

July 10, 2019

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS

The Minutes of the

***SANITATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING***

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2019, 9:00 AM
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NORTH CHAMBER
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

A. REGULAR SESSION: Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

PRESENT: Directors Dianne Jacob, Chairwoman; Greg Cox, Vice-Chairman; Kristin Gaspar; Nathan Fletcher; Jim Desmond; also, Andrew Potter, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

B. Public Communication: No Speakers

C. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the meeting of June 25, 2019.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Director Gaspar, seconded by Director Fletcher, the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Sanitation District approved the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the meeting of June 25, 2019, on Consent.

AYES: Cox, Jacob, Gaspar, 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.	APPROVAL OF INTERIM FUNDING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF EAST COUNTY ADVANCED WATER PURIFICATION PROGRAM [FUNDING SOURCE: PRIOR YEAR AVAILABLE FUND BALANCE IN THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT BASED ON PRIOR YEAR METRO WASTEWATER SYSTEM REFUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO] (4 VOTES)

1. **SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF INTERIM FUNDING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF EAST COUNTY ADVANCED WATER PURIFICATION PROGRAM (DISTRICT: 2)**

OVERVIEW

The East County Advanced Water Purification Program (AWP Program) is a proposed regional water reuse project involving expansion of the existing Padre Dam Municipal Water District (Padre Dam) water recycling facility (WRF) in Santee. The AWP Program participants include Padre Dam, the San Diego County Sanitation District (Sanitation District), the City of El Cajon, and Helix Water District. The AWP Program is anticipated to provide less costly and more reliable services to residents. It will reduce reliance on the City of San Diego's Metro Wastewater System for wastewater services and the San Diego County Water Authority for imported water supplies, while developing a new, reliable, sustainable, local source of drinking water for east county residents and businesses that is available even during times of drought.

The AWP Program planning study, which was completed in January 2016 with the participation of the Sanitation District and other agencies, recommended a regional project that would be constructed in phases. The project would expand the existing WRF to an ultimate capacity of up to 21 mgd, producing advanced treated water for delivery to the Helix and Padre Dam water service areas. Additional technical studies were completed in April 2019 that demonstrated the operational and economic viability of the AWP Program and identified recommended governance, financing, and operational structures for the implementation and startup of a regional water reuse program. These studies were funded through contributions from the four AWP Program participating agencies per terms of joint memoranda of understanding approved in September 2014 and November 2016 and amended in March 2018. A project development team, consisting of technical staff, executive management, and elected officials from each agency provided oversight and review of the studies.

The project development team described above recommends that the agencies complete final engineering, permitting, and financing plans as well as draft the governance and service agreements required to implement the program. Upon successful completion of these tasks, the agencies will independently consider forming a Joint Powers Authority, which would finance, construct, and operate the proposed program.

Today's request is to authorize the Clerk of the Board to execute an agreement to fund the Sanitation District's fair share of final program development costs and to establish appropriations of \$2.35 million based on available prior year San Diego County Sanitation District fund balance.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find, pursuant to Sections 15061 (b)(3) and 15262 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines that the requested actions to authorize additional planning studies without a commitment to a future project is exempt from CEQA review.

2. Approve and Authorize the Clerk of the Board to execute the East County Advanced Water Purification Interim Funding Agreement among the San Diego County Sanitation District, Padre Dam Municipal Water District, City of El Cajon, and Helix Water District.
3. Establish appropriations of \$2,350,000 in the San Diego County Sanitation District for the East County Advanced Water Purification Program development based on prior year available San Diego County Sanitation District fund balance. **(4 VOTES)**
4. Approve and authorize payment of up to \$2,350,000 in Fiscal Year 2019-20, from the San Diego County Sanitation District to the Padre Dam Municipal Water District for the fair share contribution to final program development costs for the East County Advanced Water Purification Program.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Operational Plan for the San Diego County Sanitation District. If approved, this request will result in costs up to \$2,350,000 in Fiscal Year 2019-20 for the East County Advanced Water Purification Program development. The funding source is prior year available fund balance in the San Diego County Sanitation District based on prior year Metro Wastewater System refunds received from the City of San Diego. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

AYES: Cox, Jacob, Gaspar, Fletcher, Desmond

There being no further business, the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Sanitation District adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Directors
of Sanitation District

Notes By: Santiago

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.

Approved by the Board of Directors, on Wednesday, July 24, 2019.



DIANNE JACOB
Chairwoman

Attest:



for

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board