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MINUTES
ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, December 2, 2021, 9:00 A.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Lynn E. Maulhardt
Director Edwin T. McFadden III
President Michael Mobley (substitute for Director Naumann)

STAFF ATTENDING

Dr. Maryam Bral, chief engineer
Anthony Emmert, assistant general manager
Brian Collins, chief operations officer
John Carman, operations and maintenance program supervisor
Michel Kadah, engineer
Tessa Lenz, associate environmental scientist
Craig Morgan, engineering manager
Josh Perez, chief human resources officer
Ambry Tibay, senior accountant

PUBLIC PRESENT

No members of the public were present at the meeting

OPEN SESSION: 9:00 a.m.

Chair Maulhardt called the Engineering and Operations Committee Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Committee Members Roll Call

Clerk called the roll. Committee members: Chair Maulhardt, Director McFadden, and Director Mobley were present.

1. Public Comment

Chair Maulhardt asked if there were any public comments for the Committee. None were offered.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes from the November 4, 2021 Engineering and Operations Committee meeting, Director McFadden; Second, President Mobley. Voice vote: three ayes (Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley); none opposed; Motion carried, 3/0.

3. December 8, 2021 Board Meeting Motion Agenda Items

3.1 Supplemental Appropriation for Freeman Diversion Rehabilitation

Engineering Manager Craig Morgan addressed the committee and provided a slide presentation (see attached) regarding staff's request that the Committee recommend

authorizing the General Manager to initiate a supplemental appropriation for CIP 8001 to allow for the continued advancement of the Freeman Diversion Expansion project as new federal court mandated deadlines have led to the depletion of the project budget for fiscal year 2021-2022, to the full Board.

President Mobley asked if these costs can be attributed to consultants working overtime. Mr. Morgan stated that the University of Iowa and the Bureau of Reclamation have incurred additional fees due to the need to expedite the modeling projects to meet the Court's deadline. He added that the amount budgeted for the next 2.5 year period of work has now been condensed. Chief Operations Officer Brian Collins stated that it has not been determined whether a fifth model will be required, but that cost, if needed, has also been included in the supplemental appropriation.

The committee members agreed to recommend approval of the motion item to the full Board.

4. Project Highlights

4.1 Engineering Department Monthly Update

Chief Engineer Dr. Bral provided updates and slides (see attached) on the Engineering department's activities for the month.

Chair Maulhardt inquired as to why the District was excluded from receiving funding for the High Hazard Potential Dams Grant Program and if staff was aware of which projects did receive funding. Dr. Bral stated that limited funding was made available to California and that the list of funded projects had not yet been published. Chair Maulhardt recommended that staff complete forensics on the application process to be better prepared for additional funding opportunities.

4.2 Environmental Services Department Update

Associate Environmental Scientist Tessa Lenz provided updates and slides (see attached) on the Environmental Services department's activities.

4.3 Operations and Maintenance Department Monthly Update

Chief Operations Officer Brian Collins provided updates and slides (see attached) on the Operations and Maintenance department's activities for the month.

Chair Maulhardt asked about the material from the desilt basin cleanout. Mr. Collins stated that it was relocated to the Dos Diegos area. Chair Maulhardt asked if staff has tested the soil and mentioned that the County is looking for fill dirt. Mr. Collins stated that there is a deposit of sediment near the Saticoy Shop that staff had analyzed and which is now available to be sold for a low cost. Mr. Collins stated that United has 20,000 cubic yards total. Chair Maulhardt mentioned the infrastructure bill and stated that it will be difficult to find fill dirt in the future. He recommended that staff complete an analysis of the fill and make it available. Mr. Collins stated this was a great idea and planned to look at it as a long-term option.

Director Mobley asked for an update on PTP Well No. 4. Mr. Collins stated that staff caught a preliminary bearing failure on PTP Well No. 2., and then removed PTP Well No. 2's motor for repairs. Shortly after, PTP Well No. 4 went out. PTP Well No. 4's motor was then sent out for an expedited rewind. At this point in time, staff leveraged well OH Well No. 12 at Rose and Central to convey water back to the PTP System. Staff is now working through administrative items to ensure that enterprise funds are appropriately managed.

Chair Maulhardt recommended that future meetings be held at facility locations or a tour of the facilities in the future.

5. Future Agenda Topics

No future agenda topics were offered.

ADJOURNMENT 9:57 a.m.

Chair Maulhardt adjourned the Engineering and Operations Committee meeting at 9:57 am.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Engineering and Operations Committee Meeting of December 2, 2021.

ATTEST:



Lynn Maulhardt, Chair