

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
& OF THE
ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

July 20, 2020

Director Freshley called the Engineering Committee Meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

Consent Calendar

Director Freshley asked for a Motion.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Engineering Information Items

Capital Projects Report

Oso Lift Station Improvement Project

Mr. Young stated that staff had successfully acquired an encroachment permit from the City of Laguna Woods and issued the construction contract and Notice to Proceed to the contract. Mr. Young further stated that the nesting season continues through August 30 so any construction work won't begin until August 31. Director Freshley asked if staff had seen birds in this area. Mr. Young replied yes and added that there are mitigation measures available in the event birds impact the project. Mr. Cafferty added that a gnatcatcher nest was observed in the same area during the

recycled water project and the work schedule was revised to avoid the area until the birds left the nest. Mr. Cafferty further stated that the contractor will be working on submittal and material acquisition until they can start construction in the non-nesting season at which point they will be able to work for approximately six months. Mr. Young stated that the contractor is aware of the time constraints but if the project extends into the next nesting season there are mitigation measures that can be implemented. Director Havens stated that the adjacent trail head is currently experiencing much greater use. Mr. Young stated that staff is working with the City of Laguna Woods regarding parking at the site.

Phase II Recycled Water Distribution System Expansion Project

Mr. Young stated that staff had successfully completed the cross connection test on Building 3500 in the presence of the County Health inspector and received clearance to complete the recycled water conversion at that site. Director Freshley asked if it was a three story building and if the building was drained. Mr. Young confirmed it was a three story building and that the building was drained per the County requirements. Director Freshley asked if there were any problems with air in the system. Mr. Young replied that the draining and recharging process was completed with no apparent problems. Mr. Young further stated that two additional buildings are scheduled for testing this week and that the contractor will be back on site to begin the conversions shortly thereafter.

Caltrans I-5 Widening Project

Mr. Young stated that the construction contract and Notice to Proceed have been issued to the contractor for the work described in two completed Utility Agreements with Caltrans. Mr. Young further stated that staff continues to work with Caltrans on the

remaining relocations and that staff has a meeting with Caltrans this afternoon. Mr. Young further stated that the contractor is aware of the limitations on the approved work.

Engineering Items Discussed at Various Conferences and Meetings

Director Frehsely stated that she will attend an SCE seminar this week on energy and water efficiency.

Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Engineering Committee Items

There were no comments.

Adjournment

At approximately 9:20 a.m. the Engineering Committee meeting was adjourned.

Attorney Report

Mr. Granito reported that a Closed Session is needed as indicated in today's Closed Session agenda.

Closed Session

At approximately 9:20 a.m. the Board went into Closed Session. Also at this time, Ms. Shahbakhti, Ms. Cimorell, Mr. Young, and Mr. Harnisch left the meeting.

Open Session Report

At approximately 9:30 a.m. the Board returned to Regular Session. Also at this time Ms. Cimorell, and Mr. Harnisch returned to the meeting.

Mr. Granito reported that the Board did go into Closed Session as indicated in today's Closed Session agenda.

Mr. Granito reported that during the first phase of the Closed Session, he reported on the status of the Quiet Title Action which is referenced in Item #1 of today's Closed Session agenda. This is the litigation filed to confirm the District's ownership in

the Oso Lift Station site. No reportable action was taken.


Mr. Granito reported that during the second phase of the Closed Session General Counsel and the General Manager reported briefly on the status of the Kessner Class Action litigation which is referenced in Item #2 of today's Closed Session agenda. No reportable action was taken.

Mr. Granito reported that during the third phase of the Closed Session, General Counsel and the General Manager led a discussion on an eminent domain action filed by the Department of Transportation whereby Caltrans seeks to acquire property for the expansion of the I-5 freeway. The District is a party defendant in this matter because it owns an Easement in the affected area. No reportable action was taken.

Adjournment

At approximately 9:35 a.m. the regular meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, Secretary
of the El Toro Water District and the
Board of Directors thereof

APPROVED:



MARK L. MONIN, President
of the El Toro Water District and the
Board of Directors thereof