

**VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
March 5, 2019**

A special Board Meeting of the Governing Board of Valley Sanitary District (VSD) was held at the District offices, 45-500 Van Buren Street, Indio, California, on Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

1. PRESIDENT MIKE DURAN called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Those in attendance were as follows:

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Mike Duran, William Teague, Dennis Coleman, and Scott Sear

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Joseph Glowitz (via telephone), Holly Gould, Ron Buchwald, and Joanne Padgham

GUESTS: Grace Barragan, Melanie Fesmire, and Jacqueline Lopez

CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Consideration of the February 12, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of Cash and Investments for January, 2019
- c. Approval of Expenditures for February 7, 2019 to February 27, 2019

Check numbers 36935 to 36994 totaling \$139,120.54, and transfers of \$280,623.96 were issued.

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION:

VICE PRESIDENT TEAGUE made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held February 12, 2019, approve the Summary of Cash & Investments for January, 2019 and pay the disbursement items as presented. DIRECTOR SEAR seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following vote: 4 yes

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2019-2867

PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is the time set aside for public comment on any item not appearing in the agenda. Please notify the Secretary in advance of the meeting if you wish to speak on a non-hearing item.

NON-HEARING ITEMS

2. Emergency Spending Authorization Approval – Project Update and Expenditures for Date

Ron Buchwald reported that on Thursday, February 14, 2019, the Whitewater Storm Channel was inundated with high water volume that caused severe structural damage to many roadway and utility crossings throughout

the Coachella Valley. Staff inspections on Friday, February 15, 2019, indicated that VSD potentially escaped any damage to our sewer main siphons crossing the channel, although water was still flowing in the channel. On Tuesday, February 19, 2019 (with Monday being the Presidents Day holiday), staff at Indio Water Authority performed additional inspections of their water main crossings and notified District staff in the afternoon that VSD had a possible exposure of one of their sewer mains within the storm channel. On Wednesday, February 20, 2019, VSD staff confirmed that a portion of the encased sewer main was exposed and laying on the storm channel floor. On Thursday, February 21, 2019, an inspection from staff during the morning found that the sewer main had cracked and leaked approximately 1,200 gallons of raw sewage into the channel in and around the main. Fortunately, no water was flowing in the storm channel; and for no apparent reason, the sewage flow stopped leaking from the main even though the main was full of sewage. Emergency action was called upon to contain the sewage in the channel and submit the required reports to the State and Regional Board. Once the sewage was contained, all efforts were focused on preventing the sewage from leaking again. Emergency spending authorization was requested by the General Manager and authorized by the Board President. This allowed staff to contact vendors and contractors to assist with developing a solution to this challenge. The solution was to build a sewer main by-pass through the Indian Springs Resort neighborhood using temporary piping provided by Rain for Rent. Phone calls and emails were immediately made to the regulatory agencies to gain access to the storm channel to perform the necessary sewer main repairs. Construction began on Thursday, February 21, 2019, and was completed on March 4, 2019. During construction, it was discovered that there was more damage to the sewer main than anticipated. Staff determined that the entire length of sewer main that was exposed (about 200 lineal feet) will need to be replaced instead of the initial 80 lineal feet. The sewer main bypass will be disconnected and removed starting on March 5, 2019. It is recommended to authorize emergency spending authority to the General Manager in the amount of \$255,000 to repair a 12 inch sewer main siphon located at the end of Westward Ho and within the Whitewater storm channel.

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION:

SECRETARY COLEMAN made a motion to authorize emergency spending authority to the General Manager in the amount of \$255,000 to repair a 12 inch sewer main siphon located at the end of Westward Ho and within the Whitewater storm channel. VICE PRESIDENT TEAGUE seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2019-2868

AYES: Director(s) Coleman, Duran, Sear, Teague
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

3. Award Task Authorization No. 4 – Stantec, Inc. Structural Inspection of the Activated Sludge Selectors/Aeration Basins Structure

The Activated Sludge Selectors/Aeration Basins Structure was built in 1973-74. The concrete structure has seen considerable wear and tear over the years. More recent inspections have revealed spider cracks, concrete spalling (exposing rebar) and leakage through the concrete walls between basins and in other locations. Staff is concerned about the safety and the remaining life of this structure. This structure is scheduled to be eventually replaced with continued treatment plant expansion but the replacement is not anticipated to happen for many

years. The District has an Indefinite Quantity / Indefinite Delivery (IDIQ) As-Needed contract with Stantec dated July 16, 2018. This project will be Task Authorization No. 4 of the IDIQ master services contract.

**ACTION TAKEN:
MOTION:**

DIRECTOR SEAR made a motion to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract to Stantec Engineers to provide structural inspection services not to exceed \$58,000. SECRETARY COLEMAN seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2019-2869

AYES: Director(s) Coleman, Duran, Sear, Teague
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

4. General Manager's Report

Staff is moving forward with website update. Ralph Andersen will be calling in at the March 12, 2019 board meeting to give a recruitment update. A special meeting will be scheduled for April 8, 2019 for candidate interviews for the General Manager position.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

Director's items not listed are for discussion only; no action will be taken without an urgency vote pursuant to State law.

SECRETARY COLEMAN gave a report of the CASA DC Conference he attended with PRESIDENT DURAN and MR. GLOWITZ.

NON-HEARING ITEMS

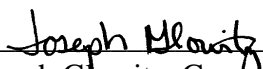
5. Board of Directors Applicant Interviews

The Members of the Board took this time to interview Grace Barragan, Melanie Fesmire and Jacqueline Lopez for potential appointment to the Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of Douglas A. York. The Board will make their official appointment at the March 12, 2019 Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m., and the next Regular Board Meeting will be held March 12, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph Glowitz, General Manager
Valley Sanitary District