

SOUTH SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

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AGENDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Oceano CSD Board Room 1655 Front Street Oceano, CA 93445

Wednesday, January 03, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members

John Shoals, Chair Linda Austin, Vice Chair Jim Hill, Director

Agencies

City of Grover Beach Oceano Community Services District City of Arroyo Grande

Alternate Board Members

Karen White, Director Tim Brown, Director Barbara Nicolls, Director Oceano Community Services District City of Arroyo Grande City of Grover Beach

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. AGENDA REVIEW

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON AGENDA

This public comment period is an invitation to members of the community to present comments, thoughts or suggestions on matters not scheduled on this agenda. Comments should be limited to those matters which are within the jurisdiction of the District. The Brown Act restricts the Board from taking formal action on matters not published on the agenda. In response to your comments, the Chair or presiding Board Member may:

- Direct Staff to assist or coordinate with you.
- Direct Staff to place your issue or matter on a future Board meeting agenda.

Please adhere to the following procedures when addressing the Board:

- Comments should be limited to three (3) minutes or less.
 - Your comments should be directed to the Board as a whole and not directed to individual Board members.
- Slanderous, profane or personal remarks against any Board Member, Staff or member of the audience shall not be permitted.

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5. CONSENT AGENDA:

The following routine items listed below are scheduled for consideration as a group. Each item is recommended for approval unless noted. Any member of the public who wishes to comment on any Consent Agenda item may do so at this time. Any Board Member may request that any item be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda to permit discussion or to change the recommended course of action. The Board may approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda on one motion.

5A. Approval of Warrants

5B. Approval of Minutes of December 06, 2017

6. ACTION ITEMS:

6A. ELECTION OF CALENDAR YEAR 2018 BOARD OFFICERS

Recommendation: Consider and elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2018 Calendar Year.

6B. ISSUANCE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR REDUNDANCY PROJECT

Recommendation: The Board consider and approve the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Environmental Services (RFP), attachment "A", in support of funding opportunities for the Redundancy Project.

6C. REVIEW OF BRINE PROGRAM

Recommendation: Receive and File Report.

6D. NOTICE OF VIOLATION: REQUEST TO EXECUTE "ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONAL RESOLUTION AND WAIVER OF RIGHT TO HEARING"

Recommendation: That the Board adopt Resolution 2018-384; a resolution of the Board approving the "Acceptance of Conditional Resolution and Waiver of Right to Hearing" and direct the Technical Consultants to execute the

"Acceptance of Conditional Resolution and Waiver of Right to Hearing" and authorize payment of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) as a "mandatory minimum penalty" for violations occurring from July 31, 2015 to May 3, 2017.

6E. CALL FOR BIDS; BIOSOLIDS HANDLING FACILITY PROJECT

Recommendation: The Board authorize the call for bids for the "Biosolids Handling Facility Project."

6F. TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS AND PLANT OPERATIONS REPORT

Recommendation: Receive and File Report.

7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

7A. Written Communications

No written communications have been received.

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

9. CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT: pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) (1) Title: District Administrator/Interim District Administrator

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (one case)

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting on January 17, 2018, 6 pm at the Oceano Community Services District Board Room, 1655 Front Street, Oceano, CA

SOUTH SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT WARRANT REGISTER

	01/0	3/2018 FY 2017/2018				
VENDORS	BUDGET LINE ITEM	DESCRIPTION	WARRANT NO.	ACCT	ACCT BRKDN	TOTAL
ABALONE COAST ANALYTICAL	CHEMICAL ANALYSIS	6/28/17-11/27/17	01032018-2633	19-7078	6,020.00	6,135.0
100	BRINE DISPOSAL SAMPLING	17-7633	2634	19-7086	115.00	0.400
AGP ALLIED ADMINISTRATORS	PROF SERVICES-AGP DENTAL INSURANCE	NOV 1,15-DEC 8, 2017 INV 7194/7215 JAN .2018	2635 2636	19-7080 19-6025	2,182.50 287.41	2,182.5
AMERICAN BUSINESS MACHINES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	INV#363493	2637	19-8045	8.00	8.0
ARAMARK	UNIFORMS	3513/6176/8825/1645/4372	2638	19-7025	951.52	951.
AT&T	COMMUNICATIONS	DECEMBER 8- JANUARY 7	2639	19-7013	244.00	244.
SANK OF THE WEST	OFFICE SUPPLIES	BATTERIES PLUS	2640	19-8045	29.08	1,985.
	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	AMAZON/ DATA BACKUP NETWORK		19-7015	660.14	
	OFFICE SUPPLIES	USPS		19-8045	6.65	
		1.4.00000010		19-8030	4 405 00	
	LAB SUPPLIES WEBHOSTING	LA-90030319 SHERWEB		2017-A1-28 19-7013	1,125.00 164.35	
BRENNTAG	PLANT CHEMICALS	BPI790664	2641	19-8050	3,898.74	3,898.
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ARQUEST AUTO PARTS	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	7314-965460	2642	2017-A1-27	21.69	21
ENTRAL COAST BACKFLOW SERVICES	PERMIT FEES	2176	2643	19-7068	95.00	95
CENTRAL COAST TECHNOLOGY	COMPUTER SUPPORT	1370/1396	2644	19-7082	653.43	653
HARTER	COMMUNICATIONS	8245 10 101 0085060	2645	19-7013	383.58	383
CITY OF GROVER BEACH	PROF SERVICES-GB BILLING	81753/81831/81807	2646	19-7081	5,645.25	5,645
CULLIGAN COWT	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	46297	2647	19-7032	60.00	60
CULLIGAN SANTA MARIA	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	66675	2648	19-7032	17.50	17
CSDA	MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP	2018 CSDA RENEWAL DE LEON 000336050I	2649	19-7050 19-7050	6,358.00 180.00	6,358
CWEA	MEMBERSHIP	ROMHILD 01793575 WEF	2650	19-7050	320.00	500
CDW-G	EMPLOYEE COMP PURCHASE	ARIAS/ROMHILD/JACKMAN	2651	19-1065	2,253.85	2,253
DSC	LAB SUPPLIES	59711	2652	19-8040	282.00	2,233
NGLE & GRAY, INC.	BIO SOLIDS HANDLING	79228	2653	19-7085	6,248.57	6,248
				19-8030	,,,	-, <u>_</u> 10
PPENDORF	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	4009121004	2654	2017-A1-28	102.50	102
				19-8030		
EDEX	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	6-019-32274/6-011-36622	2655	2017-A1-28	60.91	85
	CHEMICAL ANALYSIS	6-026-58769		19-7078	24.50	
				19-8030		
INISHMASTER	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	77770463	2656	2017-A1-27	460.03	460
LUID RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	MECHANICAL BAR SCREEN/ HEADWORKS	C16665	2657	26-8065	6,434.15	6,434
GILBERT A. TRUJILLO,ESQ.	LEGAL COUNSEL	OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2017	2658	19-7071	11,229.50	11,229
				19-8030		
GRAINGER	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	9085/9093/7285	2659	2017-A1-27	411.25	411
IAULAWAY	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	1758317	2660	19-7032	93.80	93
I. SUPPLY	FOUR DATE NAME AND THE NAME	INV#50276/50298	2661	19-8030 2017-A1-27	55.13	55
B DEWAR	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE FUEL	862634	2662	19-8020	62.17	62
IESSICA MATSON	WEBSITE	NOVEMBER 2017	2663	19-7082	70.00	70
IIM HILL	PROF SERVICES BOARD MEMBERS	DECEMBER 6, 2017	2664	19-7075	100.00	100
IOHN P SHOALS	PROF SERVICES BOARD MEMBERS	DECEMBER 6, 2017	2665	19-7075	100.00	100
AREN WHITE	PROF SERVICES BOARD MEMBERS	DECEMBER 6, 2017	2666	19-7075	100.00	100
ENNEDY/JENKS CONSULTANT	REDUNDANCY PROJECT	118109	2667	20-7080	7,545.00	7,545
ARA HR SERVICES	HUMAN RESOURCES	OCTOBER #2017-007/NOVEMBER # 2017-008	2668	19-7076	5,490.00	5,490
IEBERT, CASSIDY WHITMORE	OUTSIDE COUNSEL	NOVEMBER 2017	2669	19-7070	753.81	753
				26-8065		
AICHAEL K. NUNLEY & ASSOCIATES	DIGESTER 1-REHAB	3963	2670	2017-B1-02	11,292.60	27,780
				26-8065		
	DIGESTER 1-VALVES	3964		2017-B1-02	3,979.27	
		2000		26-8065	045.05	
	HEADWORKS	3962		2016-B1-11	615.35	
		3889/3976		20-7080 19-7077	8,540.00	
	VALLEY ROAD MANHOLES	3956		19-8030	3,353.00	
/INERS	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	NOVEMBER 2017	2671	2017-A1-27	45.22	45
IBS	OCEANO BILLING	JANUARY 1 2018-MARCH 31, 2018	2672	19-7074	1,297.90	1,297
DNE SOURCE HOME SOLUTIONS	STRUCTURE MAINTENANCE	DISTRICT BLINDS	2673	19-8060	1,377.62	1,297
DILFIELD & ENVIRO. COMPLIANCE	CHEMICAL ANALYSIS	4467/4437/4687	2674	19-7078	305.00	305
				26-8065		200
PACE DS	CENTRIFUGE RENTAL	U-27-043	2675	2017-B1-02	15,500.00	15,500
PAUL J. KARP P.E.	PROF SERVICES-ENGINEERING	NOV-16 2017-DEC 15,2017	2676	19-7077	12,450.00	12,450
G&E	ELECTRICITY	11/8/17-12/7/17	2677	19-7091	11,564.39	11,564
POLYDYNE INC.	PLANT CHEMICALS	1192836/1190399/1195780	2678	19-8050	13,152.07	13,152
RAXAIR	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	80007572	2679	19-7032	29.73	29
READY REFRESH	HOUSEHOLD EXPENSE	17K0012917373	2680	19-8035	130.78	130
REGIONAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES	HUMAN RESOURCES	7765	2681	19-7076	2,866.50	2,866
RICHARD SWEET, PE SAFETY KLEEN	PROF SERVICES-ENGINEERING	Nov-17 75167141	2682	19-7077 19-7078	11,325.00	11,325
DATELLINEEN	CHEMICAL ANALYSIS	/310/141	2683	19-7078	371.19	371
SMITH ELECTRIC	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	SSD171201	2684	2017-A1-27	720.00	720
SWRCB	PERMIT FEES	WD-0126951	2685	19-7068	14,094.00	16,182
	PERMIT FEES	WD-0130540	_300	19-7068	2,088.00	10,102
SO CAL GAS	UTILITIES-GAS	10/27/2017-11/29/17	2686	19-7092	88.26	88
OUTH COUNTY SANITARY	UTILITIES-RUBBISH	5883556	2687	19-7093	1,236.24	1,236
PRINT	COMMUNICATIONS	205201234-149	2688	19-7014	219.64	219
STATE FUND	WORK COMP	12/1/17-1/1-18	2689	19-6080	3,595.00	3,595
INITED STAFFING	TEMP LABOR SERVICES	99973/101713/101110/102337/102848	2690	19-6085	2,582.64	2,582
WR	LAB SUPPLIES	9445/8499/9419/5256/8470	2691	19-8040	319.52	319
UB TOTAL					\$ 194,442.93	\$ 194,442.
	BAN/5	PPE 11/24, PPE 12/8, PPE 12/22,		19-6030		
	PAYROLL	CLEMONS		19-6040		
SO. SLO CO. SANITATION DISTRICT			2692	19-6090	185,128.86	199,657
	CALPERS HEALTH	JANUARY 2018		19-6010	4,537.84	
	CALPERS RETIREMENT	PPE 11/10, PPE 11/24, PPE 12/8, PPE 12/22		19-6060	9,990.49	¢ 201100
RAND TOTAL				1	\$ 394,100.12	\$ 394,100.
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

