



BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 6, 2024
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Courtney Mael, P.E., Chief Engineer
Keith Abercrombie, Chief Operating Officer
SUBJECT: May 2, 2024 Engineering and Operations Committee Meeting Recap Report

The Engineering and Operations Committee met at 5:30 PM on Thursday, May 2, 2024 in the Summit Circle Engineering Services Section Boardroom located at 26521 Summit Circle. In attendance were Committee Chair William Cooper and Directors Gary Martin, Piotr Orzechowski and Kenneth Petersen. Staff members present were Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Associate Engineer Elizabeth Sobczak, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Chief Financial & Administrative Officer Rochelle Patterson, Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie, Director of Operations & Maintenance Mike Alvord, Environmental Health & Safety Supervisor Rebecca Lustig, Executive Assistants Elizabeth Adler and Leticia Quintero, General Manager Matthew Stone, Engineers Mark Aumentado and Yoganathan Thierumaran, Senior Engineer Shadi Bader and two members of the public were present. A copy of the Agenda is attached.

Item 1: Pledge of Allegiance – Chairman Cooper led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2: Public Comments – There was no public comment.

Item 3: Quarterly Safety Presentation – Rebecca Lustig reviewed the Agency's Safety Program for the third quarter of FY 2023/24.

Item 4: Review and Consider the Proposed Revised FY 2024/25 Capital Improvement Projects – The Committee discussed the proposed revised FY2024/25 Capital Improvement Projects.

Item 5: Recommend Approval of Adopting a Resolution Pursuant to a Categorical Exemption Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, and a Categorical Exclusion Under NEPA, Awarding a Contract to Rehabilitate Saugus Well 1 – The Committee briefly inquired about the bids received and the Agency's estimates cost of the project. The Committee recommended the item be placed on the Consent Calendar at the May 21, 2024 regular Board meeting.

Item 6: Recommend Approval of Adopting a Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order to Hazen and Sawyer, Inc. for Final Design Services for the Newhall Wells (N13, N11 and N12) Perchlorate and PFAS Groundwater Treatment Improvements Project, and Finding the Project is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 – The Committee discussed the planned budget and the type of filters being used. The Committee recommended the item be placed on the Consent Calendar at the May 21, 2024 regular Board meeting.

Item 7: Recommend Approval of Adopting a Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order to Kennedy Jenks Consultants, Inc. for Planning Services for the Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant Mechanical Shop and Access Road Paving Project and Finding the Project Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 – The Committee discussed the requirements of the paved road to accommodate heavier vehicles and the benefits of the mechanical shop. The Committee recommended the item be placed on the Consent Calendar at the June 4, 2024 regular Board meeting.

Item 8: Recommend Approval of Adopting a Resolution to Reject All Bids for the Smyth Drive Water Line Improvements Project – The Committee briefly discussed with staff the reason for rejecting the bid and recommended the item be placed on the Consent Calendar at the May 21, 2024 regular Board meeting.

Item 9: Recommend Approval of Adopting, Pursuant to a Previously Adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum, a Resolution for a Construction Contract with Ferreira Construction Co., Inc. and Purchase Orders to Woodard & Curran for Engineering Services During Construction and MNS Engineers, Inc. for Construction Management and Inspection Services for the South End Recycled Water Main Extension (Phase 2C – Reach 1) Project – The Committee and staff briefly discussed the project and the grant funding staff has secured. The Committee recommended a full presentation of the item at the May 21, 2024 regular Board meeting.

Item 10: Monthly Operations and Production Report – Staff and the Committee reviewed the Operations and Production Report.

Item 11: Capital Improvement Projects Construction Status Report – Staff and the Committee reviewed the Capital Improvement Projects Construction Status Report.

Item 12: Third Party Funded Agreements Quarterly Report – Staff and the Committee reviewed the Third Party Funded Agreements Quarterly Report.

Item 13: Committee Planning Calendar – Staff and the Committee reviewed the FY 2023/24 and FY 2024/25 Committee Planning Calendars.

Item 14: General Report on Treatment, Distribution, Operations and Maintenance Services Section Activities – Keith Abercrombie shared with the Committee a presentation on the trailer mounted Reservoir (Residual) Management System that was created by staff.

Item 15: General Report on Engineering Services Section Activities – Courtney Mael shared with the Committee some of the projects that the Limited Term Engineer will be responsible for, the status of the recruitment for the Inspector position and provided an update on the duties that the Engineering Intern has been working on within the Engineering Services Section.

Item 16: Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

The meeting recording is available on the SCV Water Website or by clicking the following link: [Engineering and Operations Committee Meeting Recording.](#)

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Attachment





Date: April 23, 2024

To: **Engineering and Operations Committee**
William Cooper, Chair
Gary Martin
Piotr Orzechowski
Kenneth Petersen

From: Courtney Mael, Chief Engineer *CM*
Keith Abercrombie, Chief Operating Officer *KA*

The **Engineering and Operations Committee** meeting is scheduled on **Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 5:30 PM at 26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350 in the Engineering Services Section (ESS) Boardroom**. Members of the public may attend in person or virtually. To attend this meeting virtually, please see below.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

This meeting will be conducted in person at the address listed above. As a convenience to the public, members of the public may also participate virtually by using the **Agency's Call-In Number 1-(833)-568-8864, Webinar ID: 160 494 5255 or Zoom Webinar by clicking on the link <https://scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1604945255>**. Any member of the public may listen to the meeting or make comments to the Committee using the call-in number or Zoom Webinar link above. However, in the event there is a disruption of service which prevents the Agency from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using either the call-in option or internet-based service, this meeting will not be postponed or rescheduled but will continue without remote participation. The remote participation option is being provided as a convenience to the public and is not required. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting in person.

Attendees should be aware that while the Agency is following all applicable requirements and guidelines regarding COVID-19, the Agency cannot ensure the health of anyone attending a Committee meeting. Attendees should therefore use their own judgment with respect to protecting themselves from exposure to COVID-19.

Members of the public unable to attend this meeting may submit comments either in writing to eadler@scvwa.org or by mail to Elizabeth Adler, Executive Assistant, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. All written comments received before 4:00 PM the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Committee members and posted on the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency website prior to the start of the meeting. Anything received after 4:00 PM the day of the meeting will be made available at the meeting and posted on the SCV Water website the following day.

MEETING AGENDA

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Members of the public may comment as to items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Agency that are not on the Agenda at this time. Members of the public wishing to comment on items covered in this Agenda may do so at the time each item is considered. (Comments may, at the discretion of the Committee Chair, be limited to three minutes for each speaker.) To participate in public comment from your computer, tablet, or Smartphone, click the “raise hand” feature in Zoom. You will be notified when it is your turn to speak, please unmute when requested. To participate in public comment via phone, dial *9 to raise your hand. When it is your turn to speak, dial *6 to unmute.

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Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.5, non-exempt public records that relate to open session agenda items and are distributed to a majority of the Committee less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting will be available for public inspection at the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, located at 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350, during regular business hours. When practical, these public records will also be made available on the Agency's Internet Website, accessible at <http://www.yourscvwater.com>.

Posted on April 26, 2024.

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