

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

(Held at the Commission office on August 26, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.)

1. Call to Order ❖

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

2. Roll Call ❖

Commissioners present were Commissioners Fairbanks and Kuehner from the Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District, Pittman and Reynolds from the City of Oroville, Hatley and Latulippe from the Thermalito Water and Sewer District. Staff present was Manager Scott Koch and SC-OR Attorney Desiree Vance.

3. Salute to the Flag ❖

Chairman Hatley led Commissioners and staff in the salute to the flag.

4. Acknowledgment of Visitors ❖

Ted Couch of Jacobs Engineering, SC-OR staff members Glen Sturdevant and Mikah Salsi

5. Board Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 22, 2020 ❖

Upon motion by Commissioner Kuehner to approve the minutes of the meetings, and second by Vice-Chair Pittman, the minutes of the July 22, 2020 regular meeting were unanimously approved.

6. Authorization of Warrants ❖

Chairman Hatley met with Manager Koch and checked the warrants earlier and having found everything to be in order made a motion to approve warrants 26256-26315 in the total amount of \$824,604.94 from July 23 to August 26, 2020, including Commissioner fees and electronic fund transfers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and the warrants were unanimously approved and ordered paid.

7. Fiscal Reports ❖

Manager Koch stated there were no fiscal reports this month due to the annual audit.

8. Resolution 07-20 (Adopting a Categorical Exemption for the New Primary Influent Pump Station Project) ❖

Fiscal Officer Koch said that this resolution is a CEQA exemption for the new primary pump station that needs to be adopted and filed with the County as part of the project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds to adopt Resolution 07-20, Adopting a Categorical Exemption for the New Primary Influent Pump Station Project, and seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks. The motion passed by the following vote: Reynolds – Yes, Latulippe – Yes, Kuehner – Yes.

9. Resolution 08-20 (Adopting the Northern Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan) ❖

Manager Koch stated that this Resolution adopts the IRWM Program enabling SC-OR to receive grant funds for the primary pump station.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kuehner to adopt Resolution 08-20, Adopting the Northern Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, and passed by the following vote: Reynolds – Yes, Latulippe – Yes, Kuehner – Yes.

10. Attorney's Report ❖

Attorney Vance reported that all is running smoothly at the plant. There is nothing further to report.

Commissioner Pittman asked if anything has changed with the accessory dwelling units. Attorney Vance said she wasn't aware of any changes.

11. Manager's Report ❖

- PFAS Testing: SC-OR was given an order by the Regional Water Quality Control Board that we will need to perform testing on PFA's. This will begin in the fourth quarter of this year and run for a year. PFA's are a family of 5,000+ manmade and mostly unregulated chemicals. The cost range for this testing is anywhere from \$5,000 to \$20,000 that was not budgeted for.

Manager Koch reported that we received the track loader and the Brown Bear. The Brown Bear has not yet been hooked up; we are waiting on the manufacturer who will be at the plant September 1st to do the startup. Commissioner Pittman asked what the use is of this new equipment. Foreman Sturdevant stated it will vastly shorten the drying time of our biosolids. Manager Koch said it will also come in handy when the digester is dewatered and converted to an aeration basin; we will be able to use the track loader to remove the solids. It will also be used on the UV system to move equipment around.

12. Visitor Comments ❖

Ted Couch, the Jacob's Project Manager of our upgrade, gave an update to the Commission on the project. They are working on the 90% design on the upgrade, which will be submitted in October, and the 100% design will be done in February. Funding will be the next step after that. Ted emphasized the importance of having staff with institutional knowledge available during the upgrade project.

Vice-Chair Pittman asked if there are any facilities in our near area who have done this type of upgrade. Ted said that most of the other plants have done the upgrades already since the Clean Water Act was instituted. Glen Sturdevant said that SC-OR is a well-run plant and has not violated its permit, which is why we are at the tail end of upgrades compared to other plants. Plants that have violated their permit were made to do upgrades ten years ago. SC-OR has done a good job of putting out clean water, which is why the Regional Water Board has not pushed us to do the upgrade.

13. Commissioner and Staff Comments ❖

Vice-Chair Pittman said he was glad to see the upgrade happening because City projects are happening at a fast pace.

Manager Koch reported that we have hired a grade III operator who starts on September 1st. We got very lucky in that a grade III was moving from Georgia back to California. He had already submitted his paperwork to the State of California and they gave him a grade III certificate. He was a chief plant operator in Georgia.

14. Closed Session ❖

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:26 p.m., and reconvened to open meeting at 6:14 p.m. The Manager's contract was discussed. No action was taken. This will be brought back to a special meeting on Monday, August 31st at 9:00 am.

15. Adjournment ❖

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. to the special meeting scheduled for August 31, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



SCOTT J. KOCH, CLERK