

**MINUTES
SANTA FE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

August 1, 2019
Santa Fe Irrigation District
5920 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067

PRESENT: Chairman Andy Menshek, Director Marlene King, General Manager Al Lau, Executive Assistant Kim Johnson, Administrative Services Manager Seth Gates, Engineering Services Manager Bill Hunter, Associate Civil Engineer Marissa Potter, and Systems Maintenance Supervisor David Harris were present.

Chairman Menshek called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. APPROVAL OF APRIL 4, 2019 MEETING MINUTES (*CONTINUED FROM JUNE 6, 2019*)

Director King shared her concern that the minutes do not reflect the level of engagement of this Committee and staff on items presented for consideration; however, the Committee approved the minutes as presented.

2. APPROVAL OF JUNE 6, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes as presented.

3. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR ASPHALT PAVEMENT REPAIR SERVICES

GM Lau presented the item and responded to questions from the Committee. After discussion, the Committee concurred with staff's recommendation for approval and directed staff to move the item forward for full Board consideration as a Consent item at their regular August meeting.

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH POLYDYNE, INC. FOR ANIONIC POLYMER

ASM Gates introduced the item and SMS Harris presented an overview of the request to sole source this chemical. Director King asked why the agreement was limited to one year and ASM Gates responded that there is a pricing guarantee; however, the agreement may need to be extended due to the project construction schedule. Director Menshek

commented he typically does not advocate sole source purchases; however, believes staff did their “homework” and can support this request.

After discussion, the Committee concurred with staff’s recommendation for approval and directed staff to move the item forward for full Board consideration at their regular August meeting as a Consent item.

REPORTS

5. FY20 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS STATUS REPORT

ESM Hunter provided a status update on current projects and responded to questions from the Committee.

ESM Hunter also reported that the preliminary work performed over the past eight months prior to the bidding and selection process for the Construction Manager for the Mechanical Dewatering Project paid off as six solid proposals were received. He also reported that the Seismic portion of this project has been split for grant funding consideration and it is unlikely that any expenditures will occur in FY20.

6. ENGINEERING SERVICES MANAGER’S REPORT - ESM Hunter reported that the RSF Fiber Optic project is approximately 90% complete, including 66 miles of trenching and District utility mark outs. He also reported that of the approximate 4100 automated meters installed, three customers have elected to opt out and continue using their current manual-read meter.

ASM Gates reported that many positive comments have been received by Customer Service staff regarding the automated meter program.

7. OPERATIONS MANAGER’S REPORT - GM Lau reported that the recruitment for the Water Treatment Plant Manager and Distribution System Manager positions had closed with 30 applicants in total. He expects these new positions to be filled by September/October.

8. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT - GM Lau reported the Public Communications Officer, Mary Montgomery, will start mid-August and one of priorities will be to develop an outreach campaign to increase participation in the Automated Metering Program customer portal, among many other projects. He also reported that initial discussion have begun with the SDCWA to discuss options for local water storage with foundation principles being developed.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

Director King commented on a recent article she had read regarding a Cal Poly grad student who developed a tracking device for real time water usage and that Rainbow MWD has begun a pilot program with this device.

Chairman Menshek asked if there was new service being installed on Cedros as he'd recently seen SFID crews on site and noted traffic control and the work was done efficiently. He also followed up on the call he'd received from the Mayor of Solana Beach regarding a generator being run for long hours at Larrick Reservoir on July 4, 2019. ESM Hunter replied that it was AT&T running the generator due to an SDGE failure which required repair. He added that the power was out at Larrick at 9 PM on July 5th which prompted AT&T to restore power with a generator and SDGE had full power restored by July 6th at noon. ESM Hunter continued that SFID had contacted AT&T several times regarding the generator and he visited the site two separate times to get the generator shut down.

Chairman Menshek thanked staff for all their work coordinating this effort. SMS Harris added that Plant staff had assisted with the outage during the holiday.

INFORMATION ITEMS – None

ADJOURN

Chairman Menshek adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.



Andy Menshek, Chairman