DATE:

Chairman Board Member

Secretary

Board Member



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Action Summary Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, December 06, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman John Shoals called the meeting to order and recognized a quorum.

- Present: John Shoals, Chairman, City of Grover Beach Jim Hill, Director, City of Arroyo Grande Karen White, Director, Oceano Community Services District
- District Staff: Paul J. Karp, Technical Consultant Gilbert Trujillo, District Legal Counsel Amy Simpson, District Bookkeeper/Secretary

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. AGENDA REVIEW

Approved as presented.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON AGENDA

Chairman Shoals opened the Public Comment period.

Sabrina Spears spoke about recent actions regarding retiree annuitant medical coverage.

Aaron Allen spoke about retired annuitant medical coverage.

Brad Snook, Chair of Surfrider SLO, spoke about brine discharge.

Julie Tacker is pleased that the Jenkins material is now on the website and that there is an agenda item for a comprehensive accounting review. She would like an investigation into Chairman Shoals for his activity of meddling in personnel matters.

Coleen Kubel spoke about the rate increase and asked if the money is supposed to be for Redundancy and is being reserved for Redundancy.

Patricia Price believes it necessary to investigate Chairman Shoals. She asked about the Redundancy money and if it can be separated out in a designated fund.

Shirley Gibson is not in favor of investigating Chairman Shoals or expanding the size of the board.

Giselle Naylor spoke about delinquent charges on her property tax bill and gave notice to the board that she has asked for a breakdown of her monthly payments.

Chairman Shoals closed the Public Comment period.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

5A. Approval of Warrants

5B. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of November 15, 2017

Chairman Shoals opened the Public Comment period.

Julie Tacker requested more detail be provided in the minutes.

Shirley Gibson asked that the Hubner discussion be put to rest.

Patricia Price stated that Hubner left a mess and resents paying him anything.

Patty Welsh would like to see the District move forward.

Chairman Shoals closed the Public Comment period.

Motion:	Director White made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda
	with the Revised Warrant Register.
Second:	Director Hill

Action: Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

6. ACTION ITEMS:

6A. FISCAL YEAR 2016/17 FINANCIAL REVIEW

Technical Consultant Karp presented the Staff Report.

Chairman Shoals opened the Public Comment period.

Julie Tacker objects to the \$40,000 over budget paid to legal. She commented on the Redundancy project and asked where the \$4 million over original projection came from.

Ron Holt is concerned about legal fees and account 19-8032 Vehicle Maintenance expenses.

Kris Victorine spoke about legal expenses far exceeding the amount spent on training and equipment maintenance accounts. She asked for an accounting of

the Redundancy funds and would recommend providing a five year revenue and expense plan showing funds are available for the Redundancy project.

Chairman Shoals closed the Public Comment period.

Technical Consultant Karp stated the Redundancy project was less expensive at the time the financial plan was developed. The financial plan was authorized by the Board to be updated at the last meeting. The rate increase is performing as anticipated, and the amount of brine discharge is similar to past years. He also stated there has been a considerable amount of deferred maintenance due to a flux of staff off work and there is a plan to keep maintenance on schedule.

Director Hill recommended the money raised for Redundancy be put in a separate account. He was pleased with the increase in brine revenue and sensitive to testing. He stated the unconscionable legal fees are not from counsel, but from external counsel. He hopes that the Redundancy money has not been squandered on unnecessary legal fees.

Chairman Shoals stated revenues and expenses remain in line as projected. The increase in legal fees are higher than anticipated and he would like to see better accounting of Redundancy funds. He also stated that the rate increase had other items in it and that it was not all for redundancy.

Action: The Board received and filed this report.

6B. RECRUITMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR; CONTRACT APPROVAL; AND PROVIDE INPUT TO RECRUITER

Pam Derby, representative from CPS HR Consulting provided an overview of the company's background and stated there would be no charge for professional fees, only reimbursable expenses. She recommended raising the salary rate to possibly attract better ideal candidates and to leave the recruitment open until filled. She also provided a time line starting with advertising as soon as the coming week. First review of resumes would be January 19, 2018. Next step would be the screening interviews of candidates that meet minimum required qualifications and then provide the Board with a candidates report. She will attempt to have someone in place by the first to middle of March 2018. This will take a good pool of candidates for this timeframe to happen.

Director Hill emphasized prior wastewater treatment experience and a facilitative management style should be included in the qualifications.

Director White had concerns about the brochure and would like the community description in the brochure more focused on member agencies and the pictures identified.

Ms. Derby spoke about hiring an interim administrator and suggested California Special District Association (CSDA) as a good pool to pull from.

Chairman Shoals asked how the community could be involved in the process.

Ms. Derby stated the District can do an anonymous online survey where the public can provide feedback on qualities of an ideal candidate. Also, there could be a panel that would speak to the candidates in the first round of interviews and provide feedback to the Board.

Chairman Shoals opened the Public Comment period.

Julie Tacker would like a part-time administrator compliant with the Brown Act and California Public Records Act. She asked that the Board not increase the salary, to interview all candidates, and not provide moving expenses.

Ron Holt suggested applicants should be given the history of the SSLOCSD because the rate payers have a fear of mismanagement.

Shirley Gibson believes the negative press of a community trying to get back money from previous administrator will deter ideal candidates.

Patricia Price believes an engaged public is a benefit.

Giselle Naylor asked if the consultant had identified associations or specialized groups that specialize in sanitation.

Ron Arnoldsen stated that the Board overlooked past managers such as Chuck Ellison and John Clemons.

Coleen Kubel hopes that candidates meet the required skill set.

Sabrina Spears believes if the Board doesn't stay true to promises and commitments, why would an ideal candidate want to come here.

Director Hill asked the consultant's opinion on the ability to hire a part-time administrator.

Ms. Derby stated that they would be looking at annuitants and they would only be available to work 960 hours in a calendar year.

Chairman Shoals closed the Public Comment period.

Technical Consultant Karp stated that the Technical Consultants recommend a full-time administrator and that the annuitant option is very complex and not predictable.

- Director White made a motion to approve a contract with Motion: CPS HR Consulting. Director Hill
- Second:

Action: Approved unanimously.

6C. CONSIDERATION OF COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS AND BENEFITS FOR NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES

Technical Consultant Karp presented the Staff Report.

There was no public comment on this item.

Motion:Director White made a motion to approve Resolution No.
2017-381 granting Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) and
Modifications to Benefits for Non-Represented Full-time
Employees.Second:Director Hill

Action: Approved unanimously.

6D. CONSIDERATION OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR RETIRED ANNUITANTS ENROLLED IN CaIPERS HEALTH BENEFITS UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT (PEMHCA)

Technical Consultant Karp presented the Staff Report. He stated the goal was to keep constant the current level to which the Board has contributed to the retired annuitants.

Chairman Shoals opened the Public Comment period.

Aaron Allen stated this was the first interaction with the District.

Sabrina Spears was not notified by the District that contributions will be taken out of her January payment. She stated retirees should have been left where they were at.

Julie Tacker recommended the Board reconsider what was done in the earlier resolution.

Chairman Shoals closed the Public Comment period.

Board discussion followed and an apology was made to the annuitants for lack of communication. They also provided assurance that the resolution before them tonight will be abided by as long as the current Board remains.

Legal Counsel stated a letter was prepared and may not have gone out to annuitants. This item has been thoroughly vetted to go forward with the least amount of complications. Postponing will not change the staff recommendation. Future benefits can change unless there is a contract.

Sabrina Spears stated that moving forward, the benefit should be made clear that it can be rescinded.

Giselle Naylor asked for a definition of annuitants and handed Ms. Simpson a written request for accounting of service charges at Oceano property.

Motion: Director White made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-382 approving District Contributions for Retired Annuitants Enrolled in CalPERS Health Benefits under the

Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act
(PEMHCA).Second:Director Hill; he requested the Board at a subsequent
meeting rethink how this applies to retired annuitants.

Action: Approved unanimously.

6E. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL

Technical Consultant Karp presented the Staff Report.

The Board had a discussion and agreed that the manual should be brought back two chapters at a time.

Director White found it very draconian, but appreciated the fact that there is a set of rules that binds everybody.

Director Hill recommended using District Organization instead of Chain of Command, starting the policy with objectives, and changing the tone to a more positive one. He cannot and will not support this item.

Chairman Shoals opened the Public Comment period.

Coleen Kubel stated the purpose of a policy is to define each and every little tidbit of an organization and how employees act. She suggested forming a committee to go over the manual and provide input.

Ron Arnoldsen suggested reviewing personnel manuals from similar agencies.

