REGULAR MEETING — BOARD OF DIRECTORS — COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2

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

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### THE DISTRICT MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY AGENDA ITEM LISTED BELOW

| WEDNESDAY             | October 12, 2022  | At 1:30 P.M.         |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Governing Body</b> | Director          | Alternate            |
| ALHAMBRA              | MALONEY           | ANDRADE-STADLER      |
| ARTESIA               | RAMOSO            | TAJ                  |
| BELL                  | ARROYO            | SALEH                |
| BELL GARDENS          | PULIDO            | FLORES               |
| BELLFLOWER            | DUNTON            | SANTA INES           |
| CERRITOS              | VO                | BARROWS              |
| COMMERCE              | REBOLLO           | ALTAMIRANO           |
| COMPTON               | SHARIF            |                      |
| DOWNEY                | PACHECO           | FROMETA              |
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| MONTEBELLO            | COBOS-CAWTHORNE   | PERALTA              |
| MONTEREY PARK         | H. LO             |                      |
| NORWALK               | RAMIREZ           | PEREZ                |
| PARAMOUNT             | CUELLAR STALLINGS | AGUAYO               |
| PICO RIVERA           | SANCHEZ           | CAMACHO              |
| SAN GABRIEL           | DING              | MENCHACA             |
| SOUTH GATE            | RIOS              | DAVILA               |
| VERNON                | LOPEZ             | W. DAVIS             |
| WHITTIER              | VINATIERI         | WARNER (Chairperson) |
| LOS ANGELES COUNTY    | MITCHELL          | SOLIS                |

### CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Public Comment
- 2. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting Held September 28, 2022
- 3. Approve July 2022 Expenses in Amount of \$24,078,048.41

<u>Summary</u>: 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 either the Joint Administration Agreement or the Joint Outfall Agreement. These Agreements provide for the joint administration, technical support and management of the operations, maintenance, and capital costs associated with all of the shared facilities for all of the signatory Districts, along with the methodology for determining the proportionate costs for each participating District. District No. 2 also acts as the Administrative District for the Solid Waste System expenses which are managed pursuant to the Solid Waste Management System Agreement, the Los Angeles County Refuse Disposal Trust Fund Agreement, and a series of Joint Powers Agreements. District No. 2 also acts as the Administrative District for Stormwater Management expenses the Districts incur, and are later reimbursed for, in assisting their member cities and unincorporated Los Angeles County address stormwater compliance issues. 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       | \$ 17,375.86           |
| Allocated Expenses:            |                        |
| Technical Support              | 78.92                  |
| Joint Outfall                  | 2,462,726.31           |
| Joint Outfall System Expenses: |                        |
| Allocated Expenses             | 8,041,351.81           |
| Solid Waste System Expenses:   |                        |
| Operations & Maintenance       | 10,945,128.81          |
| Allocated Expenses             | 1,684,508.85           |
| Capital                        | 911,332.17             |
| Stormwater Expenses:           |                        |
| Operations & Maintenance       | 15,545.68              |
| Total Expenses                 | <u>\$24,078,048.41</u> |

- 4. Authorize Payment to Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith LLP, in Amount of \$181,817.26, for Legal Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Advanced in Various Districts' Matters for Month of July 2022
- 5. Approve Plans and Call for Bids for Construction of *Joint Outfall B Unit 1A Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 2* (Project); Authorize Chief Engineer and General Manager to Establish Date for Receipt of Bids

<u>Summary</u>: The proposed Project will consist of lining approximately 6,500 feet of 144-inch-diameter corroded concrete sewer constructed in 1954. The work is located within the City of Carson as shown on the attached map. 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 21080(b)(4) and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") Section 15301. 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. Accept Contract No. 5202 and Order Final Payment to Tetra Tech BAS, Inc., for Construction of *Landfill Gas Wells and Header Line Repair at Various District Landfills* – 2019 (Project); Resulting in Total Contract Amount of \$353,491.85

<u>Summary</u>: The Project consisted of the installation of eleven individual landfill gas extraction wells and associated work as necessary to comply with stringent regulatory requirements imposed by the South Coast Air Quality Management District. There were no change orders for this project.

### REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Report on Bids and Award of Orders as Follows:
  - (a) Audio Visual Upgrades for the Joint Administration Office Board Room

<u>Summary</u>: The proposed improvements to the existing audio visual system in the Districts' Board Room will replace the projector with a high-definition video wall that will provide better viewing for Directors and the public. The improvements will also add video cameras and associated equipment to accommodate hybrid meetings where participants are both onsite and remote. The bid summary/recommendation to award is attached. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle to provide transparent communication to our Boards and the public.

