



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>

RE: RESOLUTION 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 - ADOPT

A proposed *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*, was presented. 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, Government Code Section 54953(e), at their first next meeting, 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. A recommendation was made to adopt the Resolution.

The Chairperson pro tem stated that he was concerned because sometimes the Board meetings are canceled. He asked if the Chairperson or Chairperson pro tem can affirm a continued emergency, to hold teleconference meetings should there be more than 30 days between the meetings.

Upon motion of Director Hofbauer, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, to approve the amended motion for the Chairperson or Chairperson pro tem to affirm a continued emergency in order to hold a Board meeting by teleconference if the last meeting was more than 30 days prior. The meeting agenda will include the necessary AB361 resolution.

Upon motion of the Chairperson pro tem, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the following Resolution was adopted:

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, 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 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 County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Hofbauer, Barger, and Crist

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT  
LANCASTER WATER RECLAMATION  
PLANT POWER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM  
MODIFICATIONS - AWARD CONTRACT  
NO. 5409 TO STRONGHOLD ENGINEERING,  
INC. - ORDER SECRETARY TO EXECUTE

The *Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) Power Distribution System Modifications* (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, 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 was attached to the agenda. 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). The bids received at the District’s office on December 16, 2021, for construction of the Project are as follows:

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

The bid of Stronghold Engineering, Inc., was the lowest bid received and that Stronghold Engineering, Inc., was the lowest, regular, responsible bidder for the work, and a recommendation was made to award a contract to Stronghold Engineering, Inc., at the lump sum stated in its bid amounting to approximately \$6,172,029. Furthermore, a recommendation was made to order the Staff to review the surety bonds for performance and payment and, if sufficient, order Secretary to execute a contract with Stronghold Engineering, Inc., for construction of the Project.

Upon motion of Director Barger, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, Contract No. 5409 for construction of the *Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant Power Distribution System Modifications* was awarded to the lowest, regular, responsible bidder, to wit: Stronghold Engineering, Inc., at the lump sum stated in its bid amounting to approximately \$6,172,029. Furthermore, the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County ordered the Staff to review the surety bonds for performance and payment and, if sufficient, order the Secretary to execute the contract with Stronghold Engineering, Inc., for construction of the Project.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT  
REPLACEMENT OF VALVE ACTUATORS  
AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE  
ORDER TO R&B AUTOMATION, INC.

The Recycled Water Pump Station at the Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant (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). A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a purchase order to R&B Automation, Inc., in the amount of approximately \$148,240 for replacement of valve actuators at the Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant.

Upon motion of Director Barger, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to R&B Automation, Inc., for replacement of valve actuators at the Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant at a cost of approximately \$148,240.

RE: WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT  
DEMOLITION AND DISPOSAL OF  
ABANDONED FACILITIES - AUTHORIZE  
ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDER TO  
HORIZONS CONSTRUCTION CO.  
INTERNATIONAL, INC.

The Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant (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). A recommendation was made to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager, in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, to issue a purchase order to Horizons Construction Co. International, Inc., in the amount of approximately \$298,529.93 for demolition and disposal of abandoned facilities at the Lancaster WRP.

In response to Director Hofbauer, the Chief Engineer and General Manager stated that job order contracting is used for small jobs, although this is a big job that will cost over \$35,000. All government bids are in compliance with prevailing wage law.

Upon motion of Director Barger, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Purchasing Agent was authorized to issue a purchase order to Horizons Construction Co. International, Inc., for demolition and disposal of abandoned facilities at the Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant at a cost of approximately \$298,529.93.

RE: ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE  
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL  
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021  
RECEIVE AND ORDER FILED

Prior to meeting in regular session and as reported in the status report, the Chief Engineer and General Manager advised that copies of the Districts' Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, which includes the annual

audit required by state and federal laws, were distributed to the Directors. 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. A recommendation was made to receive and order filed the Districts' ACFR for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

Upon motion of Director Hofbauer, duly seconded and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote, the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, which includes the annual audit required by state and federal laws, and was previously mailed to the Directors, was accepted and ordered filed.

RE: DIRECTOR COMMENTS  
ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

Director Barger asked the Chief Engineer and General Manager if there is a comprehensive sewer replacement program in the Antelope Valley and how the sewers are

monitored to avoid spills.

The Chief Engineer and General Manager stated that Districts Nos. 14 and 20 and the Joint Outfall System have the same sewer maintenance program. All sewers are monitored with video inspection. The monitoring frequency depends on the material and age of the pipe. The sewer system has been in place since the 1920s. Some pipes have liner protection in place and show no degradation. The sewer pipes typically have 50-100 years of service life. He stated that older reinforced concrete sewers with high levels of corrosion and high

flow are in the process of being replaced/lined. The District spends \$30,000,000-50,000,000 per year of capital, which is used to rehabilitate or replace its sewers. Each sewer has a specific condition rating. District No. 2 hired a third-party firm to perform an audit on the cause of the Carson sewer collapse, to review the Districts' current sewer maintenance and evaluation program, to and make recommendations for improvement.

Director Hofbauer stated that Supervisor Barger clued him into a significant street rehabilitation in the Highlands area. He stated that the approval for the work was rejected because the planning was independent of the sewers. He asked that Districts' staff ensure that redundant work on streets is avoided.

The Chief Engineer and General Manager stated that the Districts works with Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works. The Districts' goal is to coordinate infrastructure work throughout the county to avoid redundant overlapping. Districts' staff is working with a database of continuing projects. The database is a work in progress. There are over 200 water companies throughout the city, county, and Sanitation Districts' system that are involved.

Director Hofbauer thanked the Chief Engineer and General Manager.

The Chairperson pro tem advised that he sits on various boards. The Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District has been giving grants to farmers for new low emission equipment. He stated that the District's Van Dam agricultural reuse lease expires prior to a grant conditions they are expecting from the Air Quality Management District. He requested that the Sanitation Districts coordinate with the Van Dams to extend their lease agreement to coincide with the grant period. An approximately two-year extension is needed.

The Chief Engineer and General Manager advised that District staff will contact the Van Dams to discuss an extension of their lease agreement.

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

MARVIN CRIST  
Chairperson pro tem

ATTEST:

KIMBERLY S. CHRISTENSEN  
Secretary

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