Julie Tacker recommended going through two chapters at a time. She spoke to the Nepotism Policy being too strict. She also spoke to Compensation and does not agree that the Chair of the Board should make the decision to hire at Step D or higher. She does not agree that the Grievance Policy should have so many references to the Chair.

Giselle Naylor stated that the Nepotism Policy is important to have.

Kris Victorine spoke to Section 4090 Military Leave and urged the District to support military duty and provide paid military leave for at least 15 days for annual training. She also urged the Board to comply with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Act. She spoke to Section 5010 Grievance Procedure and questioned the effectiveness of the Grievance Procedure.

Chairman Shoals closed the Public Comment period.

- Motion:Director Hill made a motion to bring the Personnel Policy
Manual back two chapters at a time during a meeting
in January.Second:Director White
- Action: Approved unanimously.

6F. TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS AND PLANT OPERATIONS REPORT

Technical Consultant Karp presented the Staff Report.

Chairman Shoals opened the Public Comment period.

Julie Tacker commented on odor complaints, and harassment and ethics training.

Chairman Shoals closed the Public Comment period.

Action: The Board received and filed the report.

7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

7A. Written Communications

Correspondence received from SDRMA

Director Hill commended the staff for receiving the letter from SDRMA.

Chairman Shoals opened the Public Comment period.

Patricia Price asked what type of insurance it is and if it was used to pay out the recent settlements.

Julie Tacker gave kudos to staff. She is curious if recent settlements could be turned over to insurance.

Chairman Shoals closed the Public Comment period.

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Director White apologized for being late to the meeting.

9. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (one case)

Legal counsel stated that this was a place holder in case the District received information. Closed Session was removed from the agenda.

10. ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE DRAFT AND NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING.



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STAFF REPORT

Date: January 03, 2018

To: Board of Directors

From: Richard Sweet and Paul J. Karp, Technical Consultants

Subject: ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR THE 2018 CALENDAR YEAR

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board consider and elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the 2018 Calendar Year.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

Section 1 of the District Bylaws state:

- **1.1** The Chair and Vice Chair of the Board shall be elected annually at the last regular meeting of each calendar year.
- **1.2** The term of office for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board shall commence on January 1 of the year immediately following their election.

The Bylaws direct the Board to elect the Chair and Vice Chair for the 2018 calendar year at its last regular meeting in December. However, due to the cancellation of the December 20, 2017 meeting this item has been moved to tonight's meeting.

Also, at the Board meeting of November 15, 2017, the Board approved the meeting location rotation starting January 2018 to the Oceano Community Services District Board Room, 1655 Front Street, Oceano. Meetings will rotate again in July 2018 to the Grover Beach Council Chambers.



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Date: January 03, 2018

To: Board of Directors

From: Richard Sweet and Paul J. Karp, Technical Consultants

Subject: ISSUANCE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR REDUNDANCY PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board consider and approve the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Environmental Services, Attachment "A", in support of funding opportunities for the Redundancy Project.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

The District is pursuing opportunities to obtain grant funding or reduced financing. The most promising opportunities are United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) grants for financing and the State Revolving Fund (SRF) financing.

The USDA offers grants or financing opportunities for disadvantaged communities. Oceano is presently identified as a disadvantaged community, Attachment "B." The amount of assistance would be determined on the percentage of the project associated with Oceano. Discussions with USDA staff indicate that the assistance could be grants or financing. To qualify for this assistance, the District must obtain environmental clearance within the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The District believes that a Categorical Exclusion is the appropriate level of environmental review to satisfy NEPA requirements. The RFP seeks services to satisfy the NEPA requirements and subsequently provide the District opportunities to seek assistance from the USDA.

The District has submitted an application to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for a State Revolving Fund (SRF) Construction Loan. Construction Loans through the SRF are issued at one-half the general obligation bond rate. Over a thirty-year period a reduced finance rate could save the District tens of millions of dollars. SWRCB staff requested the District provide additional air quality modeling, cultural resource inventory, and biological information. The

District's consultant, Kevin Merk Associates (KMA), will provide additional biological information. This RFP requests professional services for completion of the air quality modeling and cultural resource efforts.

The proposed schedule identifies Board approval of a contract with the successful proposer on February 21, 2018 and completion of the environmental work by June of 2018.

Options

- 1. Approve the issuance of the RFP. This is staff's recommendation.
- 2. Decline to approve issuance of the RFP and direct the District to cease trying to obtain assistance from the USDA and SRF.
- 3. Provide other direction to staff.

Attachments: Attachment "A" – RFP for Environmental Services Attachment "B" – DWR Disadvantaged Community Map



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January 3, 2018

Subject: Notice Requesting Proposals for Environmental Services for South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District Wastewater Treatment Facility Redundancy Project

The South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District (District) invites qualified firms to submit a proposal for professional environmental services to support State Revolving Fund (SRF) and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) funding pursuits for the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Redundancy Project.

A non-mandatory pre-proposal meeting for this request for proposals (RFP) will be held on January 15, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. in the District's Conference Room, located at 1600 Aloha Place Oceano, CA 93445.

All proposals must be physically received by the District's office by **<u>2:00 PM PST on February 5</u>**, **<u>2018</u>**.

South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District 1600 Aloha Place/P.O. Box 339 Oceano, CA 93475

Proposals received after said time will not be considered. Submit proposals in a sealed envelope, clearly labeled "Proposal for Environmental Services for the SSLOCSD WWTF Redundancy Project". Proposals will not be opened publicly.

A copy of the RFP, including requirements for the proposals, may be obtained through the District's website at <u>sslocsd.org</u>.

Inquiries regarding this RFP should be provided in writing and directed to the District's Consultant, Michael Nunley, at <u>mnunley@mknassociates.us</u>. All inquiries must be received no later than 2:00 PM on January 22, 2018. Reponses to all inquiries will be posted on the District website by January 29, 2018.

Sincerely,

Rick Sweet Technical Consultant **Table of Contents**

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I. INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

A. Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting

A non-mandatory pre-proposal meeting for this Request for Proposals (RFP) will be held on January 15, 2018, at 1:00 PM in the conference room, located at:

South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District 1600 Aloha Place/P.O. Box 339 Oceano, CA 93475

B. <u>Receipt and Opening of Proposals</u>

The South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District (District) invites qualified firms to submit sealed proposals for environmental services for Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Redundancy Project. Proposals will be received at the District's office by **2:00 PM PST on February 5, 2018**, located at:

South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District 1600 Aloha Place/P.O. Box 339 Oceano, CA 93475

An envelope containing one (1) portable drive with pdf and five (5) copies of the proposal must be sealed and clearly labeled "Proposal for Environmental Services for Financing of the SSLOCSD WWTF Redundancy Project". FAX submittals will not be accepted.

Proposals will not be opened publicly. Any proposal received after the established closing date and time will not be accepted and will be returned to the proposer unopened.

Proposals may be withdrawn upon written request at any time prior to the established closing date and time. The proposer or the proposer's authorized agent must sign such request.

C. Examination of Requirements

Each proposer must carefully examine the requirements of the RFP. Each proposer shall meet all of the terms and conditions of the RFP. By submitting a proposal, the proposer acknowledges acceptance of all provisions of the RFP.

D. <u>Communications</u>

All timely requests for information submitted in writing will receive a written response from the District. Any oral communication shall not be binding on the District. All requests for information must be provided in writing and directed to the District's Consultant: Michael Nunley at <u>mnunley@mknassociates.us</u>. To be considered, all requests for information must be received by 5:00 PM PST on January 22, 2018. Responses and addenda will be posted on the District's website by 5:00 PM PST on January 29, 2018.

II. DESCRIPTION OF WORK

A. Project Background

The South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) in Oceano, California. The WWTF is permitted under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) No. CA0048003/Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R3-2009-0046. The existing plant uses mechanically cleaned bar screens, grit removal, primary clarifiers, fixed film reactors (FFR), one secondary clarifier, and chlorination to provide secondary treatment with disinfection to treat wastewater. The plant is designed and permitted to treat a peak dry weather flow of 5.0 million gallons per day (MGD).

The existing treatment plant cannot meet effluent limits at the permitted design flow if the FFR or the secondary clarifier is out of service. There is no redundant unit for either process.

The project is intended to provide redundancy to allow these major process units to be removed from service for maintenance or repairs without risking violation of effluent permit limits. The project is not intended to add capacity to handle higher flows than currently permitted, and no additional treatment capacity will be pursued by the District.

Project components are summarized below:

- Two activated sludge (AS) aeration basins
- One new secondary clarifier
- Fixed film reactor (FFR) effluent pump station
- Waste activated sludge (WAS) thickening centrifuge with modifications to existing dewatering platform
- Blower, electrical, and motor control center (MCC) building
- Dewatered sludge conveyor
- Yard piping
- Site improvements
- Floodproofing improvements for critical existing facilities
- Instrumentation and controls
- Electrical systems

The project will be completed within the existing plant site on property that has been previously disturbed. No additional property or offsite work will be required. Appendix B contains a current site plan

The District received a Coastal Development Permit from California Coastal Commission on May 10, 2017. The agenda and staff report are included in the appendix.

The District has submitted an application to SWRCB for an SRF Construction Loan. SWRCB staff requested the District provide additional air quality modeling, cultural resource inventory, and biological information. Additional biological information will be provided by the District's consultant, Kevin Merk Associates (KMA). This RFP requests professional services for completion of the air quality modeling and cultural resource efforts.

USDA has been approached by District staff to provide partial funding through a loan and grant under their Rural Utilities Service (RUS) program. The funding application will require NEPA documentation and

submittal of a Preliminary Engineering Report. This RFP requests professional services for NEPA compliance.

The District has retained Kennedy Jenks Consultants, Inc., to design the project. MKN is assisting the District with procurement of consultants to support financing efforts and with engineering support for completion of the USDA application and Preliminary Engineering Report.

B. Scope of Work

The minimum scope of work for the Project is described below. Proposers are encouraged to review the requirements of the RFP, examine reference documents and develop a scope of services suited to the Project. Additional services may be considered, but should be presented separately as optional tasks. It is the District's intention to reuse as much of the prior technical work as possible to reduce cost and expedite this effort.

