



## BOARD MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 10, 2023

**TO:** Board of Directors

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

**SUBJECT:** April 6, 2023 Engineering and Operations Committee Meeting Recap Report

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The Engineering and Operations Committee met at 5:30 PM on Thursday, April 6, 2023 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; Chief Engineer Courtney Mael; Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie; Manager Matthew Stone; Engineer Wai Lan Lee; Executive Assistants Elizabeth Adler and Leticia Quintero; Principal Engineer Brent Payne and additional SCV Water Agency staff. Two members of the public were present. A copy of the agenda is attached.

**Item 1: Pledge of Allegiance** – Director Petersen led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Item 3: Review and Consider the Proposed FY 2023/24 and FY 2024/25 Capital Improvement Projects** – The Committee and staff discussed the proposed Capital Improvement Projects for FY 2023/24 and FY 2024/25 and staff let the Committee know that the FY 2023/24 and FY 2024/25 Capital Improvement Projects will be presented at a future F&A Committee meeting and then a full Board presentation will be given at a regular Board meeting in May 2023.

**Item 4: Recommend Authorization for the Chief Engineer to Execute Water Service Agreements with the Los Angeles Residential Community and Royce Lily of the Valley LLC** – There was public comment. The Committee and staff briefly discussed the easement section of the Water Service Agreements and the need to bid for two separate pipe sizes. The Committee recommended a full presentation of the item at the April 18, 2023 regular Board meeting. Staff also noted that Agency legal and state representatives will be present at that Board meeting.

**Item 5: Recommend Approval of (1) Adopting a Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order to Hunsaker & Associates Los Angeles, Inc. for Planning Services for the N-Wells Drainage Improvements Project, and (2) Finding That the Authorization is Not a Project Subject to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262** – The Committee and staff briefly discussed the current drainage system design, why we are needing to address this issue at the present time and whether or not we currently have easements. The Committee recommended the item be placed on the Consent Calendar at the May 2, 2023 regular Board meeting.

**Item 6: Monthly Operations and Production Report** – Staff and the Committee reviewed the Operations and Production Report.

**Item 7: Capital Improvement Projects Construction Status Report** – Staff and the Committee reviewed the Capital Improvement Projects Construction Status Report.

**Item 8: Committee Planning Calendar** – Staff and the Committee reviewed the FY 2022/23 Committee Planning Calendar.

**Item 9: General Report on Treatment, Distribution, Operations and Maintenance Services Section Activities** – Keith Abercrombie shared with the Committee an update on turbidity in the lakes and the treatment plants and while turbidity is still high, the numbers are significantly lower than they have been in previous months. SCVWA is continuing to work with DWR and MWD on turbidity and what improvements can be made as these events will be an ongoing concern. Lastly, Keith shared that Operations has a team that routinely performs inspections on pressure reducing valves on tanks to insure proper function and longevity of the systems.

**Item 10: General Report on Engineering Services Section Activities** – Courtney Mael briefly updated the Committee that we are eligible for an ACWA award for the Valley Center Wells. Courtney also updated the Committee on the recent offer that was extended to a candidate for the Assistant Engineer position and the increase in planning projects. Lastly, Courtney shared his appreciation regarding being involved in the Water Academy and how much he appreciated the staff and the public's participation and engaging questions.

**Item 11: Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

The meeting recording is available on the SCV Water Website or by clicking the following link:  
<https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/2023-04/April%206%2C%202023%20Engineerinq%20and%20Operations%20Committee%20Meeti ng%20Audio.mp3>

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**Date:** March 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, April 6, 2023 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: 160 472 6131 or Zoom Webinar by clicking on the link <https://scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1604726131>**. 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.

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## MEETING AGENDA

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2. <b><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></b> – 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.)	
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Posted on March 30, 2023.

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