governor pursuant to California Government Code Section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within California caused by the conditions outlined and described in California Government Code Section 8558; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation of a state of emergency is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the jurisdictions that are within the District’s boundaries, caused by natural, technological, or human-induced disasters; and

WHEREAS, it is further required that the state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or the Board of Directors of the District have held a meeting where it considered and determined that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, such conditions now exist in the District as Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020 as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control, in its publication “How to Protect Yourself & Others” updated August 13, 2021, have recommended social distancing practices, including staying 6 feet away from others and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces in order to protect individuals and others from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health Order of the Health Officer issued September 17, 2021 (the “County Order”) includes a finding that the existing community transmission of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County remains high and continues to present a high risk of infection and harm to the health of those who are not and cannot be vaccinated against COVID-19 especially when there is an absence of capacity limits and physical distancing requirements for both indoor and outdoor settings. The County Order further finds that COVID-19 infection remains a significant health hazard to all residents; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Directors does hereby find that the ongoing and significant risks associated with COVID-19 infection, especially in the absence of capacity limits and physical distancing requirements for indoor activities, on those who are not and cannot be vaccinated, and that COVID-19 infection remains a significant health hazard to all residents, has caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of peril to the safety of persons within the District that are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the District, and desires to proclaim a local emergency and ratify the proclamation of a state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California, and further, ratify the County Order findings related to the ongoing health hazards of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the declared state of emergency and the local emergency, the Board of Directors of the District does hereby find that the District shall continue to conduct its meetings in accordance with the provisions and requirements of the Brown Act Section 54953(e), and that the legislative

bodies of the District shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to, and an opportunity to comment at all meetings of the District's legislative bodies in accordance with the requirements of the Brown Act Section 54953(e)(2); and

WHEREAS, the District will continue its practice of live streaming its meetings via the Zoom software platform which allows members of the public to observe and participate in the meetings via video or call-in options, and will continue to offer members of the public an opportunity to make oral comments during the meetings and/or submit written comments before the meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 14 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true, correct, and are incorporated in this Resolution by reference.

Section 2. Proclamation of Local Emergency. The Board of Directors of the District does hereby proclaim that a local emergency now exists throughout the territory of the District and, as described in the County Order, there remains evidence of sustained and high community transmission rates of COVID-19 resulting in high risks of infection and harm to the health of those who are not and cannot be vaccinated against COVID-19, especially when there is an absence of capacity limits and physical distancing requirements for both indoor and outdoor settings, and COVID-19 infection remains a significant health hazard to all residents of the District.

Section 3. Ratification of Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The District's Board of Directors hereby ratifies the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of a State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of March 4, 2020.

Section 4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The Chief Engineer and General Manager, staff and legislative bodies are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, without limitation, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with the Brown Act Section 54953(e) and all other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 5. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) 30 days after the date of this resolution, or such time that the District's Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with the Brown Act Section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the legislative bodies of the District may continue to teleconference without compliance with the requirements of the Brown Act Section 54953(b)(3).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County this 13th day of January 2022 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Chairperson