1. Air Quality Monitoring Report

The Air Quality Monitoring Report shall meet the requirements set forth by the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for applications for Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) financing. The project has already been reviewed through the CEQA process, so support under this task group will require preparing a standalone report for the District to include in their CWSRF application and assisting the District in filing the necessary documentation. Required tasks associated with the Air Quality Monitoring Report will include:

- a. Compile existing air quality monitoring data into an Air Quality Modeling Report for air quality effects due to construction and operational emissions
- b. Conduct additional modeling to support the Air Quality Modeling Result, as needed
- c. Complete Air Emissions Chart in Attachment E1 of the CWSRF Environmental Package Submission (included in the appendix)
- d. Determine if project is subject to State Implementation Plan (SIP) conformity determination
- e. Conduct general conformity and/or air quality studies as applicable to meet application requirements

2. Cultural Resources Report

The Cultural Resources Report shall meet the requirements set forth by the California SWRCB for applications for CWSRF financing and shall satisfy the conditions of the National Historic Preservation Act (Basic Criteria included in the appendix). Required tasks associated with the Cultural Resources Report updated for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA) will include:

- a. Current records search (less than 1 year old, extending to a half mile beyond the project area of potential effects) with maps showing all sites and surveys drawn in relation to the project area
- b. Records of Native American consultation

- c. A draft consultation letter for the State Water Board to use for consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer
- 3. USDA Water and Waste Disposal Financing Support

It is the District's intention to propose the project as a Categorical Exclusion (CE). It is expected that the project will be classified under Code of Federal Regulations Section 1970.53 (https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/1970b.pdf) "CEs involving no or minimal disturbance without an environmental impact" as the proposed work will be performed on previously disturbed land. Environmental services will include providing an Environmental Report (ER) and supporting technical documents as required by USDA. The District requests that proposers include optional scope items in their proposals for additional services that they anticipate be required in a complete submittal package to USDA. Proposers will use as much of the previous technical work as possible to expedite this effort and reduce cost to the District. MKN will complete the Preliminary Engineering Report to support pursuit of USDA funding.

Required tasks associated with USDA Financing Support will include:

- a. Meet and/or participate in conference calls with USDA to determine what will be required from USDA to conclude the project is a Categorical Exclusion.
- b. Prepare and circulate a Notice of Intent to File Application for USDA Water and Waste Disposal Loan in a newspaper of general circulation in the surrounding area. Include an announcement for a public meeting for comments. Circulate the Notice at least 10 days in advance of conducting the public information meeting. Attain an affidavit of publication to submit to USDA Rural Development as part of the application.
- c. Conduct a public information meeting to acquaint the public with the project and receive comments. Record meeting minutes to submit to USDA Rural Development as part of the application.
- d. Provide an Environmental Report (ER) and supporting documents to satisfy NEPA requirements for RUS assuming a Categorical Exemption is appropriate.
- e. Respond to questions and comments from USDA as needed.
- f. Optional: Based on proposer's experience with USDA funding and the NEPA process, provide recommendations and optional scope items to ensure a complete submittal package to USDA.

4. Meetings

Include a Kickoff Meeting and a sufficient number of progress meetings required for completion of required services. The District anticipates a minimum of one progress meeting associated with each Project deliverable and brief written updates submitted with monthly invoices.

5. As-Needed Permitting Support

Provide up to 60 hours of additional, as-needed permitting support to address future requests from funding agencies.

C. Project Schedule

The anticipated project schedule is summarized below. The dates are tentative and subject to change, based on permitting conditions, consultation with agencies, and other impacts that cannot be assessed at this time.

January 3, 2018
1:00 PM January 15, 2018
January 22, 2018
January 29, 2018
2:00 PM February 5, 2018
TBD
February 21, 2018
February 22, 2018
May 9, 2018

III. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. <u>Proposal Requirements</u>

- 1. Content: The proposal shall be concise, well organized and demonstrate the proposer's understanding of the Project and their applicable qualifications and experience. The proposal shall be limited to twenty (20) pages, exclusive of resumes, cover letter, graphics, and covers. Proposals should include the minimum Proposal Content as described in Section IV. Any additional materials that will support your proposal may be included. However, if they do not directly address the stated requirements, please include them in a separate appendix. The District will consider all material submitted, but concentrate on that which addresses the District's Project requirements.
- 2. Subconsultants: Identify all subconsultants to be used during the term of the project and provide a list of responsible staff and their qualifications. The Prime Consultant in the proposal shall be responsible for a minimum of 50% of the Project work.
- 3. Insurance: The consultant shall obtain at their own cost an insurance policy meeting the District's requirements as described in the Standard Agreement (Appendix A).
- 4. Consultant's compensation: The Consultant's fee shall include all items described in this scope of work, with optional items (if applicable) shown separately. Include a breakdown of professionals to be assigned to the tasks, the estimated hours for each task per professional, the hourly rates for each professional assigned, subtotals of the man-hour costs for each task, subconsultant costs, other direct costs to be billed, and project total costs.
- 5. Commitment: The proposal shall be signed by the individual with power to bind the company in its proposal. Parts or the entire proposal will be the basis for the contract for the work.
- 6. Statement of Contract Disqualifications: Consultant shall include a signed statement of whether it or any of its employees or officers who have a proprietary interest in it has ever been disqualifiers, removed or otherwise prevented from proposing on or completing a municipal government project for any reason. If so, provide a description and explanation of the circumstances.
- 7. Exceptions: Consultant shall certify that they take no exceptions to this RFP, including but not limited to the provisions of the District's Standard Agreement (Appendix A). If the Consultant takes any exceptions, identify the specific portion and provide a full explanation.

B. Contract Award and Execution

- 1. The District reserves the right to reject any or all responses to this RFP, waive any insubstantial irregularities in this RFP or any proposal, to negotiate with all qualified sources, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this RFP.
- 2. If a contract cannot be negotiated with a selected consultant for any reason, the District reserves the right to select the next most qualified proposer.
- 3. The District reserves discretion to determine the ability, competency and responsibility of the Consultants. Before award, Consultants may be required to furnish evidence of

capability to adequately perform the work in a timely manner as deemed necessary by the District.

- 4. The District reserves the right to interview proposers as needed.
- 5. The Consultant shall provide proof of insurance in the coverages and amounts specified in the Standard Agreement (included in the appendix) within 5 calendar days after notice of selection as a precondition to contract execution and issuance of a Notice to Proceed.
- 6. Even if selected, the District reserves the right to terminate any agreement reached with the selected firm at any time and in an appropriate manner.

RFP - Environmental Services for WWTF Redundancy Project

IV. PROPOSAL CONTENT AND SELECTION PROCESS

A. Proposal Content

- 1. Cover letter/Executive Summary
- 2. Experience and References
- 3. Project Organization and Key Personnel
- 4. Project Understanding
- 5. Proposed Scope of Work
- 6. Proposed Fee
- 7. Acknowledgement, Exceptions, Disqualifications, Insurance Cert

B. Proposal Evaluation and Consultant Selection

Upon evaluation of the Proposals, the District will determine the top firm(s) they feel are most qualified for this Project based on interviews and the following criteria:

Criteria	Maximum Points
Understanding of the work to be performed	35
Experience with the environmental review process for SWRCB and USDA	15
Experience of air quality technical leader in evaluating wastewater treatment facilities	25
Experience of cultural resources technical leader	25
Total	100

V. <u>APPENDICES</u>

- A. Standard Agreement
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STAFF REPORT

Date: January 03, 2018

To: Board of Directors

From: Paul J. Karp, Technical Consultant

Subject: REVIEW OF BRINE PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file.

BACKGROUND:

At the December 6, 2017 Board Meeting, Brad Snook, Chair of Surfrider SLO, spoke during "Public Comments On Items Not Appearing on Agenda". He expressed concern over the increase in brine disposal revenue that the District collected in Fiscal Year 2016-17, and the low amount expended for testing. The Board was sympathetic to Mr. Snook's concern and asked staff to look into the matter to see if additional testing might be appropriate.

DISCUSSION:

The District has been performing the required NPDES Brine Monitoring tests which consists of Ocean Plan Metals, pH and Electrical Conductivity. The District analyzes the pH of each brine load delivered before discharge is allowed. Electrical Conductivity is tested for each brine discharger weekly. The Ocean Plan Metals are conducted annually for each brine discharger through a certified laboratory. Brine dischargers are required to test for Copper, Sodium, Chloride, Total Dissolved Solids and Zinc every month at their own expense. They also test for Ocean Plan Metals annually. Monthly and annual lab reports are submitted to the District for review. The District does perform additional testing when necessary.

The following tabulates the brine volume discharged during the last three years, along with the number of customers.

	2015	2016	2017
Total Volume of Brine (gal)	2,790,170	2,636,120	2,956,917
Total Number of Permits	9	7	9

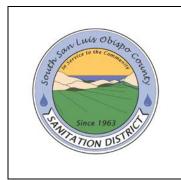
The District is currently awaiting the issuance of a new permit from the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). In preparation, staff has proposed a revision to the brine program operation. Among the new requirements being considered are increased testing to include the following: Biochemical Oxygen Demand, Total Suspended Solids, Oil & Grease, Settleable Solids, Turbidity, and Ammonia (as N). We have included a copy of the proposed plan for information. The draft is being circulated to the District brine customers to solicit input. Staff plans to meet and discuss issues that may arise from our customers. After that task has been completed the plan will be submitted to the RWQCB for their review and consideration for inclusion into the next draft permit.

It appears that the District has been over budgeting for testing, as the customers must obtain testing from certified laboratories in order to obtain permission to use the outfall.

Over the years invoices that should have been coded to 19-7086 Brine Sampling Expense were coded to account 19-8040 Lab Supplies as well as 19-7078 Chemical Analysis. Unfortunately, when multiple tests were conducted (brine sampling and other miscellaneous analysis), the invoice was expensed to 19-7078 Chemical Analysis. District staff will monitor coding of invoices to better track expenses related to brine testing. Account 19-7086 Brine Disposal Sampling should consist of the annual cost of brine sample testing as well as any supplies purchased solely for brine sampling.

Except for spot checks performed by plant operators as required under the permit, the brine customers are required to bear the expense of all the quality testing necessary to assure compliance with the regulations. Once the revised program is implemented, staff can adjust budgeting in subsequent fiscal years.

