

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

San José City Hall, T-1734  
Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 4:01 p.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

**Committee Members:** Debi Davis, Dev Davis, Lan Diep, John Gatto, Steven Leonardis, Sam Liccardo, David Sykes, Kathy Watanabe

**Absent:** Carmen Montano

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. March 14, 2019

Committee Member Leonardis pointed out that the draft minutes listed the wrong date (it should read February 14, 2019).

**On a motion made by Committee Member Leonardis and a second by Committee Member Gatto, TPAC recommended approval of the minutes with the amendment of the date.**

**Ayes – 8** (Debi Davis, Dev Davis, Diep, Gatto, Leonardis, Liccardo, Ortbal, Watanabe)

**Absent – 1** (Montano)

**3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS**

**4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

A. Director's Report (verbal)

Director Kerrie Romanow was available for questions regarding the CIP update included in the TPAC packet this month.

**5. AGREEMENTS/ACTION ITEMS**

A. San José- Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility Capital Improvement Program Semiannual Status Report

Staff Recommendation:

Accept the semiannual status report on the San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility Capital Improvement Program for the period of July 2018-December 2018.

**This item is scheduled for consideration by the T&E Committee on April 8, 2019.**

Assistant Director of Environmental Services Napp Fukuda and Division Manager of the RWF Capital Improvement Program David Ohlson presented.

Committee Member Gatto had reservations regarding Biosolids Solution and the Dewatering Facility.

Assistant Director Fukuda addressed the concern, mentioning the hire of an Environmental Services Program Manager to initiate the Biosolids market study and the strategies that are being used to address these issues.

Director Kerrie Romanow added that markets change and fluctuate over time.

Committee Member Gatto was concerned that there were companies that could take care of the whole biosolids process and that there hadn't been sufficient vetting of all options.

Chair Liccardo agreed and said that he believed that nothing had been settled and that it sounded like the process was ongoing to find the right solution.

Assistant Director Fukuda said that this was correct and that the hope was the market study would be able to resolve some of these issues.

Committee Member Gatto asked if the Dewatering Facility was a necessary factor to all the solutions.

Assistant Director Fukuda stated that it may not be needed for all solutions but that it was need for some.

Committee Member Gatto wondered if delaying for six to nine months might allow more clarity and make a significant difference.

Assistant Director Fukuda said that is what they were doing and Director

Romanow added that by the time the Dewatering Project was awarded the Biosolids strategy would be in place.

Chair Liccardo asked what the vacancy percentage was.

Director Romanow answered that the rate was a little under 30% and that it was becoming apparent that something different needs to be done to deliver this program.

Chair Liccardo asked what the relationship with San José State and other universities regarding a pipeline of applicants.

Director Romanow answered that it was relatively ok for entry positions, but it was the senior positions that were more in need. She discussed the strategies that the positions were using to try and attract more applicants.

Chair Liccardo asked if this meant that the program will need to rely more on consultants.

Director Romanow said yes.

Chair Liccardo asked if timing was important in choosing when to do construction.

Director Romanow said that the list of projects could be looked at and see if the team could offer their insight in that matter, including Matt Cano and his expertise in construction.

Chair Liccardo asked why Design-Build was chosen for the Dewatering Facility.

Division Manager of RWF Capital Improvement Program David Ohlson replied that there is a benefit to a contractor and designer working together to come up with innovative solutions for the design. For this type of project, the design will be driven by the performance criteria, so collaboration with the design-builder is more advantageous than a traditional design-bid-build process.

Committee Member Gatto also gave background that one of the benefits of having a design-build contract would be the proposal could be written in such a way that the outcome could be written but the creativity of the people designing, and building would be able to provide different options that might not otherwise be allowed.

Chair Liccardo asked why this Design-Build type of team wasn't always hired.

Deputy Director of Public Works Mike O'Connell replied it depends on the

creativity needed for the project or how challenging or not challenging the project is. Design-Build allows more creativity in the design of a project. Traditional Design-Bid-Build method is best for projects that are more typical and the design can be more prescriptive.

