

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANITARY BOARD OF
ORO LOMA SANITARY DISTRICT

October 3, 2017

The regular meeting of the Sanitary Board of Oro Loma Sanitary District was called to order by President Shelia Young at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at the District offices at 2655 Grant Avenue, San Lorenzo. President Young noted that Directors Timothy Becker, Roland Dias, Rita Duncan, and Dan Walters were present. In attendance were Jason Warner, General Manager; Kristopher Decker, Acting District Engineer, Andreea Simion, Administrative Services Manager; Arlene Wong, Finance Manager; Jimmy Dang, Senior Project Engineer; Lenny Rather, Collection System Manager; Manuel Talledo-Garcia, Operations Manager; and Jen Faught, Legal Counsel. No general public attended the meeting.

President Young opened the Public Hearing to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Oro Loma Sanitary District Wet Weather Outfall and Nutrient Optimization Project. Warner said that copies of the Notice of Intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and the project's Initial Study were circulated per CEQA requirements. No comments were made by the general public, and the District received no written protests. Director Dias **MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING**. The motion was seconded by Director Becker, carried unanimously, and President Young closed the public hearing. President Young asked if adopting a mitigated negative declaration obligates the District to pursue the project. Warner said that adopting the mitigated negative declaration is a prerequisite to obtaining the NPDES permit, and after the permit is acquired, the Board will decide whether to pursue the project. Director Duncan asked if the public has an opportunity to oppose the project at a later time. Warner said that the public could still provide input, but that various challenge periods close following the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration. Director Becker introduced **A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION: ORO LOMA SANITARY DISTRICT WET WEATHER OUTFALL AND NUTRIENT OPTIMIZATION PROJECT**. Director Duncan seconded, and following a roll call vote, Resolution No. 3644 carried unanimously, 5-0.

Director Becker moved approval of the single Consent Calendar item, based on staff recommendation: 6) Approval of Board Minutes of September 19, 2017. The motion was seconded by Director Duncan and carried unanimously, 5-0.

Director Becker reported on the September 20, 2017 meeting of the Operations Committee. The first topic was the BACWA Key Regulatory Issue Summary, with emphasis on three items: Chlorine Residual Compliance – Currently (BACWA developed a scope of work for the Basin Plan amendment to change the compliance limit); Biosolids Phase-Out (Warner is working with legal counsel to develop a contract with Synagro for a pilot study of a potential alternative to disposing biosolids at the landfill); and, BAAQMD Rule 11-18 (letters were sent to the 11 wastewater treatment sites with the highest risk scores, and Oro Loma was not one of them.) Standing topics discussed included August 2017 data for Natural Gas Usage (a decrease from the previous month), Overview of Power Production and Plant Demand, Monthly Power & Chemical Costs (a decrease from the previous month), and the Monthly Activity Reports for the Collections, Maintenance and Operations Departments.

For District Operations Overview, Operations Manager Talledo-Garcia reported that the work at the ponds continues, and approximately 2,000 tons are planned for disposal by Synagro under a pilot study; out-of-county disposal fees would not apply to the Synagro operation. Maintenance Manager von der Lieth reported that the electrical updates to the Trojan Pump Station should be completed soon. [Dang then provided an update that the new MCC was powered today, the pump will be switched to the new PLC next week, and everything should work after next Tuesday.] Director Becker continued the report by saying that Jimmy Dang is working with Aenergia on a potential mixer retrofit on the digesters. Discussion ensued, and President Young gave kudos to staff for maintaining a cogen uptime in the 99% range, as opposed to an industry average of less than 70%. Director Becker also commented on the

extraordinary performance of our cogens' uptime and congratulated staff for doing a great job.

Director Becker reported on the September 21, 2017 meeting of the East Bay Dischargers Authority. Topics discussed included a status report on the NPDES Permit (Oro Loma is in continued compliance); Draft Bay Monitoring Report (the San Francisco Estuary Institute draft report shows the presence of harmful algae in the water column, especially in the Central Bay); and, Draft Language of JPA Amendments (the draft was intended to initiate a conversation among the members of the EBDA Managers Advisory Committee and not for circulation in the Board packet)

Director Duncan reported on the September 22, 2017 meeting of the Personnel/Safety/Public Information Committee. Topics discussed included an Update on Planning for School Project – In My Own Words 2018 (a writing project for schools, with the awards ceremony held during an open house at the District on May 5, 2018), and Health Open Enrollment (ends October 6, 2017). The third topic, Request Recommendation for Board Approval to add one new Collection System Worker Classification, comes before the Board for consideration later on this agenda.