Attachment: Proposed Brine Disposal Plan



South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District Wastewater Treatment Plan BRINE DISPOSAL PLAN

Revision #7 – May 2017

The South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District (SSLOCSD) has made available the use of the brine disposal station to companies that generate high-saline brine during the manufacturing process, or from cooling, boiler blowdown or other processes such as the regeneration of water softeners, reverse osmosis (RO) or ion exchange/demineralizer regeneration.

Users of the brine disposal station must realize that the use of the District's facilities to dispose of brine waste to the Pacific Ocean is not a right, but a privilege. A Brine Disposal Waste Permit issued by the District is required prior to any discharge.

Each company wishing to utilize the District's facility must apply for a Brine Disposal Waste Permit to be issued by the District upon review and approval by the District Administrator.

Permitting Process

- 1. Applicant must complete an application for a Brine Disposal Waste Permit.
- 2. The following must be submitted to the District along with the non-refundable one-time application fee of \$425 to the District office located at 1600 Aloha Place, Oceano, CA 93445.
 - 2.1. Deposit or Bond of \$10,000. This fee is refundable once the District receives notice in writing from the applicant that they no longer will be discharging brine waste at SSLOCSD, wish to close their account and have no outstanding balances.
 - 2.2. A lab analysis of the proposed discharge shall be provided to verify the constituent parts of the discharge.
- 3. The tank used by the hauling company must be certified clean, either through steam cleaning/pressure washing of the tank, or by being a dedicated truck, used only for brine hauling. The District may require onsite visual inspection of the clean, empty tank prior to approving the truck for brine hauling jobs.
 - 3.1. The tank must not be used for other hauling jobs between the brine loads, unless the tank is cleaned again and re-certified clean. Also, no mixed loads of brine and other liquid wastes are allowed to be discharged at SSLOCSD.

- 3.2. Any earth, sand, rocks, ashes, stone, gravel, plaster, diatomaceous earth, concrete, glass, metal filings, metal or plastic objects, garbage, grease, bones, hair, rags, vegetation, semi-solid or viscous material in quantities or volume which will obstruct the flow or any object which will cause clogging of the brine disposal station shall be prohibited.
- 3.3. Haulers may be required to use screens to prevent objects from entering into the brine disposal station.
- 4. Upon receipt of the application, non-refundable application fee, and other documentation as required, the District shall review submitted materials, and may, at its own discretion, require a tour of applicant's facility during normal business hours. During this tour, samples, data, or other pertinent facts may be required to be supplied to staff.
- 5. Upon favorable review by the District Administrator, a Brine Disposal Waste Permit may be issued to applicant upon receipt of annual permit fee of \$500.

Delivery of Waste to District

- 1. Company to deliver brine waste to District's facility between the hours of 8 AM 12 PM and 1 PM 3 PM, Monday through Friday.
- 2. Brine trucks to enter through the back gate from Delta Lane in Oceano. Codes to back gate locks will be provided to hauling company management. Brine trucks may exit facility through the front gate when finished with disposal. A map is included at the end of this document.
- 3. All manifest forms must be properly and completely filled out prior to discharge. Haulers will be turned away and not allowed to discharge for incomplete manifest forms.
- 4. Driver will be required at any time during the unloading process, to provide District staff with a sample of tank contents. Failure to do so may result in the immediate revocation of permit.
- 5. Each load to be properly handled and disposed of as observed by District staff. Area to be kept clean and free of debris, as well as spills of any kind.
- 6. Driver to record meter reading before and after unloading, in logbook located at Brine Station. Required information is as follows: date of delivery, name of generating company, waste hauler's company if different than generator, meter reading before unloading, meter reading after unloading, total gallons unloaded, driver's name, and driver's initials attesting to accuracy of information.
- 7. Driver shall unload tank at rate set forth by District staff.
- 8. Applicant is liable for any violation of permit requirements of the District, State or Federal rules regulating discharges to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Quality Control/Testing/Reporting

Hazardous wastes as defined in Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 11, Article 1 of the California Code of Regulations §66231.3 are prohibited.

Brine containing potassium permanganate, hydrogen peroxide or other water conditioning chemicals shall not be disposed of at SSLOCSD. No brine waste shall be discharged containing toxic inorganic pollutants, toxic organic chemicals, ammonia, BOD and TSS in such quantities to cause or to contribute significantly to:

- 1) impairment of treatment plant worker safety;
- 2) disruptions of treatment plant operations;
- 3) exceedances of plant NPDES discharge limitation; or
- 4) violations of air toxics regulations.

In addition, the brine shall be colorless. Generator, at its own expense, shall provide to the District laboratory test results from a certified laboratory of the following constituents, and at the intervals indicated.

	Constituent	Limit
Daily / Every Load	pH Total Chlorine Residual Copper	6.0 – 9.0 1.33 mg/L 1.66 mg/L
Weekly	Electrical Conductivity	None
Monthly	Biochemical Oxygen Demand Total Suspended Solids Oil & Grease Settleable Solids Turbidity Sodium Chloride Total Dissolved Solids Copper Zinc	40 mg/L 40 mg/L 25 mg/L 1.0 mL/L 75 NTU 38,000 mg/L 110,000 mg/L 200,000 mg/L 1.66 mg/L 11.96 mg/L
Annually	Antimony Arsenic Cadmium Copper Total Chromium or Chromium ⁺⁶ Lead Mercury Nickel Selenium Silver Zinc	199.2 mg/L 4.82 mg/L 0.66 mg/L 1.66 mg/L 1.33 mg/L 1.33 mg/L 26.48 μg/L 3.32 mg/L 9.96 mg/L 0.44 mg/L 11.96 mg/L

Monthly reports of monitoring results shall be submitted to District by the 15th of the following month.

In addition, the District at its own expense will conduct a random semi-annual test on the samples collected from each generator.

Brine Station Operation

District staff will attempt to make brine disposal station available for use during allowed hours of operation. The District is under no obligation to provide access to the brine disposal station on a continuous basis, and may terminate or suspend access at any time. However, District will attempt to notify generators 48 hours in advance of station closure for routine maintenance.

Bulk Delivery Procedures

Upon arrival of tank trucks, the driver shall obtain sample containers from the Laboratory. District staff will instruct driver whether they can unload or not.

The driver shall ensure that the discharge valve is closed prior to making connection to their tank. Driver shall then fill out the necessary information in the brine disposal logbook.

After connection is made, driver shall slowly open District's discharge valve. Driver shall then open tank valve, and/or start pumping system, and regulate flow as instructed by District staff.

Upon completing discharge, driver shall record meter readings, etc. in the brine disposal logbook, close tank valve, and then discharge valve on District piping.

Driver shall disconnect hose, and clean any spillage prior to exiting brine disposal station.

Indemnity

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C) below, Applicant shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the District, its officers and employees, from any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, judgements, attorney fees or any liability arising out of this contract or attempted performance of the provisions hereof predicated upon theories set forth below in subparagraph (A):
 - A. The theories referred to above are theories based on any of the following committed by the Applicant, or its agents, employees, or for independent contractors including but not limited to trucking companies and their employees directly responsible to Applicant;
 - 1. Violation of statute, ordinance or regulation.
 - 2. Willful, intentional or other wrongful acts, or failures to act.
 - 3. Negligence or recklessness.
 - B. Nothing contained in the foregoing indemnity provision shall be construed to require indemnification for claims resulting from the sole or active

negligence or willful misconduct of the District, provided however, this exception shall not apply to claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, judgments, or attorney fees arising from any design defects.

C. Nothing contained in the foregoing indemnity provisions shall be construed to require Applicant to indemnify District, against any responsibility or liability in contravention of Civil Code 2782.

Fees

One-time Application Fee	\$425.00
Deposit or Bond	\$10,000.00
Annual Permit Fee	\$500.00
Discharge Fee	\$0.11 per gallon (set by Resolution)

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- Traveling North on Hwy 1: Make a LEFT on Railroad St. / Traveling South on Hwy 1: Make a RIGHT on Railroad St.
- Continue on Railroad St. and make slight LEFT on to Ocean St.
- Then make a LEFT on to Delta Ln.
- Follow Delta Ln. to first gate. Unlock and re-lock after passing through.
- Continue to next gate. Unlock and re-lock after passing through.
- Staff will unlock last gate.
- Proceed to brine disposal station and check-in with Staff in the LAB.
- May exit through front gate when finished with disposal.
- Make sure to lock first 2 gates after passing through!

Revision Record

Revision	Date	Responsible Person	Description of Change
1	10/28/2004	Tom Zehnder	Initial release of Brine Disposal Plan
2	9/20/2005		
3	12/14/2005	Bill Lindahl	
4	7/1/2009	Heather Billing/John Wallace	Add Copper and Zinc limits.
5	7/1/2010	Heather Billing/John Wallace	Incorporate new NPDES Permit R3- 2009-0046 Monitoring and Reporting Requirements for Brine Station. Brine Station not open 12 PM – 1 PM.
6	1/1/2014	John Clemons	
7	5/2017	Fanny Mui	Complete Plan Update



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STAFF REPORT

Date: January 03, 2018

To: Board of Directors

From: Richard Sweet and Paul J. Karp, Technical Consultants

Subject: NOTICE OF VIOLATION; REQUEST TO EXECUTE "ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONAL RESOLUTION AND WAIVER OF RIGHT TO HEARING"

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt Resolution No. 2018-384; a resolution of the Board approving the "Acceptance of Conditional Resolution and Waiver of Right to Hearing" and direct the Technical Consultants to execute the "Acceptance of Conditional Resolution and Waiver of Right to Hearing" and authorize payment of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) as a "mandatory minimum penalty" for violations occurring from July 31, 2015 to May 3, 2017.

BACKGROUND:

On December 12, 2017, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board notified the District that it had violated its effluent limitations from July 31, 2015 to May 3, 2017, attachment "A."

A "penalty" is enforced when any four non-serious permit violations occur within a 180-day period or any single occurrence of a serious violation. In July of 2015, the District exceeded its monthly average discharge limit for total suspended solids (TSS) of forty milligrams per liter (40 mg/l) with a monthly average discharge of fifty-seven milligrams per liter (57 mg/l). This is designated as a serious violation. In the winter of 2015 there were five violations of the District's fecal coliform limit within a 180-day period. In May of 2017 the District violated its Chlorine Total Residual limit of 9.96 mg/l with a discharge of 32 mg/l. This is a serious violation.

