

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

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

1. Call to Order ❖

Chairman Fairbanks 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, Pittman and Reynolds from the City of Oroville, and Hatley and Latulippe from the Thermalito Water and Sewer District.

3. Salute to the Flag ❖

Commissioner Reynolds led 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 25, 2019❖

Upon motion by Vice-Chair Hatley to approve the minutes of the meetings, and second by Commissioner Reynolds, the minutes of the September 25, 2019 regular meeting were unanimously approved.

6. Authorization of Warrants ❖

Chairman Fairbanks met with Manager Koch and checked the warrants earlier, and having found everything to be in order made a motion for their approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. Warrants 25751-25805 in the total amount of \$127,408.53 from September 26, 2019 to October 23, 2019, including Commissioner fees and electronic fund transfers, were unanimously approved and ordered paid.

7. Fiscal Reports ❖

Manager Koch stated the fiscal reports for September were in the packets for review. There were no questions and nothing further to report.

8. Advisory Committee Report of Establishing Technical Adjustment for Constituents, Physical Plant Costs and Historical Performances ❖

Commissioner Kiely reported that it was discussed to consider reducing the gallons per day (gpd) per EDU from 260gpd to 145gpd, which is what is actually recorded. Doing this will give us more plant capacity. The options discussed were as follows:

- Maintain the 260gpd per EDU for excess flow charge calculations for a period of 3 years giving, the member entities time to implement aggressive I&I reduction programs. After 3-years the calculated value would reflect the new gpd per EDU number; and/or;
- Once the three-year period is expired, and excess flows are calculated at the new gpd per EDU, the board could implement a rebate program with 50% of flow surcharge going back to the member entities for materials purchased and used in the reduction of I&I. This would exclude labor and equipment costs.

Manager Koch stated we don't want to put an excess burden on the entities or on SC-OR. We should put this program in place before the upgrade of the facility. The goal is to reduce I&I, which will reduce costs to SC-OR.

Vice-Chair Hatley reiterated what was discussed and asked if there was a rough guess on what SC-OR currently gets from overages. Manager Koch said this was the first year in six years we have had any overages by the entities. Vice-Chair Hatley asked if this rebate would be a burden on SC-OR. Manager Koch explained that if it caused the entities to put money into fixing their I&I then it would reduce the costs of overtime and chemicals used to treat the excess flows coming into the plant, so it would be a win-win for SC-OR and the entities.

Manager Koch said he would like to continue working on this change to be sure it is fair to all entities.

9. Review of I&I Peak Charge Resolution 07-19, Resolution Establishing the Formulas for Determining Infiltration/Inflow Surcharges, and Corresponding Policy 7305 ❖

Manager Koch said this Resolution is an annual review based upon EDU's sold at the time of the budget. The Cost Per Million Gallons on Exhibit A went down by \$191 this year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kiely to adopt Resolution 07-19, Establishing the Formulas for Determining Infiltration/Inflow Surcharges, and Corresponding Policy 7305. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Hatley, and passed by the following vote: Reynolds – Yes, Hatley – Yes, Fairbanks – Yes.

10. Request for Authorization to Amend the Contract for Jacobs Engineering and to Execute Task Order No. 34 – Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Final Design ❖

Manager Koch stated that we are at the 30% design for modifications to the facility; this task order will finish the design to 100%. The timeframe is once this is signed to February 2021 to complete the design plans. The request is for an additional \$2.3 million.

Commissioner Reynolds asked how many task orders we've had on this project. Manager Koch said that this is the second task order. Once this design is completed then the project will be ready to go out to bid.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds to Authorize Amending the Contract for Jacobs Engineering and to Execute Task Order No. 34; the motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Hatley, and passed by the following vote: Reynolds – Yes, Hatley – Yes, Fairbanks – Yes.

11. Proposal for Adding Valve at the Clay Pond

Manager Koch said that the drain valve for the clay pond is just a canal gate, and it will no longer hold water. We have tried to repair it, but it is no longer repairable without jackhammering through the cement and replacing the guiderails and valves, and then we would still be dealing with a canal gate. What he would like to do is dig into the levee of the pond, cut into the drainpipe and place a gear operating plug valve. We would put a reinforced concrete top on it. This would enable us to operate, adjust flow, and isolate the pond as needed.

This proposal is to have an engineer draft up a design of what needs to be done. We do not want to compromise the integrity of the levee, and we do not have the skills or equipment to do this ourselves.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds to Authorize the Proposal for Adding a Valve at the Clay Pond; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kiely, and passed by the following vote: Reynolds – Yes, Hatley – Yes, Fairbanks – Yes.

12. Attorney's Report ❖

Attorney Vance reported that there are no claims or litigation against the plant, and everything is going well.

13. Manager's Report ❖

Manager Koch said we had a flat result on our toxicity test in the reproduction of water fleas. We pulled another sample for testing. We called the Regional Water Quality Control Board and they said if we pass the resample test then we will not have to do the accelerated testing, which is very costly. We did pass the preliminary second test, but have not received the official confirmation yet, which is what the Regional Board wants; once we get the official report, we will send it to the Regional Board.

Manager Koch said Our West Interceptor runs through the yard of Bill Marks on Oro Dam Blvd just past 10th street. Bill Marks called Scott on Columbus Day and said there was a sinkhole in his yard and he thought he smelled sewage. Manager Koch dispatched a crew there, and they hand dug where the sinkhole was to the line and found no evidence of a leak. TWSD was called and asked if they could camera the line for us. They did, and the pipe is in beautiful shape, all the joints are solid, with no root intrusion. The owner was happy that we responded so quickly and what we did to ensure there was no problem. We informed him that he has roots in his lateral and he said he would take care of it.

Manager Koch stated that the annual audit is at each Commissioners' spot to take and review. If there are any questions, please let Manager Koch know and he will have the auditor at the next meeting to address those questions.

14. Visitor Comments ❖

None

15. Commissioner and Staff Comments ❖

Commissioner Pittman asked how SC-OR fared during the power outages. Manager Koch said the generators worked well and kept everything running for 36-hours. Commissioner Kiely suggested that SC-OR send an invoice to PG&E for the overtime occurred during the outages.

16. Adjournment ❖

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m. to the regular meeting scheduled on November 20, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



SCOTT J. KOCH, CLERK