

**MINUTES OF THE
SAN JOSÉ/SANTA CLARA
TREATMENT PLANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

San José City Hall, T-1734
Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Minutes of the Treatment Plant Advisory Committee convened this date at 4:01 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members in attendance:

Committee Members: Debi Davis, John Gatto, Steven Leonardis, Sam Liccardo, Dave Sykes, Kathy Watanabe (alternate), Dev Davis, Anthony Phan (alternate), Sylvia Arenas (alternate)

Absent: Vice Chair Pat Kolstad, Committee Members Lan Diep and Marsha Grilli

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 12, 2017

Item 2.A. was approved to note and file.

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Absent – 1 (Arenas)

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Director's Report (verbal)

- Monthly Progress Report

Assistant Director Ashwini Kantak presented a construction update of the Emergency Diesel Generators, Digester and Thickener Facilities upgrade, 78" SES Pipeline deterioration and 78" SES Pipeline Bypass System.

Committee Member Gatto asked how long the emergency diesel generators would be able to operate after an outage. Ms. Kantak clarified that there would be sufficient fuel to provide backup power for two days; additionally the new Cogeneration project would enable power generation from biogas and natural gas.

Chair Liccardo asked if the 78" concrete pipe was originally in the construction plan for rehabilitation or if the corrosion was a recent discovery. Ms. Kantak responded that this work was intended to be a part of the Yard Piping Project in the Capital Improvement Program. Staff is evaluating several options and anticipates bringing back a recommendation to TPAC and the City Council for an increase in contingency as the Yard Piping Project isn't expected to commence in a couple of years and there is an urgency to replace the piping now.

Committee Member Gatto commented that he found the construction briefing beneficial and suggested a verbal report be provided once or twice a year. Staff will continue to provide periodic updates for larger, complex projects.

5. **AGREEMENTS/ACTION ITEMS**

A. **Discharge Regulations and Future Impacts on the San Jose – Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility**

Staff Recommendation: Accept the first annual update on regulatory items related to the San José – Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility.

This item was accepted by the Transportation and Environment Committee on April 3, 2017, and will be considered by the City Council on April 25, 2017.

Assistant Director Ashwini Kantak presented on this item.

Committee Member Gatto inquired how staff will reduce the amount of biosolids at the Plant until the Dewatering Facility is completed in 2022. He expressed that his level of comfort would be higher if staff provided a clear solution as to how the biosolids would be disposed of as opposed to outsourcing.

Assistant Director Ashwini Kantak responded that staff had evaluated various disposition options during the feasibility analysis and biosolids transition strategy and had received several proposals for different disposition options through a Request for Interest solicitation. The current plan is to complete the new dewatering facility by 2022 and to decommission the biosolids lagoons and drying beds by 2027. A biosolids management team is envisioned to be in place to negotiate new disposition contracts, however if new regulations require a transition to non-landfill sites prior to 2027, alternate disposition options will need to be in place earlier and there will be an impact on operational costs.

Ms. Kantak added that although an on-site composting operation had been considered as part of the biosolids transition strategy, this option was not pursued because it could create potential odor issues.

Chair Liccardo directed staff to bring back information about disposition options, evaluated as part of the biosolids transition strategy, to the next TPAC meeting.

On a motion made by Committee Member Leonardis and a second by Committee Member Watanabe, TPAC recommended approval of staff's recommendation for Item 5.A.

Ayes – 9 (Arenas, Debi Davis, Dev Davis, Gatto, Leonardis, Liccardo, Phan, Sykes, Watanabe)

Nays – 0

Absent – 0

B. Approve Master Consultant Agreements with Cornerstone Earth Group, Golder Associates, and AEI Consultants for On-Call Environmental Consulting Support for City Projects

Staff Recommendation: Approval of Master Service Agreements with the following firms for on-call consulting services for various City projects:

- (1) Cornerstone Earth Group from the date of execution through May 1, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$500,000;
- (2) Golder Associates from the date of execution through May 1, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$500,000; and
- (3) AEI Consultants from the date of execution through May 1, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

This item is scheduled for consideration by the City Council on April 25, 2017.