The three incidents described above resulted in the Board assessing three "mandatory minimum penalties" of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) each or total of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000).

DISCUSSION:

The District has the ability to decide to contest the penalties or to accept a conditional offer to settle and waive the District's right to contest the penalties and pay the "mandatory minimum penalty." To accept the conditional offer to settle, the District must execute the "Acceptance of Conditional Resolution and Waiver of Right to Hearing" (Offer) by January 12, 2018. The Offer is an attachment to the letter, which is attachment "A" to this staff report. Within the agreement it states, "The Permittee understands that if significant comments are received in oppositions to the Offer, the Central Coast Water Board enforcement staff's offer to resolve the violations set forth in the NOV may be withdrawn."

Options

- 1. Adopt the resolution directing the Technical Consultants to execute the "Acceptance of Conditional Resolution and Waiver of Right to Hearing" and authorize payment of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) as a "mandatory minimum penalty." This is the staff recommendation.
- 2. Direct the District management to <u>not</u> execute the "Acceptance of Conditional Resolution and Waiver of Right to Hearing." The letter from the Board states, "If the Permittee chooses not to submit an Acceptance and Waiver at any stage of the process described above and therefore rejects the offer, or elects to reserve the right to address any contested matters and resolve only uncontested violations via this offer, Water Board staff will contact the Permittee regarding the initiation of formal enforcement action with regard to any unresolved violations. In a formal enforcement action, the liability amount sought and/or imposed may exceed the liability amount set forth in this Conditional Offer. Moreover, the cost of enforcement is a factor which can be considered in assessing the liability amount." It is difficult to envision a result from a formal enforcement action that will result in lesser penalties than those defined in the Conditional Offer.

Attachments: Letter from Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board dated December 12, 2017

RESOLUTION 2018-384

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONAL RESOLUTION AND WAIVER OF RIGHT TO HEARING

WHEREAS, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board has notified the District of three alleged violations from July 31, 2015 to May 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, in a letter from the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board to the District dated December 12, 2017, the District was offered the opportunity to resolve these violations by:

- 1. Executing an "Acceptance of Conditional Resolution and Waiver of Right to Public Hearing;" and
- 2. Payment of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) as a "mandatory minimum penalty."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District as follows:

Directs the Technical Consultants to Execute the Acceptance of Conditional Resolution and Waiver of Right to Public Hearing and pay the nine thousand dollar (\$9,000) "mandatory minimum penalty."

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the South San Luis County Sanitation District Board of Directors held this 3rd day of January 2018.

AYES: NOES: ABSENT: CONFLICTS:

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CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District held this 3rd day of January 2018.

JOHN P. SHOALS, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS SOUTH SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

ATTEST:

DISTRICT SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY: DISTRICT COUNSEL

CONTENTS:

BY:______ TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS





Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

December 12, 2017

Fanny Mui So. SLO County SD WWTP 1600 Aloha Place Oceano, CA 93445 Email: <u>fanny@sslocsd.us</u> VIA ELECTRONIC AND CERTIFIED MAIL 7016 1370 0001 7681 2813

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dear Mr. Mui:

ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM: EXPEDITED PAYMENT LETTER (EPL) NO. R3-2017-0056, OFFER TO PARTICIPATE IN EXPEDITED PAYMENT PROGRAM RELATING TO VIOLATIONS OF NPDES PERMIT FOR SOUTH SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WDR ORDER NO. R3-2009-0046, NPDES NO. CA0048003, WDID NO. 3 400111001)

This letter is to notify the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District (hereinafter "Permittee" or "you") of alleged violations of the California Water Code identified in the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Central Coast Water Board) water quality data system and to allow you to participate in the Central Coast Water Board's Expedited Payment Program to address \$9,000 in liability which may be assessed pursuant to Water Code sections 13385 and 13385.1.

NOTICE OF VIOLATION: Based on information in the California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS), the Central Coast Water Board's Assistant Executive Officer alleges that from July 31, 2015, to May 3, 2017, the Permittee violated the effluent limitations, reporting violations, or Water Code provisions identified in the Notice of Violation (NOV) attached as Exhibit A. The Permittee will have the opportunity to address the alleged violations as discussed below. To assist the Permittee in reviewing the alleged violations, the attached NOV/Exhibit A provides instructions for accessing the alleged violations within CIWQS.

STATUTORY LIABILITY: Subdivisions (h) and (i) of California Water Code section 13385 require the assessment of a mandatory minimum penalty of \$3,000 for specified serious and non-serious (formerly named "chronic") effluent limit violations. The Permittee is also potentially subject to discretionary administrative civil liabilities of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each day in which the violation occurs, plus ten dollars (\$10) for each gallon discharged but not cleaned up in excess of 1,000 gallons. These mandatory minimum penalties and discretionary administrative civil liabilities may be assessed by the Central Coast Water Board or the State Water Board (collectively "the Water Boards"), beginning with the date that the violations first occurred¹. The formal enforcement action that the Water Boards use to assess such liability is

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Please note that there are no statutes of limitation that apply to administrative proceedings to assess mandatory minimum penalties. See City of Oakland v. Public Employees' Retirement System, (2002) 95 Cal.App.4th 29, 48; 3 Witkin, Cal. Procedure (4th ed. 1996) Actions, §405(2), p. 510.) The Permittee has not been substantially prejudiced by the passage of time between the date(s) that Permittee reported the violations identified on Exhibit A and the date of this letter. The Permittee was aware of the violations at the time it reported them to the Central Coast Water Board. Water Board staff's limited enforcement resources and competing enforcement priorities provide a rational explanation for the delay. In fact, the delay has

an administrative civil liability complaint, although the Water Boards may instead refer such matters to the Attorney General's Office for prosecution. If referred to the Attorney General for prosecution, the Superior Court may assess up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) per violation. In addition, the Superior Court may assess up to twenty-five dollars (\$25) per gallon discharged but not cleaned up in excess of 1,000 gallons.

OFFER TO PARTICIPATE IN EXPEDITED PAYMENT PROGRAM: The Permittee can avoid the issuance of a formal enforcement action and settle the alleged violations identified in the attached NOV by participating in the Central Coast Water Board's Expedited Payment Program. Details of the proposed settlement are described below and addressed in the enclosed documents.

To promote resolution of these violations, the Central Coast Water Board enforcement staff makes this Conditional Offer. The Permittee may accept this offer, waive the Permittee's right to a hearing, and pay the mandatory minimum penalty as indicated on Exhibit A for the violations described. If the Permittee elects to do so, subject to the conditions below, the Central Coast Water Board will accept that payment in settlement of any enforcement action that would otherwise arise out of the violations identified in the NOV. Accordingly, the Central Coast Water Board enforcement staff will forego issuance of a formal administrative complaint, will not refer the violations to the Attorney General, and will waive its right to seek additional discretionary civil liabilities for the violations identified in the NOV.

The Expedited Payment Program does not address liability for any violation that is not specifically identified in the NOV.

PERMITTEE'S OPTIONS FOR RESPONSE TO OFFER: If you accept this offer, please complete and return the enclosed "Acceptance of Conditional Resolution and Waiver of Right to Hearing; Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of Administrative Civil Liability Order No. R3-2017-0056 (Upon Execution)" (Acceptance and Waiver) <u>no later than January 12,</u> <u>2018</u>. The returned Acceptance and Waiver will be held, pending a 30-day public notice period, and then will be counter-signed by the Executive Officer and returned to you with instructions for payment. No payments are due at the time the Permittee returns the signed Acceptance and Waiver form to the Central Coast Water Board.

If the Permittee chooses to contest any of the violations alleged in the NOV, please identify each violation and the basis for its challenge (e.g., factual error, affirmative defense, etc.) on or before the above due date. Central Coast Water Board staff will evaluate the contested violations and take the following actions:

- Where the available evidence supports the removal of alleged violations, Water Board staff will expunge those violations from the CIWQS database and take no further action against the Permittee for the those violations;
- Water Board staff will provide the Permittee with a revised NOV reflecting any changes warranted by the above evaluation, and provide another opportunity to submit a signed Acceptance and Waiver.

actually benefited the Permittee because it extended the time before payment of the mandatory minimum penalties are due. For these reasons, any delay is not unreasonable.

Ms. Fanny Mui

3) If the above evaluation resolves all of the alleged violations, Water Board staff will notify the Permittee that no further action is necessary.

If the Permittee chooses not to submit an Acceptance and Waiver at any stage of the process described above and therefore rejects the offer, or elects to reserve the right to address any contested matters and resolve only uncontested violations via this offer, Water Board staff will contact the Permittee regarding the initiation of formal enforcement action with regard to any unresolved violations. In a formal enforcement action, the liability amount sought and/or imposed may exceed the liability amount set forth in this Conditional Offer. Moreover, the cost of enforcement is a factor which can be considered in assessing the liability amount.

CONDITIONS FOR WATER BOARD ACCEPTANCE OF RESOLUTION: Federal regulations require the Central Coast Water Board to publish and allow the public 30 days to comment on any settlement of an enforcement action addressing NPDES permit violations [40 C.F.R. section 123.27(d)(2)(iii)]. Upon receipt of the Permittee's Acceptance and Waiver, Central Coast Water Board enforcement staff will publish a notice of the proposed resolution of the violations.

If no comments are received within the 30-day period, and unless there are new material facts that become available to the Central Coast Water Board, the Executive Officer will execute the Acceptance and Waiver as a settlement agreement and stipulation for entry of administrative civil liability order assessing the uncontested mandatory minimum penalty amount pursuant to Water Code section 13385.

If, however, significant comments are received in opposition to the settlement, this Offer may be withdrawn. In that case, the Permittee's waiver pursuant to the Acceptance and Waiver will also be treated as withdrawn, and the unresolved violations will be addressed in a liability assessment proceeding. At the liability assessment hearing the Permittee will be free to make arguments as to any of the alleged violations, and the Permittee's agreement to accept this conditional offer will not in any way be binding or used as evidence against the Permittee. The Permittee will be provided with further information on the liability assessment proceeding.

