

**VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
December 6, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Valley Sanitary District (VSD) Operations Committee was held at Valley Sanitary District, 45-500 Van Buren St, Indio, CA, on Tuesday, December 6, 2022.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ron Buchwald called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present:
Chairperson William Teague
Committee Member Mike Duran

Staff Present:
Holly Gould, Ron Buchwald, and Dave Commons

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

None.

5. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Approve Minutes for October 4, 2022, Regular Committee Meeting

Committee member Mike Duran motioned to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2022, Operations Committee Regular Meeting. Chair William Teague seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5.2 Discuss Update on Capital Improvement Projects and Schedule

Ron Buchwald, District Engineer, gave project updates on the Influent Pump Station, Collection System Rehabilitation and Replacement Indio Downtown project, Recycled Water Project – Phase 1, and Westward Ho Sewer Siphon Replacement. The sewer main bypass of the influent pump station is in operation and is set to operate through the end of March 2023. Work within the pump station began on November 15, 2022. Pump station clean-up and piping demolition are in progress. Liner repairs are set to start the week of December 12, followed by installing new slide gates. Influent pump station rehabilitation work will continue through March 2023. The Collection System Rehabilitation and Replacement Indio Downtown project has been awarded to GRBCON Construction. The contract has been signed, and the bonds and insurance have been received. Staff and the contractor met with the City of Indio to discuss acquiring the necessary permits. This work is in process. Construction is anticipated to begin in January 2023. The Recycled Water Project - Phase 1 has begun mobilization of office trailers and equipment in anticipation of beginning construction work in March/April 2023. 100% design plans for five (5)

of the six (6) components have been submitted for staff review. 60% design plans for the 6th component and the rotary screw thickeners, have also been submitted for staff review. Once the plans for the rotary screw thickeners have been approved by staff, Schneider Electric, along with their contractors and subcontractors, will begin establishing the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP). The GMP will be presented to the Board for approval in February 2023. The Westward Ho Sewer Siphon Replacement project is going through the CEQA process. A public hearing is scheduled for December 13, 2022, for the Board to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration. Staff is still waiting for final review from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), including their environmental review of this project. FEMA review is expected by January 2023, according to CalOES.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m. The next regular committee meeting will be held on February 7, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Gould, Clerk of the Board
Valley Sanitary District