



CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Operations Committee of the Orange County Sanitation District was called to order by Committee Chairman Pat Burns on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Orange County Sanitation District Headquarters. General Manager Rob Thompson led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Assistant Clerk of the Board Tina Knapp declared a quorum present as follows:

PRESENT: Joyce Ahn, Debbie Baker, Pat Burns, Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Stephen Faessel, Ryan Gallagher, Scott Minikus, Robert Ooten, Schelly Sustarsic and Bruce Whitaker

ABSENT: Phil Hawkins, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez and Stephanie Klopfenstein

STAFF PRESENT: Rob Thompson, General Manager; Lorenzo Tyner, Assistant General Manager; Mike Dorman, Director of Engineering; Laura Maravilla, Director of Human Resources; Riaz Moinuddin, Director of Operations and Maintenance; Wally Ritchie, Director of Finance; Lan Wiborg, Director of Environmental Services; Tina Knapp, Assistant Clerk of the Board; Pegah Behravan; Jon Bradley; Morty Caparas; Belen Carrillo; Jackie Castro; Sam Choi; Tanya Chong; Raul Cuellar; Don Cutler; Thys DeVries; Charles Falzone; Justin Fenton; Mani Firouzian; Al Garcia; Mark Kawamoto; Marianne Kleine; Daniel Lee; Rich Leon; Shahrzad Namini; Victoria Pilko; Omeed Pour; Giti Radvar; Valerie Ratto; Kevin Schuler; Don Stokes; Thomas Vu; Brian Waite; Kevin Work; and Ruth Zintzun were present in the Board Room.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mal Richardson, General Counsel; Lynn Grijalva, Hazen and Sawyer; Jennifer Thompson and Nathan Chase, Brown and Caldwell; and Charlie Guess, Jacobs; were present in the Board Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

Ms. Knapp indicated that Late Communication pertaining to agenda Item Nos. 10 and 14 was received after the publication of the agenda and was distributed to the Committee and made available to the public earlier today.

REPORTS:

Chair Burns reminded the Committee that the Steering and Board meetings will be held one week early this month, on November 20, due to the Thanksgiving holidays on November 28 and 29.

Mr. Thompson indicated that the OC San administrative offices will be closed on Monday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

CONSENT CALENDAR:**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**[2024-3916](#)

Originator: Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve minutes of the Regular meeting of the Operations Committee held October 2, 2024.

AYES: Joyce Ahn, Debbie Baker, Pat Burns, Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Stephen Faessel, Ryan Gallagher, Scott Minikus, Robert Ooten, Schelly Sustarsic and Bruce Whitaker

NOES: None

ABSENT: Phil Hawkins, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez and Stephanie Klopfenstein

ABSTENTIONS: None

2. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON - AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO THE POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT AT PLANT NO. 2[2024-3917](#)

Originator: Riaz Moinuddin

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Approve and authorize the Board Chairman to execute Amendment No. 5 to the Power Purchase Agreement (QFID-05) with Southern California Edison (SCE) Company and Orange County Sanitation District (OC San), to allow for the extension of the term and to adjust the price for all energy delivered to SCE during the extension period.

AYES: Joyce Ahn, Debbie Baker, Pat Burns, Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Stephen Faessel, Ryan Gallagher, Scott Minikus, Robert Ooten, Schelly Sustarsic and Bruce Whitaker

NOES: None

ABSENT: Phil Hawkins, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez and Stephanie Klopfenstein

ABSTENTIONS: None

3. **DIGESTER K DOME REPAIR AT PLANT NO. 2, PROJECT NO. FR2-0032, SPECIFICATION NO. S-2024-630BD** [2024-3789](#)

Originator: Mike Dorman

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

A. Approve a Services Contract to Structural Preservation Systems for Digester K Dome Repair at Plant No. 2, Project No. FR2-0032, Specification No. S-2024-630BD, for a total amount not to exceed \$876,707; and

