# VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

December 13, 2016

A regular 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, December 13, 2016.

# CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

1. VICE PRESIDENT DURAN called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Those in attendance were as follows:

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Douglas A. York (arrived at 1:15p.m.), Mike Duran, Merritt Wiseman,

Eric Davenport, and William Teague

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Joseph Glowitz, General Manager, Holly Gould, Ron Buchwald, Karen

Hopper, James Mills, Andy Calhoun, Jimmy Garcia, and Hector Guzman

GUESTS: None

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

a. Consideration of the November 22, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

b. Approval of Expenditures for November 17, 2016 to December 7, 2016

Check numbers 34478 to 34528 totaling \$143,619.27 and a transfer of \$588,109.13 were issued, as well as \$85,006.97 in payroll transfers.

## **ACTION TAKEN:**

**MOTION:** 

DIRECTOR DAVENPORT made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held November 22, 2016, and to pay the disbursement items as presented.

DIRECTOR WISEMAN seconded the motion. Motions carried by the following

vote: 4 yes

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 2016-2618** 

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments or correspondence items to present to the Board.

### **EMPLOYEE PRESENTATION**

- 2. Presentation of Employee Anniversary Pins
  - ➤ Jimmy Garcia 10 years
  - ➤ James Mills 10 years
  - ➤ Joseph Glowitz 6 years
  - ➤ Ron Buchwald 4 years
  - ➤ Andy Calhoun 3 years

- ➤ Karen Hopper 3 years
- ➤ Hector Guzman 2 years

The Board presented Jimmy, James, Joseph, Andy, Karen, and Hector with their anniversary pins and thanked them for their contribution and years of service to the District.

## **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

3. The Board shall adjourn to Closed Session – Consider Public Employment Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 for an Employee Review – General Manager.

The Board adjourned to closed session at 1:06 p.m. PRESIDENT YORK took over the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

## **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened to open session at 2:02 p.m. PRESIDENT YORK stated that the Board completed the employee review.

## **NON-HEARING ITEMS**

4. Annual Connection Capacity Fee Report

Government Code Section 66013 requires a financial accounting of the transactions dealing with sewer connection capacity fees shall be made available to the public. The annual report shows actual values for the 2015/2016 fiscal year and estimated values for the 2016/2017 fiscal year. A copy of this report was mailed to the Desert Valley Builders Association for review and comment on November 29, 2016.

#### **ACTION TAKEN:**

**MOTION:** 

DIRECTOR DAVENPORT made a motion to receive and file the Connection Capacity Fee Report. DIRECTOR TEAGUE seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following vote: 5 yes

## **MINUTE ORDER NO. 2016-2619**

5. Potential Change Orders – Requa Interceptor Project - Replacement of Asbestos Cement Water Mains that Cross the Requa Sewer Alignment

After reviewing the construction plans, pothole information and working with IWA, staff has determined that there are 35 Asbestos Cement (AC) water main crossings along the alignment of the Requa Interceptor. Each AC water main crossing is unique and is based on main size, length of the main that needs to be drained of water, location to other utilities and many other variables, which makes determining a standard, average, or accurate cost in advance of the crossing impossible. Of the 35 AC crossings, 6 have been crossed and replaced to date. Based on the cost to replace these 6 AC mains, staff, along with MWH, estimated the cost to replace the remaining AC water mains crossing the Requa Interceptor alignment to be \$296,278.27. It is recommended that the Board authorize the General Manager to approve potential change orders regarding the replacement of Asbestos Cement (AC) water mains with Ductile Iron (DI) pipe on a case by case basis, within the Requa Interceptor Project spending limit authority (\$50,000).

## **ACTION TAKEN:**

#### **MOTION:**

DIRECTOR TEAGUE made a motion to authorize the General Manager to approve potential change orders regarding the replacement of Asbestos Cement (AC) water mains with Ductile Iron (DI) pipe on a case by case basis, within the Requa Interceptor Project spending limit authority (\$50,000). DIRECTOR DURAN seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Director(s) Davenport, Duran, Teague, Wiseman, York

NOES: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

#### **MINUTE ORDER NO. 2016-2620**

# 6. Requa Interceptor Project Report Number 7

Construction is now complete from the VSD plant to the intersection of Indio Boulevard and Requa Avenue including final paving and striping. Sewer main installation is complete on Requa Avenue from Indio Boulevard up to Jackson Street. As expected, the farther west we progress on Requa Avenue towards downtown the more unmarked and abandoned utilities are found which delays the contractor each time. Night work construction began on Monday, December 5, 2016 and is expected to last through Monday, December 12, 2016 as it crosses Jackson and Fargo Streets. VSD staff is continuing to meet with IWA staff to locate possible old water mains that are still active. A water main failed at Grace Street and Requa Avenue late in the evening on November 30, 2016 indirectly due to work performed on it by the contractor. The pavement in the intersection was badly damaged. The water main and pavement were repaired by the evening of December 1, 2016. The total number of Potential Change Orders (PCOs) is 38. Change Order No. 6 contains PCO numbers 22, 24-26, 29-33, 35, and 36 for an amount of \$55,895.94. DCI, Inc. submitted a progress payment request for work completed to date.

### **ACTION TAKEN:**

#### **MOTION:**

DIRECTOR DURAN made a motion to approve a progress payment to DCI, Inc. in the amount of \$514,140.23 and \$57,126.69 to be placed in a retention account and to approve Change Order No.6 for \$55,895.94. DIRECTOR WISEMAN seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Director(s) Davenport, Duran, Teague, Wiseman, York

NOES: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

### **MINUTE ORDER NO. 2016-2621**

## 8. General Manager's Report

The biological treatment system decommissioning is progressing. MWH is working on providing the required groundwater certification to move forward with this project. The Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget process has begun. The District will be closed on Monday, December 26, 2016 and Monday January 2, 2017.

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# **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.

DIRECTOR TEAGUE gave a report to the Board about the EVRA meeting. He is pleased to see progress being made.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m., and the next Regular Board Meeting will be held December 27, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Blowitz

Joseph Glowitz, General Manager

Valley Sanitary District