

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

(Held at the Commission office on January 23, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.)

1. Call to Order ❖

Chairperson Goodson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call ❖

Commissioners present were Commissioners Fairbanks and Kiely from the Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District, Goodson and Reynolds from the City of Oroville, Taggart and Reynolds from the Thermalito Water and Sewer District. Staff present were Manager Scott Koch and SC-OR Attorney Desiree Vance.

3. Salute to the Flag ❖

Commissioner Chuck Reynolds led Commissioners and staff in the salute to the flag.

4. A Moment of Silence in memory of Leo Battle, SC-OR Attorney ❖

Chairperson Janet Goodson called for a moment of silence in memory of former SC-OR attorney, Leo Battle. Mr. Battle was acknowledged for 35 years of service to SC-OR and will be greatly missed.

5. Acknowledgment and Welcome of New Attorney ❖

Chairperson Goodson introduced and welcomed Desiree Vance as the new SC-OR attorney.

6. Acknowledgment and Welcome of New Commissioner ❖

Chairperson Goodson introduced and welcomed new Commissioner, Chuck Reynolds, representing the City of Oroville. Commissioner Reynolds replaces outgoing Commissioner Linda Dahlmeier, who served 8 years on the SC-OR Board.

7. Acknowledgment of Visitors ❖

Chairperson Goodson acknowledged two visitors: Ken Shuey from Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group, and Ted Couch from Jacobs Engineering.

8. Board Meeting Minutes ❖

Upon motion by Vice-Chair Fairbanks to approve the minutes of the meetings, and second by Commissioner Taggart, and the minutes of the December 19, 2018 regular meeting and the January 8, 2019 special meeting were unanimously approved.

9. Employee Safety Meeting Minutes ❖

Upon motion by Commissioner Kiely to approve the employee safety meeting of December 21, 2018, and second by Vice-Chairman Fairbanks, the minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved.

10. Authorization of Warrants ❖

Commissioner Taggart met with Manager Koch and checked the warrants earlier, and finding everything to be in order made a motion for their approval. Upon second by Vice-Chair Fairbanks, warrants 25252-25312 in the total amount of \$395,856.90 from December 20, 2018 to January 23, 2019, including Commissioner fees and electronic fund transfers, were unanimously approved and ordered paid.

11. Fiscal Reports ❖

Fiscal Officer Koch reported that all fiscal reports were included in the board packets; there were no questions and there was nothing further to report.

12. Resolution 01-19 (Investment of SC-OR Monies in L.A.I.F.) ❖

Manager Koch explained that Resolution 01-19 is the annual resolution authorizing the investment of SC-OR funds into the Local Agency Investment Fund (L.A.I.F.). Outgoing Commissioner Dahlmeier will be removed and new Commissioner Chuck Reynolds will be added from those authorized to order the deposit or withdrawal of monies to the LAIF Account.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kiely to approve Resolution 01-19, authorizing Investments of SC-OR Monies into L.A.I.F., which was seconded by Commissioner Taggart, and passed by the following votes: C. Reynolds – Aye, Taggart – Aye, Kiely – Aye.

13. Annual Transfer of Funds in Accordance with Resolution 03-04 ❖

Manager Koch explained that he would like to transfer \$122,783 from the solar savings to the capital outlay fund; \$122,783 is what was left over from the BP settlement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kiely to approve the annual transfer of solar funds in accordance with Resolution 03-04 in the amount of \$122,783 to the capital outlay fund. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Fairbanks, and passed by the following votes: Taggart – Aye, Kiely – Aye, C. Reynolds – Aye.

14. Jacobs Engineering update❖

Ted Couch, Engineer for Jacobs Engineering, reviewed the 30% design upgrade project for the treatment plant, and where we will be in the future. A slide presentation was given showing the projected upgrades.

15. Provost and Pritchard Engineering update ❖

Ken Shuey of Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group presented at update on the funding and where the Nexus shows rates need to be. He mentioned that I&I has an extraordinarily significant impact on this plant. The growth rate in this area is about .3%, which will be a significant factor in the funding analysis because there are not connection fees to help fund these improvements. We are looking at gradually increasing the sewer service fees to fund the loan. Manager Koch asserted that movement forward cannot occur until direction as to fees is approved, as this is a required piece of the loan application.

After lengthy discussion it was determined that Manager Koch would amend the projections and send the information out to the Commissioners, allowing them to take the information back to their boards. Ken Shuey agreed to be available for presentations to the Commissioners' boards, or to answer questions they may have.

16. Attorney's Report ❖

Attorney Vance reported there are no claims or litigation against the plant, and everything is running smoothly. She notified the Commissioners that former Attorney Battles' service are scheduled for February 23rd at Our Divine Savior in Chico at 10:00 a.m.

17. Manager's Report ❖

- Due to excessive I&I, the plant experienced extremely high peak flows on January 16th and 17th. All pumps were running at full speed, and portable pumps were needed to get the water through the plant and into storage. Both pumps at the FRPS were running, leaving no room for failure of equipment. Due to the extreme conditions there were equipment failures. We are working on repairs. Because the plant is short staffed, pressure on staff during this event was also extreme.

Following are repairs to our equipment: Primary sewage pump #3 is repaired and running. The RAS pump motor is in the shop, and should be repaired by the end of the week. The FRPS flow meter is operating again, but will require more servicing once the wet season is over. Auxiliary pump #1 is repaired and ready for service. Sewage pump #5 – parts have arrived and repairs are planned this week. Auxiliary 2A soft stop needs to be replaced with a new starter and overload block. Tests on the motor and wires turned out good; we are currently working on scheduling for the replacement of the starter and overloads block.

We need a new primary pump station if we do nothing anything else in this design. It will allow us to insure the water coming into the plant is treated and the excess water can be diverted into storage.

- Someone got by our security system and into our solar field, and cut and removed over 200' of wire. They cut the fence but we have repaired it. We had wire on hand and are working to repair the system.

- The Northern Sacramento Valley Section (NSVS) and California Water Environmental Association (CWEA) held their annual awards banquet this weekend, and SC-OR received three honors. 1) A plaque for hosting a local training, 2) A plaque for Administrative Professional of the Year to Lauri Pittman, and 3) A plaque for Supervisor of the Year to Scott Koch.

18. Visitor Comments ❖

None

19. Commissioner and Staff Comments ❖

None

20. Adjournment ❖

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. to the regular meeting scheduled for February 27, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



SCOTT J. KOCH, CLERK