B. Approve a contingency of \$131,506 (15%).

AYES: Joyce Ahn, Debbie Baker, Pat Burns, Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Stephen Faessel, Ryan Gallagher, Scott Minikus, Robert Ooten, Schelly Sustarsic and Bruce Whitaker

NOES: None

ABSENT: Phil Hawkins, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez and Stephanie Klopfenstein

ABSTENTIONS: None

4. **SAFETY SHOWER AND EYEWASH STATIONS MODIFICATIONS, SPECIFICATION NO. S-2024-631** [2024-3846](#)

Originator: Riaz Moinuddin

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

A. Approve a General Services Contract to Zeco, Inc. for Safety Shower and Eyewash Stations Non-Compliance Resolution, per Specification No. S-2024-631, for a total amount not to exceed \$209,440; and

B. Approve a contingency of \$20,944 (10%).

AYES: Joyce Ahn, Debbie Baker, Pat Burns, Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Stephen Faessel, Ryan Gallagher, Scott Minikus, Robert Ooten, Schelly Sustarsic and Bruce Whitaker

NOES: None

ABSENT: Phil Hawkins, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez and Stephanie Klopfenstein

ABSTENTIONS: None

5. **LIGHTING SYSTEMS INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIRS, SPECIFICATION NO. S-2024-635BD** [2024-3885](#)

Originator: Riaz Moinuddin

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

- A. Approve a General Services Contract to Inter-Pacific, Inc. dba Inter-Pacific Systems, Inc. to provide Lighting Systems Inspection, Maintenance, and Repairs, Specification No. S-2024-635BD, for a one-year period with four (4) one-year renewal options, effective December 1, 2024, through November 30, 2025, for a total amount not to exceed \$223,818; and
- B. Approve an annual contingency of \$44,764 (20%).

AYES: Joyce Ahn, Debbie Baker, Pat Burns, Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Stephen Faessel, Ryan Gallagher, Scott Minikus, Robert Ooten, Schelly Sustarsic and Bruce Whitaker

NOES: None

ABSENT: Phil Hawkins, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez and Stephanie Klopfenstein

ABSTENTIONS: None

6. **PROCUREMENT OF TWO BAR SCREEN CARRIAGE ASSEMBLIES AT PLANT NO. 2** [2024-3886](#)

Originator: Riaz Moinuddin

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

- A. Approve a Sole Source Purchase Order to Veolia WTS Services, USA, formerly Suez Treatment Solutions, to procure two complete carriage assembly Bar Screen Units for Plant No. 2, for a total amount not to exceed \$433,092, plus applicable sales tax; and
- B. Approve a contingency of \$43,309 (10%).

AYES: Joyce Ahn, Debbie Baker, Pat Burns, Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Stephen Faessel, Ryan Gallagher, Scott Minikus, Robert Ooten, Schelly Sustarsic and Bruce Whitaker

NOES: None

ABSENT: Phil Hawkins, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez and Stephanie Klopfenstein

ABSTENTIONS: None

7. **QUARTERLY ODOR COMPLAINT REPORT** [2024-3890](#)

Originator: Riaz Moinuddin

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2024-25 First Quarter Odor Complaint Report.

AYES: Joyce Ahn, Debbie Baker, Pat Burns, Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Stephen Faessel, Ryan Gallagher, Scott Minikus, Robert Ooten, Schelly Sustarsic and Bruce Whitaker

NOES: None

ABSENT: Phil Hawkins, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez and Stephanie Klopfenstein

ABSTENTIONS: None

8. **BIOSOLIDS HAULING SERVICE CONTRACT, SPECIFICATION NO. [2024-3898](#)
S-2024-624BD**

Originator: Lan Wiborg

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

- A. Approve General Services Contracts to two contractors: Synagro-West, LLC and Rust Logistics, Inc. to provide biosolids hauling services from Orange County Sanitation District's Reclamation Plant Nos. 1 and 2 to the various management facilities, Specification No. S-2024-624BD, each for a three-year period, effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027, for a total amount not to exceed \$9,000,000 per contract which includes unit prices per ton for biosolids hauling, monthly fuel surcharge, and annual consumer price index (CPI) adjustment; and
- B. Approve two (2) optional one-year renewals for \$3,000,000 per year, per contract; and
- C. Approve a 10% contingency per contract; and
- D. Approve the addition of the new contracts to the Biosolids Program effective January 1, 2025.