In the event the Acceptance and Waiver is executed by the Executive Officer, payment of the assessed amount shall be due and payable within 30 days and as specified in the letter and/or invoice that will accompany the Executive Officer's signed stipulated order. Failure to pay the penalty within the required time period may subject the Permittee to further liability.

OPPORTUNITY FOR SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OR COMPLIANCE PROJECT IN LIEU OF ADMINISTRATIVE LIABILITY: In lieu of paying to the State Water Board Cleanup and Abatement Account all of the mandatory minimum penalty, the Permittee may elect to use part of the penalty to fund a supplemental environmental project (SEP) as defined in the State Water Board's Supplemental Environmental Project Policy. There is currently one SEP option available:

 Central Coast Ambient Monitoring Program – Groundwater Assessment and Protection (CCAMP-GAP): CCAMP-GAP is focused on the assessment and protection of groundwater, providing the public with information about the safety of their drinking water, and the provision of drinking water for disadvantaged communities. Funding for CCAMP-GAP is managed and administered by the non-profit Bay Foundation of Morro Bay. No SEP funds are directed to the Central Coast Water Board. More information on CCAMP-GAP is available at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water issues/programs/gap/index.shtml

CCAMP-GAP is an established, on-going, region-wide project administered by an approved third party, which allows the Permittee to satisfy its selected project obligations by transferring the agreed-upon funds in a timely manner. Funds derived from suspended liability related to the alleged violations are appropriate for this SEP because the project is implemented throughout the region and is related to waters associated with the Permittee's waste discharge. The State Water Board Office of Enforcement has approved CCAMP-GAP as an appropriate SEP. The Central Coast Water Board has established CCAMP-GAP as a top priority for SEP funding. Central Coast Water Board staff will not accept SEP proposals other than that listed above as part of the EPL process.

In rare circumstances, the Permittee may be eligible to fund a compliance project (CP) if it can demonstrate status as a publicly owned treatment works serving a small community with a financial hardship pursuant to Water Code section 13385(k) and the State Water Board Enforcement Policy, and the Central Coast Water Board elects at its discretion to accept the CP in lieu of assessing all or a portion of the mandatory minimum penalty. If the Permittee believes it meets the CP criteria, then <u>no later than January 12, 2018</u>, the Permittee shall respond in writing documenting population and financial hardship data supporting its request to propose a CP. Water Board staff will review the initial proposal and provide further guidance. Permittees proposing CPs may not submit the enclosed Acceptance and Waiver with the CP proposal. If Water Board staff determines the CP criteria do not apply, rejects the proposed CP, or otherwise elects to deny the CP option, staff may provide the Permittee with another opportunity to submit the Acceptance and Waiver.

Permittees may choose to pay the total settlement amount to the State Water Board's Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) rather than fund the above SEP or propose a CP (where applicable). The CAA's primary purpose is to address drinking water and drought issues throughout California.

The SEP and CAA options are represented in the enclosed Acceptance and Waiver. If you want to discuss any of the above options, please contact the persons identified below.

CONTACT PERSONS: Should you have any questions about the Notice of Violation or the Conditional Offer, please contact Katie DiSimone at (805) 542-4638 or Katie.DiSimone@waterboards.ca.gov, or Thea Tryon at (805) 542-4776 or <u>Thea.Tryon@waterboards.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Digitally signed by Thea Tryon Date: 2017.12.12 13:50:26 Water 1-08'00'

for Michael J. Thomas Assistant Executive Officer

Encl. – 1. Exhibit A - Notice of Violation

Ms. Fanny Mui

 Acceptance of Conditional Resolution and Waiver of Right to Hearing; Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of Administrative Civil Liability Order No. R3-2017-0056 (Upon Execution)

cc by email: Discharger: Rick Sweet <u>Rick.Sweet@comcast.net</u>

> Paul Karp pjkarp49@gmail.com

Central Coast Water Board:

Michael Thomas Thea Tryon Katie DiSimone Sheila Soderberg Jill North Todd Stanley

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Exhibit A – Notice of Violation South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District WWTP MANDATORY MINIMUM PENALTY VIOLATIONS REQUIRING ENFORCEMENT ALLEGED VIOLATION DATE(S): July 31, 2015 – May 3, 2017

The Enforcement Staff of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) reviewed information submitted by this facility to determine whether the discharger is subject to mandatory minimum penalties (MMPs) pursuant to subdivisions (h) and (i) of California Water Code section 13385. The following table lists this facility's alleged violations of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R3-2009-0046, NPDES Permit No. CA0048003 from July 31, 2015, through May 3, 2017, for which the Central Coast Water Board has not assessed MMPs. Final calculation of MMP amounts owed and definitions of some of the terms used in this document are listed below the table.

For additional information about the alleged violations listed in the table, please refer to the State Water Resources Control Board CIWQS Public Reports webpage http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water issues/programs/ciwqs/publicreports.shtml and select the "Mandatory Minimum Penalty (MMP) Report" link located under the "Violations Reports" category. Once in the Mandatory Minimum Penalty Reports search page, select Region 3 along with the beginning and ending dates shown in this exhibit, select Run Report, and then select your facility to access the list of violations. Expand the "Effluent MMP Violations" section of the page by selecting the "+" icon to the left of the section title. To view details of a violation, select the Violation ID number. For chronic (non-serious) violations, select the "Chronic" link in the "MMP Type" column to see a list of the three or more violations preceding each chronic violation within 180 days and thus qualifying the chronic violation as a MMP.

#	Violation Number	Violation Date	Pollutant	Pollutant Type	Limitation Period	Limit	Result	Units	% Over Limit	<u>S</u> erious or <u>N</u> on- Serious Violation	Date 180 Days Prior	No. of Viols within 180 days	Mandatory Minimum Penalty
1	995413	07/31/2015	Total Suspended Solids	Group 1	Monthly Average	40	57	mg/L	42%	S	N/A	N/A	\$ 3,000
2	1002752	12/03/2015	Fecal Coliform	Other	Daily Maximum	2000	5400	MPN/ 100 mL	N/A	N	06/06/2015	5	\$ 3,000

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#	Violation Number	Violation Date	Pollutant	Pollutant Type	Limitation Period	Limit	Result	Units	% Over Limit	<u>S</u> erious or <u>N</u> on- Serious Violation	Date 180 Days Prior	within	Mandatory Minimum Penalty
3	1026926	05/03/2017	Chlorine, Total Residual	Group 2	Instantaneous	9.96	32	mg/L	221%	S	N/A	N/A	\$ 3,000

Total Penalty: \$9,000

Total Mandatory Minimum Penalty Amount for Effluent Violations

(2 Serious Violations + 1 Non-Serious Violation) × \$3,000 = \$9,000

For Group 1 pollutants, a violation is serious when the limit is exceeded by 40% or more, and non-serious (referred to as "chronic" in CIWQS) when the limit is exceeded by less than 40%.

For Group 2 pollutants, a violation is serious when the limit is exceeded by 20% or more, and non-serious when the limit is exceeded by less than 20%.

For "Other" (i.e., Other Effluent Violation) pollutants, a violation is non-serious when the limit is exceeded by any amount. For the purposes of MMP enforcement, Other Effluent Violations are not categorized as serious.

Serious violations are subject to a mandatory minimum penalty of \$3,000 each.

Non-serious violations are subject to a mandatory minimum penalty of \$3,000 each when four or more occur in any period of six consecutive months (period commencing on the date that one of the violations occurs and ending 180 days after that date). The first three violations in that period are not assessed a mandatory minimum penalty.

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Definitions

CIWQS	California Integrated Water Quality System database used by the Water Boards to manage violation and enforcement activities, as well as other data types relevant to water quality protection.
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit program that controls water pollution by regulating point sources that discharge pollutants into waters of the United States.
Violation Number	Identification number assigned to a violation in CIWQS.
Violation Date	Date that a violation actually occurred, with the exception that for some violation types, such as a monthly average, the last day of the reporting period is used. If the occurrence date is unknown, the date used is the day the violation was first discovered by staff, the Discharger, or a third party.
Pollutant Types: Group 1 & 2	Groups of pollutants defined in the State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Enforcement Policy. Also referred to as Category 1 or CAT1, Category 2 or CAT2, respectively.
Pollutant Type: Other	"Other" refers to "Other Effluent Violation". Group of pollutants other than those included in Group 1 or 2.

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONAL RESOLUTION AND WAIVER OF RIGHT TO HEARING:

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY (ACL) ORDER NO. R3-2017-0056 (UPON EXECUTION)

South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District WWTP EPL No. R3-2017-0056 Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R3-2009-0046 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0048003 WDID: 3 400111001

By signing below and returning this Acceptance of Conditional Resolution and Waiver of Right to Hearing (Acceptance and Waiver) to the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board), the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District (Permittee) hereby accepts the "Offer to Participate in Expedited Payment Program" (Offer) and waives the right to a hearing before the Central Coast Water Board to dispute the alleged violations described in the Notice of Violation (NOV) attached to the Offer as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

The Permittee agrees that the NOV shall serve as a complaint pursuant to Article 2.5 of the Water Code and that no separate complaint is required for the Central Coast Water Board to assert jurisdiction over the alleged violations through its enforcement staff. The Permittee agrees to pay the penalties authorized by California Water Code section 13385, as specified in the NOV (Expedited Payment Amount), which shall be deemed payment in full of any civil liability pursuant to the Water Code sections 13385 and 13385.1 that otherwise might be assessed for the violations described in the NOV.

Expedited Payment Amount: \$9,000.

The Permittee understands that it may pay up to the maximum allowable portion¹ of the Expedited Payment Amount towards the Supplemental Environment Project (SEP) it indicates with an "X" in the first column of the table below. If selecting this option, the Permittee will indicate in the second column of the table below how much of the maximum allowable portion it will direct to the selected SEP. The Permittee will pay to the State Water Resources Control Board Cleanup and Abatement Account the difference between the Expedited Payment Amount and the SEP amount. If the Permittee does not select the SEP option, the Permittee shall pay the total Expedited Payment Amount to the Cleanup and Abatement Account.

¹ Pursuant to Water Code section 13385(I)(1), if the penalty amount exceeds \$15,000, the amount the Water Board may direct to a SEP may not exceed \$15,000 plus 50 percent of the penalty amount over \$15,000. For penalty amounts of \$15,000 or less, the Water Board may direct half of the full amount to a SEP.

