

## **ENGINEERING COMMITTEE NOTES**

**March 2, 2021**

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### **Attendees:**

Committee members:	Randal Reed (Chair) and Kevin Kenley
Staff members:	John Bosler, Carrie Guarino, Eduardo Espinoza, Chad Brantley, Rob Hills, Praseetha Krishnan, Tuan Truong, Gidti Ludesirishoti, Michael Maestas, John Roberts and Eric Grubb
Legal Counsel:	Jeff Ferre, Lutfi Kharuf and Rebecca Chaparro (BB&K) for Closed Session
Members of the Public:	None.
<b>Call to Order:</b>	5:00 p.m.
<b>Public Comment:</b>	None.
<b>Additions/Deletions to Agenda:</b>	None.

### **Introductory Remarks by Committee Chair Reed**

Chair Reed announced for the record that this meeting was conducted by teleconference pursuant to the Brown Act waivers provided for under the Governor's executive Orders in response to the COVID-19 State of Emergency. Further, the agenda stated that there was no public location for attending this meeting in person. The agenda stated that the public may listen and provide comment telephonically by calling the number listed on the agenda. Chair Reed took a roll call of Committee members and staff present on the call as listed above.

### **I. Construction of Waterline in Baseline Road from Haven Avenue to Deer Creek Channel**

- Staff presented an Award of contract to Norstar Plumbing and Engineering, Inc. for the construction of a waterline in Baseline Road and Haven Avenue to Deer Creek. The project will replace approximately 1,600 linear feet of existing 12-inch main, which was built in 1979 and is nearing the end of its service life. The project will also replace the valves in the intersection of Haven Ave and Baseline Rd that are inoperable. The lack of functioning valves creates larger shutdown, which disrupts more customers and reduces operational flexibility.

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- On February 23, 2021, the District received five (5) bids for the project and two (2) bids were rejected as nonresponsive. These two bidders did not acknowledge the addendum issued by the District and submitted a wrong bid form for their bids.
- The lowest and responsive bidder was Norstar Plumbing and Engineering, Inc. with the price of \$745,065.00 and within the approved budget.
- The committee concurred with staff's recommendation to forward this item to the full Board of Directors for approval.

### 2. Closed Session

Closed Session was called to order at 5:08 p.m.

In attendance were the Committee Members, the General Manager, the Legal Counsel (Jeff Ferre, Lutfi Kharuf and Rebecca Chaparro), Assistant General Manager/CFO, Director of Engineering Services, Director of Finance & Technology Services, Director of Operations, Capital Projects and Development Manager, Planning and Water Resources Manager, Water Production Manager, Water Treatment Plant Manager, and the Associate Engineer.

a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code

Section 54956.9

One potential case

b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) and initiation of litigation

pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9

One potential case

### 3. Reconvene/Report on Closed Session

The regular meeting reconvened at 5:50 p.m. at which time Chair Reed announced that there was no action to report from closed session.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:52 p.m.