



BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 7, 2023
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Courtney Mael, P.E., Chief Engineer *CM*
Keith Abercrombie, Chief Operating Officer *KA*
SUBJECT: July 6, 2023 Engineering and Operations Committee Meeting Recap Report

The Engineering and Operations Committee met at 5:30 PM on Thursday, July 6 2023 in the Summit Circle Engineering Services Section Boardroom located at 26521 Summit Circle. In attendance were Committee Chair William Cooper and Directors Piotr Orzechowski and Kenneth Petersen. Staff members present were Assistant General Manager Steve Cole; Chief Engineer Courtney Mael; Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie; General Manager Matthew Stone; Engineers Mark Aumentado and Wai Lan Lee; Executive Assistant Elizabeth Adler; Principal Engineers Brent Payne and Jason Yim; Right of Way Agent Kristina Jacob; Utility Supervisor Josh Jenkins and additional SCV Water Agency staff. Four 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 Replace Approximately 650 feet of Pipeline and Associated Appurtenances in Beneda Lane – There was public comment. The Committee and staff briefly discussed how the Agency is working with the property owners to finalize formal easement. The Committee recommended the item be placed on the Consent Calendar at the August 1, 2023 regular Board meeting.

Item 4: Recommend Approval of Adopting a Resolution Authorizing the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's General Manager to Apply for Funding From the State Water Resources Control Board's Expedited Drinking Water Grant Program on Behalf of New Mint Association For Distribution System Consolidation – There was public comment. The Committee and staff discussed the need to remove old pipelines and the ability to serve the area for fire flow purposes. Staff discussed that the area is currently being serviced by the Agency. The Committee recommended the item be placed on the Consent Calendar at the July 18, 2023 regular Board meeting.

Item 5: Recommend Approval of Adopting a Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to (1) Approve a Contract Amendment to Pacific Hydrotech Corporation for Additional Change Orders and (2) Execute a Purchase Order Amendment to Lee+Ro, Inc. for Engineering Support During Construction for the Earl Schmidt Filtration Plant (ESFP) Washwater Return and Sludge Systems Project – The Committee and staff discussed the pumps that are being removed, the current change order needs and if the Board of Directors can expect additional change orders on the project. Staff addressed the current change order needs and the potential for future change orders. The Committee recommended the item be placed on the Consent Calendar at the July 18, 2023 regular Board meeting.

Item 6: Recommend Approval of (1) Adopting a Resolution of a Purchase Order to West Yost Associates for Planning Services for the Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant Turbidity Improvements Project, and (2) Finding that the Authorization is Not a Project Subject to CEQA – The Committee and staff discussed the project need, and inquired as to if the property area supports future growth for the Agency. The Committee recommended the item be placed on the Consent Calendar at the July 18, 2023 regular Board meeting.

Item 7: Recommend Approval of Adopting (1) a Resolution for Construction Contract with Fleming Environmental Inc, (2) a Purchase Order to Lee + Ro for Engineering Services During Construction and (3) a Purchase Order to Kennedy Jenks Consultants, Inc for Construction Management and Inspection Services During Construction and (4) Find the Contract Agreement Exempt From CEQA Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, and Alternatively, Exempt from CEQA Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 – The Committee and staff discussed the project budget and the other fuel tanks located at RVWTP as well as the proposed containment for the diesel storage tank. The Committee recommended the item be presented at the July 18, 2023 regular Board meeting.

Item 8: Monthly Operations and Production Report – Staff and the Committee reviewed the Operations and Production Report.

Item 9: Capital Improvement Projects Construction Status Report – Staff and the Committee reviewed the Capital Improvement Projects Construction Status Report.

Item 10: Committee Planning Calendar – Staff and the Committee reviewed the FY 2023/24 Committee Planning Calendar.

Item 11: General Report on Treatment, Distribution, Operations and Maintenance Services Section Activities – Keith Abercrombie provided an update that the Agency is close to being able to operate Well Q2 as we are awaiting Division of Drinking Water (DDW) permits. Keith also shared that Well 201 construction is beginning, and the Agency is already working with DDW on permitting. The Agency is currently working with DDW on the Board approved PFAS pilot project to ensure we have DDW's buy in on the products used. Lastly, Keith provided an update on the various Treatment, Distribution, Operation and Maintenance Departments and the ongoing work they have been completing.

Item 12: General Report on Engineering Services Section Activities – Courtney Mael briefly updated the Committee on the current request for proposals for PFAS treatment sites, the 30-week lead time for ductile iron pipe, and an update that is being done to the standard construction specifications. Courtney provided an update on the Master Plan progress and that the Board can expect to see a Power BI presentation in the future once the platform is further along. Lastly, Courtney discussed the numerous projects requiring easements and easement research that Kristina Jacob has been working on throughout the Agency.

Item 13: Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

The meeting recording is available on the SCV Water Website or by clicking the following link: <https://www.yourscvwater.com/sites/default/files/2023-07/July%206%2C%202023%20Engineering%20and%20Operations%20Committee%20Meeting%20Audio.mp3>

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Attachment

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Date: June 28, 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, July 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: 160 722 1386 Zoom Webinar by clicking on the link <https://scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1607221386>**. 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 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.

MEETING AGENDA

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2. <u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u> – 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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13. Adjournment

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Posted on June 29, 2023.

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