(b) Replacement of 4160V Switchboard at Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP)

<u>Summary</u>: The Total Energy Facility uses digester gas to produce enough electrical power to run the entire JWPCP. As part of the process, three fuel gas compressors raise the pressure of the digester gas for use in three gas-fired turbines that power generators. The 4160V switchboard that powers the fuel gas compressors is 38 years old, has exceeded its service life, and must be replaced. The bid summary/recommendation to award is attached. 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 21084 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).

- 2. Authorize Issuance of Purchase Orders for Building Maintenance/Janitorial Services at Various Districts' Facilities for One-Year Period as Follows:
  - (a) To Premier Property Preservation in Amount of Approximately \$35,370

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- (b) To Valley Maintenance Corporation in Amount of Approximately \$127,548
- (c) To DMS Facility Services in Amount of Approximately \$673,158

<u>Summary</u>: Building maintenance/janitorial services are required at Districts' facilities to provide a clean and safe work environment. Proposals were solicited to provide these services from qualified providers; four proposals were received and evaluated based on qualifications and price. It is recommended that purchase orders be awarded to the highest rated, responsive proposal for each facility. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs.

- 3. Authorize Issuance of Purchase Orders as Follows:
  - (a) To Yorke Engineering, LLC (Yorke), in Amount of Approximately \$750,000 for On-Call Air Quality Consulting Services for Three-Year Period

<u>Summary</u>: The Districts operates solid waste and wastewater facilities that are regulated by local air district, state, and federal entities. To address increasingly strict regulations and increased enforcement activity by regulators, an on-call air quality consultant is needed to supplement regulatory compliance work performed by Districts staff. A Request for Proposals was released, and two proposals were received. Pursuant to this process, staff has determined that Yorke is the most qualified consultant and provided the lowest hourly rates. 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).

(b) To Horizons Construction Co. Int'l, Inc., in Amount of Approximately \$1,094,940 for Construction of San Jose Creek Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) Stages I and II Security Fence Improvements (Project)

Summary: The Project will consist of the removal and replacement of the existing chain link perimeter fence and gates with an eight-foot-tall welded mesh security fence and gates along the north and east sides of the plant. The existing fence is in poor condition and has been breached by unauthorized individuals. Installation of new fencing and gates will improve facility security, reliability, and safety. 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 are 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 protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs.

(c) To Old River Farming, LLC, (ORF) in Amount of Approximately \$4,376,000 to Provide Farming Operation and Property Maintenance Services at Tulare Lake Compost (TLC) for One Year Period

Summary: In June 2022, the agricultural lease of the TLC farming property, which involves use of compost produced at the Districts compost facility, was terminated. ORF has experience providing farming services related to biosolids management for other public agencies and provided a proposal to perform necessary work at the farming property over an approximate 12-month period. This is necessary in the interim and will allow time for the Districts to implement a long term contract for the farming activities. ORF's proposal consists of utilizing TLC compost through farming activities; addressing deferred maintenance, such as the clearing of weeds and debris from irrigation ditches and water delivery infrastructure; and conducting other property maintenance and agricultural operations tasks. ORF is immediately available and provided a cost proposal of approximately \$4,376,000 for these services, which has been deemed reasonable by a third-party agricultural specialist hired by the Districts. ORF plans to grow crops for animal feed, which would result in revenue to the Districts that will partially defray this cost. Staff has determined that the Project is exempt or otherwise not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines") Section 15301. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles of commitment to operational excellence (protection of public health and the environment, regulatory compliance, and cost effectiveness); and to maximize use of our assets and resources (recycled water, recyclables, and energy).

4. Approve Change Orders Nos. 1 and 2 to Contract No. 5424 with SAK Construction, LLC, for Construction of 216<sup>th</sup> Street Relocation Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation (Project); Resulting in Total Payment of \$331,837.59 for Extra Work

<u>Summary</u>: As part of the Project, the contractor was required to rehabilitate three corroded manholes using a specified protective coating system. During construction, on the nearby 216<sup>th</sup> Street Relief Trunk Sewer, it was discovered that eight manholes were also severely corroded and that three manholes required modification to prevent odorous gases from escaping the sewer. The contractor was therefore directed to

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rehabilitate eight additional manholes and replace the frame and covers of three manholes with tight-sealing lids. Separately, the Contractor was required to clean and remove debris from the existing concrete pipe sewer prior to rehabilitation with a cured-in place pipe liner. During construction, it was determined that the volume of debris in the sewer was significantly more than was estimated in the contract documents. The contractor was directed to clean and remove the excess debris on a time and material basis. 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).