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

**Ayes – 8** (Debi Davis, Dev Davis, Diep, Gatto, Leonardis, Liccardo, Ortbal, Watanabe)

**Absent – 1** (Montano)

B. Actions Related to the Purchase Order for Clarifier Coating Rehabilitation Services

Staff Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to:

- (a) Execute a Purchase Order with Euro Style Management, Inc. (North Highlands, CA) for clarifier coating rehabilitation services at the San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility for an initial twelve-month period, starting on or about May 1, 2019 and ending on or about April 30, 2020, for an amount not to exceed \$717,200; and
- (b) Exercise up to four one-year options to extend the term of the Purchase Order with the last option year ending on or about April 30, 2024, subject to the annual appropriation of funds.

Desired Outcome: Increase the life expectancy of the Regional Wastewater Facility clarifier tanks.

**This item is scheduled for consideration by the City Council on April 23, 2019.**

Assistant Director Fukuda explained the reasoning behind this Purchase Order and the following Purchase Order and was available for questions.

Committee Member Gatto asked if there was previous experience with the company that the work was being contracted to.

Assistant Director Fukuda said yes.

**On a motion made by Committee Member Gatto and a second by Committee Member Debi Davis, TPAC recommended approval of staff's recommendation for Item 5.B.**

**Ayes – 8** (Debi Davis, Dev Davis, Diep, Gatto, Leonardis, Liccardo, Ortbal, Watanabe)

**Absent – 1** (Montano)

C. Actions Related to the Purchase Order for Sand Blasting and Painting Services

Staff Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to:

- (a) Execute a Purchase Order with Jeffco Painting and Coating, Inc. (Vallejo, CA) for sandblasting and painting services at the San Jose-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility for an initial twelve-month period, starting on or about May 1, 2019 and ending on or about April 30, 2020, for an amount not to exceed \$400,000; and
- (b) Exercise up to four one-year options to extend the term of the Purchase Order with the last option year ending on or about April 30, 2024, subject to the appropriation of funds.

Desired Outcome: To complete scheduled sandblasting and painting projects at the Regional Wastewater Facility to ensure equipment and infrastructure are preserved.

**This item is scheduled for consideration by the City Council on April 23, 2019.**

**On a motion made by Committee Member Gatto and a second by Committee Member Dev Davis, TPAC recommended approval of staff's recommendation for Item 5.C.**

**Ayes – 8** (Debi Davis, Dev Davis, Diep, Gatto, Leonardis, Liccardo, Ortbal, Watanabe)

**Absent – 1** (Montano)

6. **OTHER BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

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

A. Election of Chair

Committee Members approved Sam Liccardo as Chair.

B. Election of Vice Chair

Committee Members approved Debi Davis as Vice Chair.

C. 8716 – South Bay Water Recycling Pump Station 5 VFD Replacement

Staff Recommendation:

Report on bids and award of contract for the 8716 - South Bay Water Recycling Pump Station 5 VFD Replacement project to the low bidder, CESCORP dba CAL ELECTRIC, in the amount of \$243,100 and approve a contingency in the amount of \$24,300, for a total of \$267,400.

**This item is was approved by the City Council on March 19, 2019.**

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 \$1.17 million and of services between \$100,000 and \$290,000.

9. **MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. The next TPAC Meeting is on **May 16, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.**, City Hall, Room 1734.

10. **OPEN FORUM**

Dean Stanford was confused and thought the Pond A18 report was meant to be on this Agenda.

Chair Liccardo replied that it had not been scheduled.

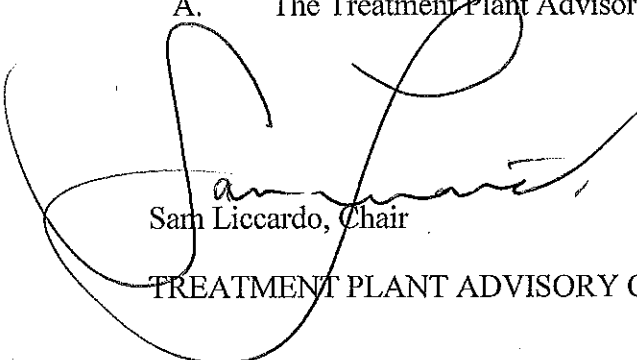
Dean Stanford gave an update to his work with the Pond A18 issue and the consideration of a park.

Chair Liccardo asked if Pond A18 would be on a future Agenda.

Director Romanow replied that it would be.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

A. The Treatment Plant Advisory Committee adjourned at 4:33 p.m.



Sam Liccardo, Chair

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