President Young reported on the September 27, 2017 meeting of the Alameda County Waste Management Authority. Highlights from the meeting included a review of the Executive Director's goals from last year (the Authority Board was happy with the results), small changes in procedures, and review of a newspaper article saying that China intends to forbid 24 types of solid wastes from entering the country by the end of 2017.

Director Dias moved approval of the Committee minutes for entry to the District record by reference. The motion was seconded by Director Walters and approved unanimously, 5-0.

Operations Manager Manuel Talledo-Garcia and Administrative Services Manager Andreea Simion provided short presentations on some of the goals accomplished by their respective departments during FY 2016-17. Talledo-Garcia discussed the introduction of quarterly plant tours, zero effluent violations, improved RAS operation, transition to 24/7 belt press operation, conversion from paper log books to an e-Logger system, and security system, which includes video monitoring of key processes into the plant. Simion presented information on the customer satisfaction survey developed and mailed in September 2016, the biennial Safety Culture Survey that drives the safety focus for the following cycle, and an interactive booth/open house exhibit – What Goes Where – a game where people are asked to sort a variety of materials into the correct bins. President Young thanked the managers for their presentations.

Director Becker moved APPROVAL TO ADD ONE COLLECTION SYSTEM WORKER CLASSIFICATION to the Collections Department staff. The motion was seconded by Director Duncan and carried unanimously, 5-0. Collection System Manager Rather thanked the Board for approving the position, saying that it means a lot to the department and will ensure its success into the future.

Director Becker moved to AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA FOR EVALUATION OF THE HORIZONTAL LEVEE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$160,000. The motion was seconded by Director Walters and carried unanimously, 5-0. The Amendment provides for two additional years of research, which include assessments of hydrology, vegetation, soil dynamics, and water quality. At the Board's request, Warner will invite Dr. Sedlack to share the results with the Board once per year.

Director Walters moved to APPROVE THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND CALL FOR SEALED BIDS: POINT REPAIRS FY 2017-18 NO. 1 PROJECT. The motion was seconded by Director Becker and carried unanimously, 5-0. The project provides for the completion of 100 point repairs on vitrified clay pipe (VCP), polyvinyl chloride pipe (PVC, and high-density polyethylene pipe (HDPE), as well as repairs to manholes.

President Young opened the floor for Staff/Director comments. Warner said that staff was just informed of a \$3M increase in the cost of the nutrients project, which would bring the total cost to \$17-

\$18M. Staff will update the cost/benefit analysis for the project and present the information to the Board at a later date. Warner also said that he is working with legal counsel on a contract to partner with Synagro for a pilot study on biosolids disposal; the contract will be presented to the Board for consideration in the near future. Lastly, Warner announced that Oro Loma is starting a two-week Peracetic Acid Study to determine the effectiveness of using the chemical in the disinfection process. Warner concluded his report by saying that the effluent quality is great (4.0 mg/L TSS.)

President Young again posed a question regarding the presence of one single Board member at a Committee meeting. Legal counsel Faught advised of several options in that situation: reschedule the meeting, hold the meeting with only one Board member present, or make arrangements for another Board member to sit in the meeting for the Director absent. Warner advised that staff is working on a Board Handbook, and this issue will be addressed in that document, which will be presented to the Board for review and feedback in the next few months.

Director Becker thanked staff for organizing a successful Employee Recognition picnic, where everyone had a good time. His sentiment was echoed by the other Directors, who said that their families enjoyed the picnic.

At 5:10 p.m., the Board adjourned to closed session to discuss existing litigation, pursuant to the California Government Code Section 54956.9, Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) – County of Alameda v. Yip Holdings Six, LLC, et al., Alameda Co. Sup. Ct. No. RG17871280. President Young reconvened to regular session at 5:23 p.m., stating that the Board authorized the General Manager to sign a letter providing informed consent to allow Meyers Nave to represent the District in this action.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Young adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m. in memory of the victims of the recent natural disasters and national tragedies.

Rita Duncan
Secretary

(Recording Secretary:
Andreea Simion)