AYES: Joyce Ahn, Debbie Baker, Pat Burns, Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Stephen Faessel, Ryan Gallagher, Scott Minikus, Robert Ooten, Schelly Sustarsic and Bruce Whitaker

NOES: None

ABSENT: Phil Hawkins, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez and Stephanie Klopfenstein

ABSTENTIONS: None

NON-CONSENT:**9. SOUTH PERIMETER WALL AND SOIL IMPROVEMENTS AT PLANT NO. 2, CONTRACT NO. P2-128A AS PART OF DIGESTER REPLACEMENT AT PLANT NO. 2, PROJECT NO. P2-128** [2023-2987](#)

Originator: Mike Dorman

Director of Engineering Mike Dorman introduced the item and Engineering Supervisor Valerie Ratto who provided a presentation regarding this item. The presentation included an overview of the project location, a rendering of the wall, trees, and landscaping, an overview of lateral spread mitigation, wall architectural treatments, bid results, and recommendation.

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

- A. Receive and file Bid Tabulation and Recommendation for South Perimeter Wall and Soil Improvements at Plant No. 2, Contract No. P2-128A;
- B. Accept the formal bid withdrawal request received on September 5, 2024, from the initial lowest bidder, Steve P. Rados, Inc. and receive and file the response to request;
- C. Award a Construction Contract Agreement to Ames Construction, Inc., for South Perimeter Wall and Soil Improvements at Plant No. 2, Contract No. P2-128A as part of Digester Replacement at Plant No. 2, Project No. P2-128, for a total amount not to exceed \$25,270,000; and
- D. Approve a contingency of \$2,527,000 (10%).

AYES: Joyce Ahn, Debbie Baker, Pat Burns, Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Stephen Faessel, Ryan Gallagher, Scott Minikus, Robert Ooten, Schelly Sustarsic and Bruce Whitaker

NOES: None

ABSENT: Phil Hawkins, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez and Stephanie Klopfenstein

ABSTENTIONS: None

10. SOUTH PERIMETER WALL AND SOIL IMPROVEMENTS AT PLANT NO. 2, CONTRACT NO. P2-128A AS PART OF DIGESTER REPLACEMENT AT PLANT 2, PROJECT NO. P2-128 [2023-2988](#)

Originator: Mike Dorman

In connection with Item No. 9, Ms. Ratto continued with Item No. 10 and provided an overview of this item.

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

As identified in the Late Communication, the Recommendation was modified to:

A. Approve a Professional Construction Services Agreement with Brown and Caldwell to provide construction support services for South Perimeter Wall and Soil Improvements at Plant No. 2, Contract No. P2-128A for a total amount not to exceed \$2,043,717; and

B. Approve a contingency of \$204,371 (10%).

A. Approve a Professional Construction Services Agreement with Brown and Caldwell to provide construction support services for South Perimeter Wall and Soil Improvements at Plant No. 2, Contract No. P2-128A for a total amount not to exceed \$2,048,122; and

B. Approve a contingency of \$204,812 (10%).

AYES: Joyce Ahn, Debbie Baker, Pat Burns, Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Stephen Faessel, Ryan Gallagher, Scott Minikus, Robert Ooten, Schelly Sustarsic and Bruce Whitaker

NOES: None

ABSENT: Phil Hawkins, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez and Stephanie Klopfenstein

ABSTENTIONS: None

11. DIGESTER REPLACEMENT AT PLANT NO. 2, PROJECT NO. P2-128 [2024-3901](#)

Originator: Mike Dorman

Mr. Dorman provided a presentation regarding this item, which included an overview of anaerobic digesters, the existing digestion, the TPAD digestion process, phasing and the revised scope, future project phasing, the design cost summary, and recommendation.

