

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SEWERAGE COMMISSION - OROVILLE REGION

(Held at the Commission office on October 24, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.)

1. Call to Order ❖

Chairman Taggart called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call ❖

Commissioners present were Commissioners Mastelotto and Salvucci (via Zoom) from the Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District, Pittman and Thomson from the City of Oroville, Taggart and Koch from the Thermalito Water and Sewer District. Staff present was Manager Glen Sturdevant, Plant Supervisor Mikah Salsi, and Attorney Ryan Jones.

3. Salute to the Flag ❖

Commissioner Thomson led the commissioners and staff in the salute to the flag.

4. Acknowledgment of Visitors ❖

None

5. Board Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 26, 2023 ❖

Upon motion by Commissioner Koch to approve the minutes of the meeting, and seconded by Vice-Chair Pittman, the minutes of the September 26, 2023 regular meeting were unanimously approved.

6. Authorization of Warrants ❖

Vice-Chair Pittman met with Manager Sturdevant and reviewed the warrants earlier: Warrants included check numbers 28417-28462 for a total amount of \$274,727.86 from September 27, 2023 to October 24, 2023, including Commissioner fees and electronic fund transfers. The warrants were ordered paid by consensus.

7. Fiscal Reports ❖

Manager Sturdevant stated that the fiscal reports for September were included in the packets. There were no questions.

8. Closed Session ❖

The Commissioners adjourned to closed session at 5:03 pm and reconvened to open session at 5:37 pm. Chairman Taggart stated that there was information received in closed session, and direction was given. There was nothing further to report.

9. Adopt Final Audit for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 ❖

Manager Sturdevant said that he had not received any questions on the audit, so it is before the board for adoption.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mastelotto, and seconded by Commissioner Salvucci to adopt the financial statements prepared by Fechter and Company for Fiscal Year 2022/23. The motion passed by unanimous consensus.

10. Consolidation and Elimination of SC-OR Policies Pertaining to Septic Pumpers. Policy 3205 was Created to Cover the Eliminated Policies ❖

Manager Sturdevant stated that these policies were redundant and/or refer to one another. Several had to be changed whenever there was a change to the septic rate or insurance limits. We now refer to the Septage SOP in policy #3205, which has the rates and insurance limits included. These policies pertain specifically to septic pumpers, and thought best to consolidate them into one policy #3205, and eliminate policies 3210, 3220, 3230, 3240, 3250 and 3260. Commissioner Koch asked if there was a resolution associated with any of these policies. Manager Sturdevant said he didn't believe so, but would look into it further.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koch to approve the new consolidated policy #3205, which eliminates policies 3210, 3220, 3230, 3240, 3250 and 3260. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Pittman, and passed by unanimous consensus.

11. Amendment No. 6 to Engineering Task Order No. 20 – General Consulting Services ❖

Manager Sturdevant said that he was requesting an amendment to the Jacobs Task Order No. 20, General Engineering Consultation, for an amount not to exceed \$40,000. This is for any general engineering issues that come up at SC-OR so that we get quick answers.

A motion was made by Chairman Taggart, and seconded by Commissioner Salvucci to approve the amendment to the General Consulting Service Task Order No. 20 with Jacobs Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$40,000. The motion passed by the following vote: Pittman – Aye, Taggart – Aye, Mastelotto – Aye.

12. Attorney's Report ❖

Attorney Jones stated that there was nothing to report that hadn't already been reported in closed session.

13. Manager's Report ❖

Manager Sturdevant reported that he and plant supervisor Salsi were going to the California Water Reuse conference from November 5th – 7th. California passed a law that says we can go to direct potable reuse, so we are interested to see how they are going to roll that out.

He and plant supervisor Salsi had a meeting with the State of California regarding the State Revolving Fund Loan Application that we submitted. We are now on the fundable list. This is a reimbursement loan, so as we spend money on the upgrade, then we request money from the SRF. The application was for a \$45M loan to do the complete upgrade project. If we are able to obtain any grants monies, that means less money that we have to borrow from the SRF.

We have narrowed our search for an OIT to two candidates. We have a final interview with one candidate on Thursday, and the second on the following Monday.

Commissioner Koch asked how the meeting with Assemblyman Gallagher went. Manager Sturdevant said it went well, and he was going to try to get money for us in his budget for a study on recycled water and for the upgrade. He was very interested in our outside-the-box thinking, and that we wanted to be a leader in the north state for recycled water. He was also on board with our proposed power plant, and was surprised that no one else was trying to put one where we are looking to put ours.

14. Visitor Comments ❖

None

15. Commissioner and Staff Comments ❖

Commissioner Pittman reported that Fred Mayo, the new city public works director, met with Manager Sturdevant on the Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG) Program, and asked Glen if we were doing the FOG program. Manager Sturdevant told him that the city is in charge of their own FOG program, which has not been implemented. Manager Sturdevant said there had been discussion of consolidating the program for all JPA member entities, but nothing has been done towards making that happen. He told Fred that SC-OR would help him in whatever he needs help with to get his program up and running.

Chairman Taggart asked about the new garbage regulation. Manager Sturdevant said that we were trying to find out more about this new regulation. We do not have a green waste container, but have ordered one from Recology to put our food scraps in. We are wondering where Recology is going to put these food scraps, as they do not have a compost yard. Recology is going through the application process to hook up to our system.

Vice-Chair Pittman suggested that we could pose any questions on the new recycle/composting program to Victoria at City Hall. She is the city's new recycling/waste coordinator.

16 Adjournment ♦

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m. to the regular meeting scheduled for November 14, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



GLEN E. STURDEVANT, CLERK