

October 30, 2019

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS

The Minutes of the

***SANITATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING***

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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REGULAR MEETING
MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2019, 9:00 AM

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING LOCATION:
COUNTY OPERATIONS CENTER
CAMPUS CENTER CHAMBERS
5520 OVERLAND AVENUE
SAN DIEGO, CA 92123

A. REGULAR SESSION: Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

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

B. Public Communication: No Speakers

C. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the meeting of July 24, 2019.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Director Gaspar, seconded by Director Desmond, the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Sanitation District approved the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the meeting of July 24, 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 |
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| 1. | GENERAL SERVICES - SET HEARING -ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 29 ACRES FROM CALTRANS FOR SHERIFF AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS (RELATES TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA NO. 05) |
| 2. | EAST COUNTY ADVANCED WATER PURIFICATION JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AGREEMENT |

1. **SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - SET HEARING -ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 29 ACRES FROM CALTRANS FOR SHERIFF AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS (DISTRICT: 2)**

OVERVIEW

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) plans to dispose of approximately 29 acres of land located in the unincorporated community of Rancho San Diego (Property). The Property is located south and west of Campo Road, and north of Singer Lane. Caltrans has offered to sell the Property to the County prior to making it available on the open market.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) Roads Division and the Sheriff's Department (Sheriff) Bomb/Arson Unit presently occupy portions of the Property under permits issued by Caltrans. If the Board of Supervisors (Board) approves the proposed acquisition, the existing County operations on the site would remain and other parts of the Property could be apportioned for the closed Jamacha Landfill overseen by DPW and the San Diego County Sanitation District. Loss of DPW's and Sheriff's operations at this site could have a serious detrimental impact on public safety in the County.

Today's request is for the Board to set a hearing for December 11, 2019 to consider the purchase of the Property from Caltrans for the appraised value of \$2,265,000, and to direct the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to provide public notice of the hearing. If the Board takes the actions recommended today, then on December 11, 2019, staff will return to the Board with a request to authorize the purchase of the Property identified as Director's Deed 17550-01-01 from Caltrans and to establish sufficient appropriations, including San Diego County Sanitation District funds, to purchase the Property.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Acting as the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Sanitation District:
Direct San Diego County Sanitation District staff to return to the Board on December 11, 2019, to authorize appropriation of any necessary funding, authorize County of San Diego staff to accept a portion of the 29-acre property identified as DD-17550-01-01 on the District's behalf and take other action as necessary.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

(RELATES TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA NO. 05)

ACTION:

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

AYES: Cox, Jacob, Gaspar, Fletcher, Desmond

2. SUBJECT: EAST COUNTY ADVANCED WATER PURIFICATION JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AGREEMENT (DISTRICT: 2)

OVERVIEW

The East County Advanced Water Purification (ECAWP) Program is a proposed regional water reuse project that includes the San Diego County Sanitation District (Sanitation District), Padre Dam Municipal Water District (Padre Dam), the City of El Cajon, and Helix Water District. The Sanitation District, City of El Cajon, and Padre Dam provide wastewater service and Helix Water District and Padre Dam provide water service to portions of the east county. The ECAWP Program is projected to provide less costly and more reliable wastewater and water services to residents in east county by developing state-of-the-art technology to purify recycled wastewater to use as a new reliable, sustainable, and drought proof source of local drinking water for east county residents and businesses. This will reduce east county's reliance on the City of San Diego's Metro Wastewater (Metro) System for wastewater services and the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) for imported water supplies.

The majority of wastewater collected in east county is conveyed for treatment to a Metro system facility along the coast, and then the treated water is discharged to the ocean. Nearly all of the drinking water supplied to east county residents is imported from northern California and the Colorado River. To address rising costs for wastewater treatment through the Metro system, limited availability and reliability of imported water supplies from SDCWA, and the environmental impacts of the current water supply and wastewater disposal methods, the east county agencies jointly studied the feasibility of developing a local program to treat and reuse wastewater with the objective of creating a new, local supply of water for the region. The agencies entered a memorandum of understanding in September 2014 to develop program concepts and evaluate the feasibility of implementing this project.

In January 2016, a feasibility study was completed and recommended developing a regional project to recycle east San Diego county's wastewater locally and then purify the water using state-of-the-art technology. The project would expand the existing Padre Dam recycling facility capacity in the City of Santee from two million gallons per day to 15 million gallons per day, with the ability to treat up to 21 million gallons per day in the future. The recycled water could then be further treated to produce purified water for delivery to the Helix Water District and Padre Dam water service areas. Following the feasibility study, this regional project became known as the ECAWP Program.

In April 2019, additional technical studies were completed that confirmed the operational and economic viability of the ECAWP Program and identified recommended governance, financing, and operational structures for the implementation and startup of the regional water reuse program. These planning studies were funded through contributions from the four ECAWP participating agencies per terms of joint Memorandums 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.

In July 2019, following completion of additional planning studies, the agencies entered into an agreement to fund final engineering, permitting, and project cost estimates, as well as to draft the governance and service agreements required for implementation of the ECAWP Program. The development team has completed evaluation of alternative governance structures and financing mechanisms and is recommending that the three participating wastewater agencies, which include the Sanitation District, City of El Cajon, and Padre Dam, establish a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to finance, construct, own, and operate the ECAWP facilities. The JPA will be an organization separate from the three agencies with the powers to make and enter contracts, incur debts and liabilities, and adopt rules and regulations for operation of the JPA, amongst other powers provided for by agreement. While Helix Water District participated in the planning and final development of the program and will enter into a future water service agreement with the JPA, they opted not to join the JPA as a member agency.

Today's request is to authorize the Clerk of the Board to execute an agreement to establish the ECAWP JPA and to appoint one member of the Sanitation District Board of Directors to serve as representative and one member to act as an alternate representative on the JPA Board of Directors.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find that this project is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines because it is not a project as defined by Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines.
2. Approve and Authorize the Clerk of the Board to execute the East County Advanced Water Purification Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement among the San Diego County Sanitation District, City of El Cajon, and the Padre Dam Municipal Water District.
3. Appoint one member of the Sanitation District Board of Directors to serve as a representative and the Director, Department of Public Works, acting on behalf of the Sanitation District or a designee of the District to act as an alternate representative on the East County AWP Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years. Appropriations of \$2.35 million are included in the FY 2019-20 Amended Operational Plan in the Sanitation District to fund final project development costs.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Director Gaspar, seconded by Director Desmond, the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Sanitation District took action as recommended, on Consent, appointing Supervisor Dianne Jacob as the representative of the Sanitation District Board of Directors on the East County Advanced Water Purification Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors.

AYES: Cox, Jacob, Gaspar, Fletcher, Desmond

There being no further business, the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Sanitation District adjourned at 9:39 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, December 11, 2019.



DIANNE JACOB
Chairwoman

Attest:



ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board