

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 19, 2023
10:00 A.M.

Chairman Corneille called the Operations Committee meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. The meeting was held as a hybrid meeting with in-person and Zoom/teleconference attendance.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Corneille, Chairman
Robert Stewart, Vice President

STAFF PRESENT:

Katelyn Scholte, Principal Engineer
Erwin Fogerson, PERC Engineer
Angie Quiroga, Senior Administrative Analyst

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public present.

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 28, 2023

It was moved by Vice President Stewart and seconded by Director Corneille to approve the meeting minutes from March 28, 2023, as presented. The motion carried 2-0, with all directors present voting in the affirmative.

Vice President Stewart: Yes
Director Corneille: Yes

4. MILL CREEK DIVERSION AND DEBRIS MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BID PACKET

Ms. Scholte reviewed the Mill Creek Diversion and Debris Management Improvement Project bid packet provided as a handout. Discussion ensued on modeling. Ms. Scholte said that CWE is rerunning the modeling. She reviewed the specifications and design of the project. Vice President Stewart provided written comments to staff on the bid packet. Director Corneille asked if the United States Army Corp of Engineers (COE) reviewed the specifications. Mr. Fogerson indicated that the COE reviewed the

drawings. Director Corneille said that the bid package was well done. Mr. Fogerson and Ms. Scholte stated that staff, CWE, and District Counsel also reviewed the bid package. Director Corneille said that in the future, we may want to have a final set of plans. The work hours noted within the bid package that indicates 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM are related to the City of Redlands permitting requirements, and the COE and the 1602 permit specify the work hour and speed limit requirements of ten miles per hour noted therein. Director Stewart said that the bid package does not explicitly indicate when the District wants the project built. Ms. Scholte noted that it currently says 80 days, but we are considering lowering it to 60 days. Director Corneille said that 80 days is tight. Mr. Fogerson said that he would rather have the bid phase start at 60 days, and if needed, the contractor can ask for more and potentially go up to 100 days if needed. Director Stewart said that we need to clearly state that this project does not include rain days and cannot be extended into 2024. Ms. Scholte indicated that a detailed chart was submitted to the Operations Committee at its last meeting and that staff will do all it can to expedite this project. Mr. Fogerson said that the notice to proceed indicates that the contractor has 15 days to start. There will be a pre-bid meeting, date to be determined. Discussion on specifications ensued.

Vice President Stewart asked if it would be possible to note that there are no nesting birds – if this is the result of surveys – in the bid package. Ms. Scholte said that the biology surveys will not be completed until three days before construction begins. Discussion ensued on rock specifications. Mr. Fogerson said that staff controlled the specifications and provided a gradation table for the contractor to follow in the bid packet. Ms. Scholte noted that a lump sum bid item was not used is to ensure there is as much concrete in the grouted rock as possible. The rock and concrete are separate. There will be an inspector in the field to control the use of concrete versus rock. Director Corneille said he likes the detailed bid schedule rather than the lump sum. Ms. Scholte said that nesting bird season has been extended from February through September. She said Assistant Biologist Anna Frey will be the designated biologist, except for San Bernardino kangaroo rat, and a daily inspection report would be completed. Vice President Stewart is concerned that those who bid on the project are unaware of these items. Ms. Scholte said that all of the permits will be included in the bid documents. Director Corneille asked when the bid will be awarded. Staff plan to award the contract in July. The construction contracts will be brought to the Board meeting for consideration in June. The COE has begun drafting the 404 permit.

5. ADJOURN MEETING

There was no further business, and the meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

It was moved by Director Corneille and seconded by Director Stewart to adjourn. The motion carried 2-0, with all directors present voting in the affirmative.

**Vice President Stewart: Yes
Director Corneille: Yes**