

**VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

June 6, 2023

A meeting of the Valley Sanitary District (VSD) Operations Committee was held at 45-500 Van Buren Street in Indio, California, on Tuesday, June 6, 2023.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Jacky Barnum called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

Chairperson Jacky Barnum

Committee Member William Teague

Staff Present:

Dave Commons, Chief Operating Officer, Adrian Contreras, Assistant Engineer, and Holly Gould, Clerk of the Board

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 before the meeting if you wish to speak on a non-hearing item.

None.

5. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Approve Minutes for the April 4, 2023, Operations Committee

Committee member Teague motioned to approve the minutes of the Operations Committee held on April 4, 2023. Chairperson Barnum seconded the motion.

5.2 Discuss Valley Sanitary Districts Current and Future Plan for Biosolids

Dave Commons, Chief Operating Officer, updated the Committee on the District's biosolids. Staff received the signed Professional Service Agreement for Biosolids Hauling and Disposal Services from Synagro West on May 26, 2023. The Interim General Manager was authorized by the Board of Directors on May 23, 2023, to sign a three-year contract agreement for a sum not to exceed \$1.2 million, which would go into effect on July 1, 2023. Secondly, Staff had its

second meeting with Lystek on the feasibility study for the advanced management of our treatment plant biosolids disposal as a certified liquid fertilizer. Staff have been working with Lystek to finalize the Feasibility Report and are expecting the report by early June.

5.3 Discuss Update on Capital Improvement Projects and Schedule

Dave Commons, Chief Operating Officer, and Adrian Contreras, Assistant Engineer, gave a construction update on four CIP projects. The Influent Pump Station (IPS) project is nearly complete, with the Influent Pump Station already in service. The by-pass has been removed, and the contractor has demobilized. The only remaining item on this project is the installation and activation of Pump #3 of the IPS. Pump #3 was a jockey pump initially designed for low flows. However, the jockey pump rarely worked effectively and was taken out of service over a decade ago. The current IPS project upgraded Pump #3 to a full-service pump the same size as the other five pumps. A new pump was purchased as part of the project. It failed when the contractor tested the new pump connected to VSD's electrical equipment. After several tests, it was determined that the existing Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) was defective, most likely due to being out of service for so long. The contractor was able to find a replacement VFD meeting the project specifications. The Interim General Manager requested approval from the Board President to purchase and install the VFD as part of a change order to the project for an amount not to exceed \$22,391.65. The Recycled Water Project - Phase 1 is moving forward with increasing speed. Several phases of the project are in construction concurrently. The contractor will begin installing pipes and the initial foundation on the new Digester. The foundation for the new vortex grit chamber is nearing completion, and concrete pads for the ferric chloride building and new pump station have been poured. This project continues to move forward with few challenges. Weekly progress meetings with the Schneider Electric team help keep everyone on the same page and keep the project moving smoothly. The Indio Downtown Sewer Improvement Project is about 50% complete. There has been a slowdown in the project with scheduling issues. The project's next phase will entail trenching work to replace several old sewer mains that could not be rehabilitated with cured-in-place piping. Construction work on the replacement portion should begin in July. Lastly, the A.S.P. Plant Watermain Replacement Project - Phase 2 is set to start the week of June 12. This project was awarded to the Van Dyke Corporation. The contractor has been busy with vendor submittals required for the project. This project should take about two months to complete.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m. The next regular committee meeting will be on August 1, 2023.

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