



## BOARD MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 4, 2023

**TO:** Board of Directors

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

**SUBJECT:** August 3, 2023 Engineering and Operations Committee Meeting Recap Report

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The Engineering and Operations Committee met at 5:30 PM on Thursday, August 3, 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 and Piotr Orzechowski. Staff members present were Assistant General Manager Steve Cole; Chief Engineer Courtney Mael; Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie; Environmental Health & Safety Supervisor Rebecca Lustig; Executive Assistants Elizabeth Adler and Leticia Quintero; Sustainability Manager Matt Dickens; Utility Supervisor Josh Jenkins 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** – 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 fourth quarter of FY 2022/23.

**Item 4: Recommend Adopting a Resolution Making the Required Findings and Authorizing and Approving the General Manager to Execute the Energy Services Agreement with Pacifico Power, LLC as well as the Services Order with Stem US Operations, Inc., For Battery Construction and Operations and Maintenance Support at the Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant** – The Committee and staff discussed the cost of the project and whether or not insurance on the battery was considered in the cost analysis. The Committee recommended a full presentation of the item at the August 15, 2023 regular Board meeting.

**Item 5: Recommend Approval to Replace Approximately 711 feet of Pipeline and Associated Appurtenances in Begonias Lane** – The Committee and staff discussed the original installation from 1983 and if the Operations staff expects to find further issues similar to this pipeline. The Committee recommended the item be placed on the Consent Calendar at the August 15, 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** – There was public comment. Staff and the Committee reviewed the Capital Improvement Projects Construction Status Report.

**Item 8: Third Party Funded Agreements Quarterly Report** – Staff and the Committee reviewed the Third Party Funded Agreements Quarterly Report.

**Item 9: Committee Planning Calendar** – Staff and the Committee reviewed the FY 2023/24 Committee Planning Calendar.

**Item 10: General Report on Treatment, Distribution, Operations and Maintenance Services Section Activities** – Keith Abercrombie provided an update to the Committee on staff's progress on a transmission leak on a 39-inch pipeline, the completion of the second phase of the AMI Meter Replacement Project and how staff is working on a RFP for the third phase. Keith also updated the Committee on the progress of the PFAS pilot program and how staff is working diligently with Division of Drinking Water on consolidating the numerous permits within the Agency's service area. Lastly, Keith shared they have hired the Senior Recycled Water Coordinator and Operations is working on current and future staffing needs as well as succession planning within Operations.

**Item 11: General Report on Engineering Services Section Activities** – Courtney Mael introduced Tori Yokoyama from Hazen and Sawyer who provided an update to the Committee on the Master Plan.

**Item 12: Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

The meeting recording is available on the SCV Water Website or by clicking the following link: <https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/2023-08/August%203%2C%202023%20Engineering%20and%20Operations%20Committee%20Meeting%20Audio.mp3>

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**Date:** July 26, 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, August 3, 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: 161 621 5898 Zoom Webinar by clicking on the link <https://scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1616215898>**. 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](mailto: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, if practicable, and will be posted on the SCV Water website the following day. All correspondence with comments, including letters or emails, will be posted in their entirety.

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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 July 27, 2023.

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