

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
& OF THE
ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

May 24, 2021

At approximately 9:40 a.m. Director Vergara called the Engineering Committee meeting to order.

Committee Members MIKE GASKINS, KATHRYN FRESHLEY, JOSE VERGARA, MARK MONIN, and KAY HAVENS participated.

Also participating were DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, General Manager, JUDY CIMORELL, Human Resources Manager, JASON HAYDEN, CFO, GILBERT J. GRANITO, General Counsel, SCOTT HOPKINS, Operations Superintendent, SHERRI SEITZ, Public Relations/Emergency Preparedness Administrator, RORY HARNISH, Project Engineer, CAROL MOORE, Laguna Woods Council Member, and POLLY WELSCH, Recording Secretary.

Consent Calendar

Director Vergara asked for a Motion.

Motion: Vice President Freshley made a Motion, seconded by Director Monin and unanimously carried across the Board to approve the April 19, 2021 Engineering Committee meeting minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution No. 21-5-2 Adopting the Update to the District's Local CEQA Guidelines

Mr. Cafferty stated that the District contracts with Best, Best & Kreiger to perform an annual update of the District's CEQA Guidelines. He further stated that included in the package is a Summary of Changes.

Director Vergara asked for a Motion.

Motion: President Gaskins made a Motion, seconded by Director Monin, and unanimously carried across the Board to adopt Resolution No. 21-5-2 approving the 2021 update to the District's Local California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Engineering General Information Items

ETWD Capital Project Status Report

Phase II Recycled Water Distribution System Retrofits

Mr. Cafferty stated that the District has secured approval from the Division of Drinking Water and the County to move forward with the last stage of the retrofits. He further stated that cross connection tests are being scheduled, and the contractor has begun preliminary work.

Mr. Cafferty stated that as part of the approval process, the District is required to provide a specific 30-day notice to all residents whose courtyards will be impacted. He further stated that staff is estimating we will be done by the end of July and on-line.

Caltrans I-5 Widening Project

Mr. Cafferty stated that Caltrans has paid the invoices submitted by the District.

Oso lift Station Improvement Project

Mr. Cafferty stated that the Contractor continues to make progress on the Oso Lift Station Project and staff anticipates completion sometime in the summer.

Allen-McColloch Pipeline Shutdown and Repair

Mr. Cafferty stated that the shutdown is complete, and during the course of the shutdown, the District used 104 million gallons from the R-6 Reservoir. He further stated that the District is in the process of refilling the Reservoir and anticipates completion in early June.

Director Vergara asked if SMWD and MNWD took any water from the Reservoir during this shutdown. Mr. Cafferty replied no.

Filter Plant Building/WEROC EOC

Mr. Cafferty stated that the MWDOC Board voted 7-0 to proceed with the project.

Vice President Freshley asked what will replace the 2 existing buildings. Mr. Cafferty replied that they are being demolished and replaced with a new WEROC EOC and a storage facility for the District. He further stated that the existing WEROC EOC building will remain and be used for storage by the District.

Recycled Water Pump Station Repair

Mr. Cafferty stated that a pipeline going underground was having water coming up, so we had to take it offline until repairs were made. He further stated that residents were notified and repairs were made and back online within 24 hours.

Director Vergara asked how much it cost to fix this bend. Mr. Cafferty replied

that we don't have an invoice from the contractor yet.

Energy Efficiency Analysis

Mr. Cafferty stated that we continue to work on a two-fold approach with AESC as well as the Southern California Regional Energy Network and representatives from SCE to review potential projects focusing on the Plant and will be looking at pump stations and lift stations.

Engineering Items Discussed at Various Conferences and Meetings

Vice President Freshley mentioned that she participated in an ACWA Energy meeting where they discussed future electric vehicles.

Director Monin stated that he agrees with electric vehicle use in the near future.

Director Havens stated that she feels this should be included in the Asset Management Plan.

Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Engineering Committee Items

There were no comments.

Close Engineering Committee Meeting

At approximately 10:15 a.m. the Engineering Committee meeting was closed and the Board returned to Regular session.

Attorney Report

Mr. Granito reported that there is a need for a Closed Session today.

Closed Session

At approximately 10:15 a.m. the Board went into Closed Session. Also at this time, all participants left the meeting except the full Board, General Manager, and General Counsel.

Regular Session

At approximately 10:20 a.m. the Board returned to Regular Session

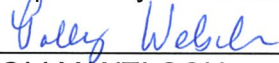
Report on Closed Session

Mr. Granito reported that the Board did go into Closed Session as agendized on today's Closed Session agenda with regard to the Kessner litigation. Mr. Granito reported that during the Closed Session, General Counsel led a brief discussion regarding the Court's ruling of last Thursday. No reportable action was taken.

Adjournment


There being no further business, the Engineering Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

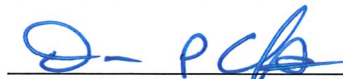


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APPROVED:



MIKE GASKINS, President
of the El Toro Water District and the
Board of Directors thereof



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