



BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 2, 2024

TO: Board of Directors

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

SUBJECT: August 1, 2024 Engineering and Operations Committee Meeting Recap Report

The Engineering and Operations Committee met at 5:30 PM on Thursday, August 1, 2024 in the Summit Circle Engineering Services Section Boardroom located at 26521 Summit Circle. In attendance were Directors Gary Martin, Piotr Orzechowski and Kenneth Petersen. Staff members present were Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie and Executive Assistant Elizabeth Adler. Attending virtually was Environmental Health & Safety Supervisor Rebecca Lustig and Water Systems Supervisor James Saenz. Two members of the public were present, and one member of the public attended virtually. A copy of the Agenda is attached.

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

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

Item 3: Quarterly Safety Presentation – There was no public comment. Rebecca Lustig reviewed the Agency's Safety Program for the fourth quarter of FY 2023/24 and the Emergency Operations Command Structure diagram.

Item 4: 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 Ridge Route Water Storage Tank Coating Project to Skyway USA – There was no public comment. The Committee briefly discussed the difference in bid prices of the contractors and the current condition of the tank. The Committee recommended the item be placed on the Consent Calendar at the August 20, 2024 regular Board meeting.

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 for Placerita Canyon Water Storage Tank 1 Coating Project to Simpson Sandblasting & Special Coating, Inc – There was no public comment. The Committee briefly discussed the lowest responsible bidder's experience and when this tank was last recoated. The Committee recommended the item be placed on the Consent Calendar at the August 20, 2024 regular Board meeting.

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 Pump and Column Replacement for Well 207 – There was no public comment and no discussion from the Committee. The Committee recommended the item be placed on the Consent Calendar at the August 20, 2024 regular Board meeting.

Item 7: Monthly Operations and Production Report – Staff and the Committee reviewed the Monthly Operations and Production Report. There was public comment informing the Committee and staff that the link on page 57 was not working. Staff has corrected the link on page 57 of the packet on the Agency’s website.

Item 8: Capital Improvement Projects Construction Status Report – Staff and the Committee reviewed the Capital Improvement Projects Construction Status Report.

Item 9: Third Party Funded Agreements Report – Staff and the Committee reviewed the Third Party Funded Agreements Report.

Item 10: Committee Planning Calendar – Staff and the Committee reviewed the FY 2024/25 Committee Planning Calendar.

Item 11: General Report on Treatment, Distribution, Operations and Maintenance Services Section Activities – Keith Abercrombie shared with the Committee that Operations has been tasked with coming up with an inventory list of items that would be needed in the event of a natural disaster. He shared that the Committee should expect to see the list of recommended items to be purchased at a future Committee meeting. Lastly, as we are in Southern California and do have the opportunity to see the many bodies of water that help to supply water, Keith finished by sharing photos showcasing the many sources of water that he encountered on his recent excursion.

Item 12: General Report on Engineering Services Section Activities – Courtney Mael shared with the Committee the status of numerous projects that the Engineering Services Section and Inspection Department are working on and how they are coordinating with other departments within the Agency to complete these projects. He also shared the recent new hire in the Inspection Department and that the diesel tank was recently installed at the EGJG Water Treatment Plant.

Item 13: Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.

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

CM/KA

Attachment





Date: July 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, August 1, 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: 161 712 5864 or Zoom Webinar by clicking on the link <https://scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1617125864>**. 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.

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 July 24, 2024.

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