On a motion by Committee Member Debi Davis and a second by Committee Member Phan, TPAC approved to accept the staff recommendation.

Ayes – 8 (Arenas, Debi Davis, Dev Davis, Leonardis, Liccardo, Phan, Sykes, Watanabe)

Nays – 0

Absent – 0

Abstain – 1 (Gatto)

C. Amendment of Title 22 of the San Jose Municipal Code (Convention, Cultural and Visitors Services) Relating to Funding of Public Art

Staff Recommendation: Approve an ordinance to amend Section 22.08.030 of Chapter 22.08 (Public Art Program) of Title 22 of the San José Municipal Code to exempt capital improvement projects for the San José – Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility from the one percent public art assessment of the capital improvement budget.

This item is scheduled for consideration by the City Council on May 9, 2017

Committee Member Leonardis inquired why the amendment was not considered to go retroactive. Assistant Director Ashwini Kantak clarified that some of the monies collected have been spent; other remaining funds are planned to be used at the Regional Wastewater Facility, in conjunction with capital projects, for which the public art allocation was assessed.

On a motion by Committee Member Gatto and a second by Committee Member Phan, TPAC approved to accept the staff recommendation.

Ayes – 8 (Arenas, Debi Davis, Dev Davis, Gatto, Liccardo, Phan, Sykes, Watanabe)

Nays – 1 (Leonardis)

Absent – 0

6. **OTHER BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Information Memorandum: Decision to Use the Progressive Design-Build Delivery Method for the Yard Piping and Road Improvements Project at the San Jose – Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility

Item 6.A. was approved to note and file.

Ayes – 9 (Arenas, Debi Davis, Dev Davis, Gatto, Leonardis, Liccardo, Phan, Sykes, Watanabe)

Nayes – 0

Absent – 0

7. **STATUS OF ITEMS PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY TPAC**

- A. Master Consultant Agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, Inc. for Engineering and Architectural Services for the 7944 – Support Buildings Improvements Project at the San Jose – Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility

Staff Recommendation: Approve a Master Consultant Agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, Inc. to provide engineering and architectural services for the 7944 – Support Buildings Improvements Project at the San José– Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility from the date of execution through June 30, 2024, in an initial amount not to exceed \$4,800,000, subject to the appropriation of funds.

The proposed recommendation was approved by the City Council on January 24, 2017.

Item 7.A. was approved to note and file.

Ayes – 9 (Arenas, Debi Davis, Dev Davis, Gatto, Leonardis, Liccardo, Phan, Sykes, Watanabe)

Nayes – 0

Absent – 0

8. **REPORTS**

- A. Open Purchase Orders Greater Than \$100,000 (including Service Orders)

The attached monthly Procurement and Contract Activity Report summarizes the Purchase and contracting of goods with an estimated value between \$100,000 and \$1.08 million of services between \$100,000 and \$270,000.

Item 8.A. was approved to note and file.

Ayes – 9 (Arenas, Debi Davis, Dev Davis, Gatto, Leonards, Liccardo, Phan, Sykes, Watanabe)

Nayes – 0

Absent – 0

9. **MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. The next monthly TPAC Meeting is **May 18, 2017**, at 4:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 1734. **Please note this is on the third Thursday of the month.**

Assistant Director Ashwini Kantak mentioned that the Tributary Agencies had asked to continue with the administrative claim process; staff was proposing to hold the hearing at the monthly TPAC meeting in May. Staff is in the process of coordinating committee members' schedules to accommodate an extended meeting.

Chair Liccardo added that TPAC would be willing to waive the hearing if there is a desire for the Tributary Agencies to resolve issues through litigation or mitigation.

10. **OPEN FORUM**

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

- A. The Treatment Plant Advisory Committee adjourned at 4:39 p.m.



Sam Liccardo, Chair

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