

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO SANITATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022, 9:00 AM
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, ROOM 310
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

A. REGULAR SESSION: Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Directors Nathan Fletcher, Chair; Nora Vargas, Vice-Chair; Joel Anderson, Terra Lawson-Remer; Jim Desmond; also, Ryan Sharp, Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

B. Non-Agenda Public Communication: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Board on any subject matter within the Board's jurisdiction but not an item on today's agenda.

C. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the meeting of March 15, 2022.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Director Fletcher, seconded by Director Anderson, the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Sanitation District approved the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the meeting of March 15, 2022.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

NOTICE: THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE ANY ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THE ITEMS INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA. RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY COUNTY STAFF DO NOT LIMIT ACTIONS THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD NOT RELY UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE BOARD LETTER AS DETERMINATIVE OF THE ACTION THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE ON A PARTICULAR MATTER.

Agenda Items

Agenda #	Subject
1.	ADVERTISE AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR SPRING VALLEY OUTFALL SEWER IMPROVEMENTS FROM SPRING VALLEY MAINTENANCE HOLE 3648 TO 3649 [FUNDING SOURCE: AVAILABLE PRIOR YEAR SAN DIEGO SANITATION DISTRICT FUND FUND BALANCE]

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1. SUBJECT: ADVERTISE AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR SPRING VALLEY OUTFALL SEWER IMPROVEMENTS FROM SPRING VALLEY MAINTENANCE HOLE 3648 TO 3649 (DISTRICT: 1)

OVERVIEW

The Department of Public Works manages a sewer system maintenance program for communities that are within the jurisdiction of the San Diego County Sanitation District (District). The District provides sewer service to nearly 36,000 customers in the unincorporated areas of the region. One of the main wastewater pipelines that the District owns and maintains is the Spring Valley Outfall (SVO) sewer, which runs through the communities of Spring Valley and Bonita and ultimately connects to the City of San Diego Metropolitan wastewater collection and treatment system in Chula Vista. This is a large sewer that collects and conveys flows from smaller local branch sewers.

A section of the SVO sewer in Spring Valley runs adjacent to the Spring Valley Center shopping mall near the intersection of Sweetwater Rd. and Jamacha Blvd. As part of routine maintenance in 2018, this section of the SVO sewer was inspected using closed-circuit television cameras, and the District identified a severe sag in one of the segments. Pipes with a sag condition are likely to accumulate debris due to the reduced flow efficiency, which can cause blockages, leaks, erosion, and sinkholes and could eventually result in sewage spills. The segment identified as SV5271, is approximately 232 feet in length of 27-inch diameter PVC pipe and connects Spring Valley Maintenance Hole (SVMH) 3648 to SVMH 3649.

The Spring Valley Outfall Sewer Improvements from SVMH 3648 to SVMH 3649 Project (Project) will remove and replace segment SV5271 with a larger 30-inch PVC pipe. Although the sag will be removed, the slope of the pipe in this area is still shallow, and therefore a larger pipe will give the sewer system additional flow capacity in this area and protect against future sewer spills. The objective of the project is to better facilitate existing sewer flows through this area in a proactive manner that reduces the risk of sewer system overflows and maintains the reliability of the system. The maintenance of the sewer system is important and necessary for public health and safety since it protects the ocean and watersheds and also prevents untreated sewage from moving into the surface and groundwater.

The engineering plans and specifications for the Project are complete, and the Project is ready to be advertised for construction. Prior to the start of construction, road work signs will be placed, project information will be posted on social media, and notifications, such as mailers, will be provided in English and Spanish to surrounding residences and businesses, notifying them of the locations, approximate dates, and activities, including noise and odor. During construction, traffic control measures will be in place to limit the impacts on the community and the traveling public. Additionally, the contractor will monitor the condition of the existing pipelines and will take measures to contain odor if that becomes a concern after having notified the community.

This is a request to approve the advertisement and subsequent award of a construction contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the Project. Construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2022 and be completed in fall 2022. The construction cost is estimated at \$700,000, including a 15% contingency for unforeseen conditions during construction, and the funding source is available prior year San Diego County Sanitation District Fund fund balance.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find that the proposed action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 of the state CEQA Guidelines, because it involves maintenance of an existing County-maintained facility involving no or negligible expansion of existing use.
2. Authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to take any action necessary to advertise and award a contract and to take other action authorized by Section 401 et seq., of the Administrative Code with respect to contracting for the Construction Contract for the Project.
3. Designate the Director, Department of Public Works, as County Officer responsible for administering the construction contract, in accordance with Board Policy F-41, Public Works Construction Projects.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The San Diego County Sanitation District strives to preserve, enhance, and promote quality of life and environmental resources through the implementation of programs and projects that improve regional community health and environmental quality while simultaneously complying with mandatory federal and state regulations governing sewer discharges. The Department of Public Works (DPW) utilizes a variety of tools to build infrastructure improvement projects, including, but not limited to, infrastructure condition assessments, direct community feedback, and comprehensive system analysis. Additionally, DPW considers data from the Healthy Places Index (HPI) and CalEnviroScreen, as well as other relevant data sources.

This Project area has an HPI percentile rank of 28.5% which indicates 71.5% of other California census tracts have healthier community conditions than this tract. The infrastructure enhancements realized through the completion of this project will benefit the surrounding communities by reducing the risk of sewage spills and adverse impacts on water quality. DPW will strive to identify and reduce barriers for community engagement and stakeholder participation throughout implementation of this project by providing public notices and communications in multiple languages. The public engagement for infrastructure improvements that address serious public health and safety risks such as this item is focused on project progress updates and review of the impacts during construction activities.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Operational Plan in the San Diego County Sanitation District. If approved, construction costs for the Spring Valley Outfall Sewer Improvements from Spring Valley Maintenance Hole 3648 to 3649 Project are estimated to be \$700,000, including construction contingency. The funding source is available prior year San Diego Sanitation District Fund fund balance. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

When approved by the Board of Directors for advertising and award, District construction contracts are competitively and publicly bid and help stimulate the local economy by creating primarily construction related employment opportunities. All workers employed on public works projects must be paid the prevailing wages determined by the California Department of Industrial Relations, according to the type of work and location of the project. The prevailing wage rates are usually based on rates specified in collective bargaining agreements.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Director Desmond, seconded by Director Vargas, the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Sanitation District took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

There being no further business, the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Sanitation District adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Directors
of Sanitation District

Notes By: Vizcarra

NOTE: This Statement of Proceedings sets forth all actions taken by the County of San Diego Board of Directors of the Sanitation District on the matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.

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