

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

January 21, 2019

President Vergara called the Meeting of the Engineering Committee to order at 7:30 a.m. on January 21, 2019.

Director Goldman led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Present at today's meeting were Committee Members JOSE F. VERGARA, MARK MONIN, M. SCOTT GOLDMAN, KATHRYN FRESHLEY, and MIKE GASKINS.

Also present were ROBERT R. HILL, General Manager/Secretary, DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, Assistant General Manager/District Engineer, JUDY CIMORELL, Human Resources Manager, NEELY SHAHBAKHTI, Finance Manager/Controller, RICK OLSON, Operations Superintendent, GILBERT J. GRANITO, General Counsel, POLLY WELSCH, Recording Secretary, and CAROL MOORE, Laguna Woods Mayor.

Oral Communication/Public Comment

There were no comments.

Items Received too Late to be Agendized

President Vergara asked if there were any items received too late to be agendized. Mr. Hill replied no.

Consent Calendar

1. Consider approving the minutes of the December 18, 2018 Engineering Committee meeting.

President Vergara asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director Freshley made a Motion, seconded by Vice President Monin, and unanimously carried across the Board to approve the Consent Calendar.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Goldman	aye
President Vergara	aye
Director Freshley	aye
Vice President Monin	aye
Director Gaskins	aye

Engineering Action Items

Resolution No. 19-1-1 Approving an MND and MM&RP for the Oso Lift Station Improvement Project

Mr. Cafferty stated that Resolution 19-1-1 approves the Oso Lift Station Improvement Project and adopts the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan and authorizes the General Manager or designee to file a Notice of Determination of same for this project.

Director Freshley asked how much the study costs. Mr. Cafferty replied approximately \$40,000-\$50,000, and there are detailed Appendixes which he did not include in today's Board package due to their size.

President Vergara asked for a Motion.

Motion: Vice President Monin made a Motion, seconded by Director Freshley and unanimously carried across the Board to approve Resolution No. 19-1-1 which approves the Oso Lift Station Improvement Project and adopts the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan and authorizes the General Manager or designee to file a Notice of Determination of same for the Oso Lift Station Improvement Project.

Roll Call:

Director Freshley	aye
Director Goldman	aye
Director Gaskins	aye
Vice President Monin	aye
President Vergara	aye

Engineering General Information Items

Capital Project Status Report

Oso Lift Station Project

Mr. Cafferty stated that the project design is complete. He further stated that staff is prepared to bid the project once the property acquisition is finalized.

Phase II Recycled Water Distribution System Expansion Project

Mr. Cafferty stated that staff submitted retrofit plans to the State and County Health departments for review and is working to resolve several plan check comments.

AMI Feasibility Study & Alternatives Analysis

Mr. Cafferty stated that the project is expected to be complete in March.

Laboratory Certification Update

Mr. Cafferty stated that staff submitted the application to renew the lab certification within a few days of discovering that the certification had expired. He further stated that it could take anywhere from 2-6 months to receive the new certification.

Mr. Cafferty stated that staff has been outsourcing through Sierra Labs and is working with SOCWA towards an opportunity for the ETWD lab personnel to perform laboratory analysis at the SOCWA lab under SOCWA's lab certification. He further stated that staff tried to get an update from the State, but they don't respond to emails

or phone calls.

Mr. Cafferty stated that the outsourcing is costing the District a couple thousand dollars a week, but the cost is expected to decrease. He further stated that SOCWA's staff estimate to provide some oversight over a 6-month period is approximately \$21,000, and if we were at Sierra Lab for the 6-months, the cost would be closer to \$50,000.

Vice President Monin asked if the State has acknowledged receiving our check for the lab certification renewal. Mr. Cafferty replied no, but the check cleared the bank, however there is no evidence of an application submitted with it. He further stated that staff was able to obtain some emails from the State to the then Lab Supervisor indicating that they were waiting on the application.

Mr. Cafferty stated that staff has several new measures in place to ensure the future continuity of the lab certification.

Baker Water Treatment Product Water Conveyance Options

Mr. Cafferty stated that the plan remains to construct a new turnout on the South County Pipeline that would include a turnout connection dedicated to ETWD's Baker supply. He further stated that MNWD is working on property appraisals for the turnout.

Poseidon Huntington Beach Ocean Desal Project

Mr. Cafferty stated that staff is meeting with Poseidon in a few weeks regarding a range of cost for conveyance and production costs at the Plant to deliver the water to South County. He further stated that they will be looking for a soft commitment for capacity needs.

Director Gaskins stated that at a MWDOC meeting they discussed the

disappointment of the South County agencies regarding the OCWD approval of a study regarding MNWD storage opportunities in the groundwater basin. Mr. Hill replied that the South County agencies are unhappy that MNWD went off on their own to strike a deal. He further stated that it was a pilot study that won't happen until 2028 because that's when the agreement that OCWD has with MET expires and they do not plan to renew it.

Mr. Hill stated that the Poseidon meeting that we are hosting here will be with Poseidon and OCWD and there will be more discussion then about the OCWD and MNWD transaction. He further stated that OCWD needs to coordinate better with MWDOC.

Director Freshley questioned the efficiency of pursuing a study with only MNWD when it has been acknowledged by OCWD that other South Orange County Agencies will consider sometime in the future.

Engineering Items Discussed at Various Conferences and Meetings

There were no comments.

Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Engineering Committee Items

There were no comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the following motion was duly made and passed.

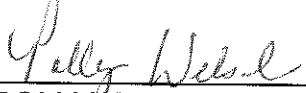
Motion: Director Freshley made a Motion, seconded by Director Gaskins and unanimously carried that today's meeting be adjourned at 8:00 o'clock a.m. to Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 7:30 o'clock a.m. at the District's Administrative Offices at 24251

Los Alisos Blvd, Lake Forest, CA. 92630.

Roll Call:

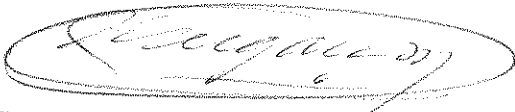
Vice President Monin	aye
Director Gaskins	aye
Director Goldman	aye
President Vergara	aye
Director Freshley	aye

Respectfully submitted,

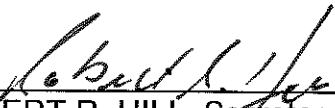


POLLY WELSCH
Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



JOSE F. VERGARA, President
of the El Toro Water District and the
Board of Directors thereof



ROBERT R. HILL, Secretary
of the El Toro Water District and the
Board of Directors thereof