- Approve Settlements and Authorize District Counsel to Execute Compromise and Release in Connection with Pending Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Proceedings:
  - (a) District Employee Carlos Moreno

Summary: During the course of his employment with the Districts, Mr. Carlos Moreno sustained injuries to multiple body parts, including his right shoulder, arm, and collar bone, as well as a sleep disorder, anxiety, stress, and weight gain. Mr. Moreno's attorney and District Counsel have agreed on a proposed settlement in the form of Compromise and Release in the amount of \$65,000. Approximately \$11,100 is statutorily required. The remaining approximately \$53,900 represents the settlement amount. District Counsel believes the settlement is cost effective and recommends that the proposed settlement be approved.

(b) Former District Employee David Luevanos

Summary: During the course of his employment with the Districts, Mr. David Luevanos sustained injuries to multiple body parts, including his low back and left knee. Mr. Luevanos's attorney and District Counsel have agreed on a proposed settlement in the form of Compromise and Release in the amount of \$150,000. Approximately \$50,000 is statutorily required. The remaining approximately \$100,000 represents the settlement amount. District Counsel believes the settlement is cost effective and recommends that the proposed settlement be approved.

6. CLOSED SESSION - Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) Potential Litigation - California Regional Water Quality Board - Los Angeles Region, Administrative Civil Liability Complaints Relating to SSO Event ID No. 878549

Summary: This matter is related to pending and ongoing discussions with the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Board regarding a sewer spill that occurred December 2021 and discharged to the Dominguez Channel. The Chief Engineer and General Manager and District Counsel will discuss this matter in closed session.

7. CLOSED SESSION – Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) Three Existing Cases - Westlake Farms, Inc. v. County Sanitation District No. 2, San Luis Obispo County Superior Court Case No. 16CV-0244; Ceil Howe Jr. v. County Sanitation District No. 2, San Luis Obispo County Superior Court Case No. 16CV-0283; and County Sanitation District No. 2 v. Westlake Farms et al., Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Case No. B322095

Summary: The Chief Engineer and General Manager and District Counsel will discuss this matter in closed session.

CLOSED SESSION – Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) Potential Litigation – September 21, 2022 Damages Claim Served by Sandridge Partners, L.P. (Sandridge)

Summary: Sandridge claims damages in connection with its operations at the District's Tulare Lake Compost Facility. The Chief Engineer and General Manager and District Counsel will discuss this matter in closed session.

Adjourn

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. **Status Report:** 

**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 a vailable. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you require special assistance to participate in this meeting, plea se 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,

Ca lifornia, 90601, or at the time of the meeting at the address posted on this agenda.

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## JOINT OUTFALL B UNIT 1A TRUNK SEWER REHABILITATION PHASE 2





PROJECT ROUTE

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

RE: AGENDA ITEM NO. R-1(a) FOR BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 12, 2022

BIDS were received at the District Office on Thursday, September 1, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.

### FOR AUDIO VISUAL UPGRADES FOR THE JOINT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE BOARD ROOM

No. of Bids Received: 4

# BIDDER JEC Integration Inc.\* \$117,036.84 Western Audio Visual 118 217 16

Western Audio Visual118,217.16Sunset Electrical Contractors140,802.00EIDIM Group154,693.34

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Award purchase order to Western Audio Visual, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in the amount of approximately \$118,217.16 for Audio Visual Upgrades for the Joint Administration Office Board Room.

Engineer's Estimate: \$157,000

Robert C. Ferrante Chief Engineer and General Manager

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<sup>\*</sup>Bidder deemed non-responsive; did not meet bid Specifications.

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

RE: AGENDA ITEM NO. R-1(b)

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BIDS were received at the District Office on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.

FOR REPLACEMENT OF 4160V SWITCHBOARD AT THE JOINT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT

No. of Bids Received: 1

**BIDDER** 

**TOTAL BID AMOUNT** 

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\$499,500.00

Big Sky Electric, Inc.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Award purchase order to Big Sky Electric, Inc., the sole responsive and responsible bidder, in the amount of approximately \$499,500.00 for replacement of 4160V Switchboard at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant.

Engineer's Estimate: \$400,000.00

Robert C. Ferrante Chief Engineer and General Manager