



BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 5, 2024

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Courtney Mael, P.E., Chief Engineer *CM*
Keith Abercrombie, Chief Operating Officer *KA*

SUBJECT: January 4, 2024 Engineering and Operations Committee Meeting Recap Report

The Engineering and Operations Committee met at 5:30 PM on Thursday, January 4, 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 Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Executive Assistant Eunie Kang, and Information Technology Technician II, Oliver Molina. Attending virtually were Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Director of Operations & Maintenance Mike Alvord, Field Services Supervisor Steve Patterson, Righty of Way Agent Kristina Jacob, Engineer Wai Lan Lee, Water Systems Supervisor James Saenz, Engineer Mara Thierumaran, Water Treatment Manager Rafael Pulido, Principal Engineer Brent Payne, Rincon Consultant Aileen Mahoney, BB&K Legal Counsel Bennett Givens, and 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 public comment.

Item 3: Recommend Approval to Purchase Approximately 11,220 AMI Compatible Meters – There was no public comment. After review and discussion, the Committee recommended through consensus to move this item forward for consideration and approval by the Board of Directors. This item will be presented in a separate report going to the January 16, 2024, regular Board meeting for consideration under the Consent Calendar.

Item 4: Recommend Approval of Adopting a Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to Execute a License Agreement with Los Angeles SMSA Limited Partnership, a California limited partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless on Agency Property, and Find that the Contract Agreement is Exempt from CEQA Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – There was no public comment. After review and discussion, the Committee recommended through consensus to move this item forward for consideration and approval by the Board of Directors. This item will be presented in a separate report going to the January 16, 2024, regular Board meeting for consideration under the Consent Calendar.

Item 5: Recommend Approval of Adopting a Resolution to Adopt the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (Sch # 2023090505) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and Approval of a Purchase Order for Final Design Services for Honby Tank Pipeline Improvement Project – There was no public comment. After review and discussion, the Committee recommended through consensus to move this item forward for consideration and approval by the Board of Directors. This item will be presented in a separate report going to the January 16, 2024, regular Board meeting for consideration under the Consent Calendar.

Item 6: 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 for Beldove (Copper Hill) 2 Water Storage Tank Coating Project to Simpson Sandblasting & Special Coatings, Inc. – There was no public comment. After review and discussion, the Committee recommended through consensus to move this item forward for consideration and approval by the Board of Directors. This item will be presented in a separate report going to the January 16, 2024, regular Board meeting for consideration under the Consent Calendar.

Item 7: Recommend Approval of Adopting a Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order to Kennedy Jenks Consultants for Final Design Services for the Magic Mountain Pipeline (Phases 1–3) Inspection Access Modifications Project, and Finding the Project Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 and 15303 – There was public comment. After review and discussion, the Committee recommended through consensus to move this item forward for consideration and approval by the Board of Directors. This item will be presented in a separate report going to the January 16, 2024, regular Board meeting for consideration under the Consent Calendar.

Item 8: 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 for Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant PLC Controller Upgrade Project to Royal Industrial Solutions – There was no public comment. After review and discussion, the Committee recommended through consensus to move this item forward for consideration and approval by the Board of Directors. This item will be presented in a separate report going to the January 16, 2024, regular Board meeting for consideration under the Consent Calendar.

Item 9: Monthly Operations and Production Report – Staff and the Committee reviewed the Operations and Production Report.

Item 10: Capital Improvement Projects Construction Status Report – Staff and the Committee reviewed the Capital Improvement Projects Construction Status Report.

Item 11: Committee Planning Calendar – Staff and the Committee reviewed the FY 2023/24 Committee Planning Calendar.

Item 12: General Report on Treatment, Distribution, Operations and Maintenance Services Section Activities – Keith Abercrombie gave a brief overview of the daily tasks for the TDOMS Department, which include hydrant, system valves and control valves. The staff's yearly target is to replace and maintain 20% of the valves, hydrants, and other appurtenances within the Agency's water system. The team is trying to find innovative ways to complete this work.

Item 13: General Report on Engineering Services Section Activities – Courtney Mael prefaced that the Agency is not a land use agency and that all projects go through the city and county approval process. Our directive is to ensure that we have the water supply to meet the growing community's needs and that any infrastructure required for them are in accordance with the Agency's standards and maintained now and into future development.

Brent Payne presented the latest update on the Community Development Plan. He gave a brief summary of the main features of the projects and addressed some of the challenges and opportunities that the development will bring to the Agency.

Item 14: Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:10 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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Date: December 27, 2023

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, January 4, 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: 1603239551 or Zoom Webinar by clicking on the link: <https://scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1603239551>**. 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 Lquintero@scvwa.org or by mail to Leticia Quintero, 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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NOTICES:

Any person may make a request for a disability-related modification or accommodation needed for that person to be able to participate in the public meeting by telephoning Leticia Quintero, Executive Assistant, at (661) 297-1600, or in writing to Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency at 26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350 Requests must specify the nature of the disability and the type of accommodation requested. A telephone number or other contact information should be included so that Agency staff may discuss appropriate arrangements. Persons requesting a disability-related accommodation should make the request with adequate time before the meeting for the Agency to provide the requested accommodation.

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 December 27, 2023.

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