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Approve a Contingency increase of \$6,288,000 (16%) to the existing Professional Design Services Agreement with Brown and Caldwell for the Digester Replacement at Plant No. 2, Project No. P2-128, for a new total contingency amount of \$10,218,000 (26%).

AYES: Joyce Ahn, Debbie Baker, Pat Burns, Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Stephen Faessel, Ryan Gallagher, Scott Minikus, Robert Ooten, Schelly Sustarsic and Bruce Whitaker

NOES: None

ABSENT: Phil Hawkins, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez and Stephanie Klopfenstein

ABSTENTIONS: None

12. DIGESTERS REHABILITATION AT PLANT NO. 2, PROJECT NO. P2-137 [2024-3695](#)

Originator: Mike Dorman

Mr. Dorman provided a presentation regarding this item. The presentation included an overview of the digesters, future project phasing, view port issues, the flame arrestors access issue, the gas balance line issue, cable tray improvements, the project budget summary, and recommendation.

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Approve a Contingency Increase of \$1,296,000 (48%) to the existing Professional Design Services Contract with CDM Smith, Inc., for the Digesters Rehabilitation at Plant No. 2, Project No. P2-137, for a total contingency of \$1,566,000 (58%).

AYES: Joyce Ahn, Debbie Baker, Pat Burns, Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Stephen Faessel, Ryan Gallagher, Scott Minikus, Robert Ooten, Schelly Sustarsic and Bruce Whitaker

NOES: None

ABSENT: Phil Hawkins, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez and Stephanie Klopfenstein

ABSTENTIONS: None

13. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AT PLANT NO. 2, PROJECT NO. P2-138 [2024-3902](#)

Originator: Mike Dorman

Mr. Dorman provided a presentation regarding this item. The presentation included an overview of the site plan, project reason, location planning, the new Operations and Maintenance Complex, a 10% plan rendering, the cost summary, and recommendation.

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Approve a contingency increase of \$2,532,649 (32%) to the existing Professional Design Services Agreement with Stantec Architecture, Inc. for the Operations and Maintenance Facility Improvements at Plant No. 2, Project No. P2-138, for a total contingency of \$3,324,102 (42%).

AYES: Joyce Ahn, Debbie Baker, Pat Burns, Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Stephen Faessel, Ryan Gallagher, Scott Minikus, Robert Ooten, Schelly Sustarsic and Bruce Whitaker

NOES: None

ABSENT: Phil Hawkins, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez and Stephanie Klopfenstein

ABSTENTIONS: None

Director Bruce Whitaker left the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

14. PROGRESSIVE DESIGN-BUILD OWNER ADVISOR, PROGRAM MANAGEMENT, AND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SUPPORT SERVICES, PROJECT NO. PDB24-00 [2024-3903](#)

Originator: Mike Dorman

Mr. Dorman introduced the item and introduced Engineering Manager Don Cutler who provided a presentation on this item, which included an overview of design-bid-build versus progressive design-build, the owner advisor scope, the progressive design-build schedule, the selection process, negotiations, and the recommendation.

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

- A. Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Hazen and Sawyer to provide engineering services for Progressive Design-Build Owner Advisor, Program Management, and Professional Engineering Support Services, Project No. PDB24-00, for an amount not to exceed \$19,340,000; and
- B. Approve a contingency of \$1,934,000 (10%).
- C. Find approval of the Professional Services Agreement with Hazen and Sawyer is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.

AYES: Joyce Ahn, Debbie Baker, Pat Burns, Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Stephen Faessel, Ryan Gallagher, Scott Minikus, Robert Ooten and Schelly Sustarsic

NOES: None

ABSENT: Phil Hawkins, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez, Stephanie Klopfenstein and Bruce Whitaker

ABSTENTIONS: None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

None.

OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS OR SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEMS, IF ANY:

None.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INITIATED ITEMS FOR A FUTURE MEETING:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Burns declared the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. to the next Regular Operations Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Tina Knapp, MMC
Assistant Clerk of the Board