

## **ENGINEERING COMMITTEE NOTES**

### **August 4, 2020**

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#### **Attendees:**

Committee members:	Randall Reed (Chair) and Kevin Kenley
Staff members:	John Bosler, Carrie Guarino, Eduardo Espinoza, Rob Hills, Chad Brantley, Mike Maestas, Tuan Truong, Praseetha Krishnan, John Roberts, and Gidti Ludesirishoti
Members of the Public:	None.

**Call to Order:** 5:07 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda:** None.

#### **Introductory Remarks by Chair Reed**

Chair Reed announced for the record that this meeting was conducted by teleconference pursuant to the Brown Act waivers provided for under the Governor's executive Orders in response to the COVID-19 State of Emergency. Further, the agenda stated that there was no public location for attending this meeting in person. The agenda stated that the public may listen and provide comment telephonically by calling the number listed on the agenda. Chair Reed took a roll call of Committee members and staff present on the call as listed above.

#### **I. Reservoir 3A Updates (Verbal)**

- Staff updated the committee on the progress of the Reservoir 3A project. The District received bids just before this committee meeting. The bid deadline was originally scheduled for the previous week and staff was hoping to bring a recommendation this evening. However, the bid date was moved to respond to late critical questions from bidders and to allow for sufficient time for contractors to adjust their bids.
- Staff is reviewing the bids, analyzing costs, contingencies, and the project budget. Staff proposed to the committee to reconvene on this item in two weeks' time. Staff's goal is to award this project at the August 25 Board of Directors meeting where the Board of Directors will also make a CEQA determination. The committee concurred with staff's recommendation to reconvene in two weeks.
- Staff also described the tentative outreach plan currently being developed by Engineering and Government and Public Affairs staff. Staff briefly described a draft outreach plan for the reservoir would be similar to the one prepared for the Nitrate Treatment Facility. This plan will have multiple phases, the first one commencing just after award of contract for construction. Staff will return to the committee with a more detailed plan for outreach.

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#### **2. Regional Water Policy and Management MOU (Verbal)**

- General Manager John Bosler provided an update to the committee on an effort by several retail agencies to convene and cooperate on regional water policy matters and projects. Over the last few months several general managers and principals from neighboring agencies have been meeting to discuss water policy issues, especially as they pertain to challenges at IEUA and Watermaster, and other topics that would bring mutual benefit to the agencies. The group agreed to work towards memorializing their intentions to cooperate in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
- An example of a current project could realize cost savings by several agencies working together is the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). At least four agencies are partnering on this effort, CVWD is lead agency, and procurement is underway.
- The MOU is mostly voluntary, does not obligate the group to participate in projects or commit funding. It sets an expectation for the group to meet periodically, and expresses the opportunity for agency policy makers (electeds) to also participate when appropriate.
- Participating agencies include those in IEUA's sewer contracting agencies and imported water agencies: Cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Montclair, Ontario, Upland and special districts like Monte Vista Water District and CVWD. Only Fontana Water Company opted not to enter into the MOU. However, they along with other neighboring agencies like Jurupa Community Serviced District, City of Pomona, San Antonio Water Company, and regional agencies like IEUA and Watermaster may be invited from time to time.
- The committee concurred with staff's recommendation to continue developing the MOU, present to other committees as necessary and bring to the Board of Directors for consideration and approval.

#### **3. Award of Contract for Grounds Maintenance – Schedule A and Schedule C**

- Staff issued three requests for bids for grounds maintenance of all District facilities, each bid with a schedule of specific facilities. Schedules A was a group of reservoir, treatment plant and well sites. Schedule B was the main District campus and Chino Basin Watermaster campus. Schedule C was the balance of reservoir, treatment plant and well sites not in Schedule A.
- Staff presented an Award of Contract to Lawnscape Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$161,040 to provide grounds maintenance services for Schedules A and C. This contract value requires board approval.
- The committee recommended that this item be forwarded to the Board of Directors for consideration and approval.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:34 p.m.