Expedited Payment Letter (EPL) No. R3-2017-0056 Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of Administrative Civil Liability Order No. R3-2017-0056

Maximum Allowable Portion for SEPs: \$4,500.

Check Below to Select the SEP Option	Amount (\$) of Maximum Allowable Portion for this SEP	SEP Name
		Central Coast Ambient Monitoring Program – Groundwater Assessment and Protection (CCAMP-GAP)

The Central Coast Ambient Monitoring Program – Groundwater Assessment and Protection (CCAMP-GAP) program is the SEP option offered above. CCAMP-GAP is focused on addressing drinking water issues in disadvantaged communities. Information on CCAMP-GAP is available here:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water issues/programs/gap/index.shtml

Funding for CCAMP-GAP is managed and administered by the non-profit Bay Foundation of Morro Bay. No SEP funds are directed to the Central Coast Water Board.

The State Water Resources Control Board's Enforcement Policy provides that payments for SEPs shall be treated as suspended liabilities pending completion of the SEP, or portion thereof, at which time the suspended liability becomes permanently waived by the Central Coast Water Board. By selecting the SEP option, the Permittee understands and acknowledges that its SEP obligations are deemed complete and that the suspended portion of its Administrative Civil Liability is permanently suspended upon being paid to the implementing party (the Bay Foundation of Morro Bay). The implementing party will spend the funds towards the SEP in accordance with existing agreements and approved workplans. If the implementing party is unable to spend any portion of the liability towards the SEP, then Central Coast Water Board staff will direct the implementing party to pay that amount to the Cleanup and Abatement Account to permanently suspend the remaining liability.

The Permittee understands that this Acceptance and Waiver does not address or resolve liability for any violation that is not specifically identified in the Notice of Violation.

Upon execution by the Permittee, the Permittee shall return this Acceptance and Waiver to:

Thea Tryon Enforcement Coordinator Central Coast Water Board 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101 San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

The Permittee understands that federal regulations set forth in title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, section 123.27(d)(2)(iii) require the Central Coast Water Board to publish notice of any proposed resolution of this enforcement action and provide at least 30 days for public comment. Accordingly, Water Board staff will publish this Acceptance and Waiver for public comment prior to execution by the Executive Officer of the Central Coast Water Board.

Expedited Payment Letter (EPL) No. R3-2017-0056 Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of Administrative Civil Liability Order No. R3-2017-0056

The Permittee understands that if significant comments are received in opposition to the Offer, the Central Coast Water Board enforcement staff's offer to resolve the violations set forth in the NOV may be withdrawn. In that circumstance, Water Board enforcement staff will advise the Permittee of the withdrawal, an administrative civil liability complaint may be issued, and the matter may be set for a hearing before the Central Coast Water Board. For such a liability hearing, the Permittee understands that this Acceptance and Waiver executed by the Permittee will be treated as a settlement communication and will not be used as evidence in that hearing.

If no comments are received within the notice period that cause the Executive Officer to reconsider the Offer, the Executive Officer will execute the Acceptance and Waiver as Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of Administrative Civil Liability Order No. R3-2017-0056 (Settlement and Order).

The Permittee understands that no payments are due at the time it returns the signed Acceptance and Waiver form to the Central Coast Water Board. The Permittee understands that after the signed Acceptance and Waiver is publicly noticed and executed by the Executive Officer of the Central Coast Water Board, Water Board staff will transmit this Acceptance and Waiver as an executed Settlement and Order to the Permittee with payment instructions and due dates. Furthermore, the Permittee understands that full payment of the Expedited Payment Amount, including any allowable portion of which is authorized for use in SEPs, by the hereby incorporated due date or dates specified in the transmittal letter and/or invoices associated with the executed Settlement and Order is a condition of this Acceptance and Waiver.

I hereby affirm that I am duly authorized to act on behalf of and to bind the Permittee in the making and giving of this Acceptance and Waiver and the terms of the Settlement and Order.

By:

(Signed Name)

(Date)

(Printed or typed name)

(Title)

Expedited Payment Letter (EPL) No. R3-2017-0056 Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of Administrative Civil Liability Order No. R3-2017-0056

IT IS SO ORDERED PURSUANT TO WATER CODE SECTION 13385

By: _____

John M. Robertson Executive Officer Central Coast Water Board

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STAFF REPORT

Date: January 03, 2018

To: Board of Directors

From: Richard Sweet and Paul J. Karp, Technical Consultants

Subject: CALL FOR BIDS; BIOSOLIDS HANDLING FACILITY PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board authorize the call for bids for the "Biosolids Handling Facility Project."

BACKGROUND:

The District utilizes two methods to remove moisture from sludge. One is through placing the sludge in sludge drying beds. The other is by utilizing a centrifuge. The centrifuge is utilized when the drying beds cannot meet the necessary drying capacity required by plant operations. Sludge discharge occurs on the east side of the centrifuge and then is transported by a conveyor belt system to the sludge drying beds that are on the west side of the centrifuge. The conveyor belt system when acquired by the District had been used by an aggregate operation for many years. The aging conveyor belt system has been troublesome to maintain and operate, and now has far exceeded its lifespan. In light of the failing conveyor belt system, options were evaluated to determine the most economical method of handling the sludge discharged from the centrifuge.

DISCUSSION:

Discharging the sludge to the east side of the centrifuge and constructing a twenty foot by twenty foot (20'X20') reinforced concrete pad with drainage and curbing for containment (Biosolids Handling Facility) to deposit and process the sludge for subsequent loading and transportation provides the opportunity to make more sludge drying bed area available and is far less expensive than replacing the conveyor belt system. Key project information is shown below.

CALL FOR BIDS:	01/03/2018
BID OPENING:	01/26/2018
AWARD DATE:	02/07/2018
CONSTRUCTION PERIOD:	20 WORKING DAYS
ENGINEER'S RANGE:	\$29,000 to 34,000
ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE:	CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT
DESIGN ENGINEER:	MICHAEL K. NUNLEY & ASSOCIATES INC.

Options

- 1. Authorize the call for bids. This is staff's recommendation.
- 2. Direct staff to develop other options to handle the sludge dried by the centrifuge.
- 3. Provide other direction to staff.

Fiscal Considerations

Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) is budgeted for this project in the Capital Replacement and Improvement Section of Fund 26.



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STAFF REPORT

Date: January 3, 2018

To: Board of Directors

From: Paul J. Karp and Richard Sweet, Technical Consultants; Rick Jackman, Interim Plant Superintendent

Subject: TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS AND PLANT OPERATIONS REPORT

This report represents ongoing information on latest District staff activities on major capital project and studies, programmatic initiatives, regional collaboration, NPDES discharge permit renewal, Plant Operations report detailing our operation and maintenance activities. *Updates since the last report are provided in italics below:*

Major Capital Projects:

Cherry Ave. Arroyo Grande Sewer Bridge Project:

Project is complete.

• Headworks: Status: Operational. Requires Upgrades to Meet Specifications.

Significant efforts are underway to bring the project into conformance with specifications. System testing is underway to determine if recent upgrades have brought the project into compliance with specifications. *This effort continues.*

• Redundancy Project:

<u>Design</u>: On March 16, 2016, the Board approved a design contract with Kennedy/Jenks for Phase I of this project. On June 21, 2017, the Board approved proceeding with the remaining phases under the contract, including final design.

Technical Memo 7 (TM-7) has been prepared by Kennedy/Jenks to evaluate an MBR process that would facilitate the RGSP project. TM-7 was presented to the Board on November 15th. The Board directed the pursuit of the original Redundancy Project and to meet with member agencies regarding their input on possible features at the plant that might support RGSP.

Operational staff is evaluating Technical Memo 4 pertaining to recommendation of sludge thickening process.

<u>Coastal Commission Permitting:</u> Thirty-year Coastal Development Permit approved.

Financing:

State: All portions of the SRF loan package application have been submitted to SWRCB. A number of additional items have been requested to make our application more favorable. MKN Engineering is pursuing completion of those items.

Federal: United States Department of Agriculture: The District may be eligible for grants and loans up to one-third of the amount needed for the Redundancy Project through a disadvantageous community program.

A Request for Proposals to satisfy requirements by funding agencies for additional environmental information is before the Board this evening for their consideration.

Given present project estimates and the Board's desire to evaluate set aside funding, Technical Consultants have recommended review of the financial plan. A request for proposal for further financial evaluation support of these efforts will be presented to the Board on January 17, 2018. Alex Handlers with Bartles Wells has been asked to appear before the Board to present the proposal and discuss the Board's concerns.

- Biosolids Concrete Slab: Design work is complete and Coastal Commission approval received. The project will now move forward to construction. This project is required to accommodate a repaired centrifuge. The District is in the final stages of defining the centrifuge repair. Estimated construction cost is \$33,000. A request to authorize call for bids is before the Board for their consideration this evening.
- **Primary Digester No. 1 Cleanout and Structural Evaluation:** Primary Digester No. 1 cleaning is complete. Evaluation of structure integrity is complete. *Projects identified by evaluation are replacement of the digester mixing valves and recoating of the digester.* Cost analysis and budgetary issues are being considered.
- **District Control Building and Office:** The new concrete flooring for the building has been installed. A thorough/deep cleaning of the building, replacement baseboards, interior painting and new furniture has been completed. Painting is complete, computer communication equipment has been installed and the facility is operational. Phone system is being evaluated for efficiencies and enhancements. *Blinds have been installed. Project is complete.*
- **Centrifuge Repair:** The District owned centrifuge requires repair. Agreement to repair centrifuge has been executed per District purchasing guidelines.

Studies:

Recycled Water Planning Facilities Study Grant: Complete. Staff submitted the Final Study to SWRCB on June 9, 2017. *Final acceptance letter received from SWRCB. Staff is seeking reimbursement.*

Inflow & Infiltration (I & I) Study: The District's plant received significant increased flow this past wet weather season. Technical Consultants are evaluating the cost to benefit of the project.

Programmatic Initiatives

<u>Human Resources/Personnel Policy Manual Update:</u> All Sections of PPM have now been reviewed (including legal input), updated with significant and comprehensive revisions. *The Board considered the update at the meeting of December 6, 2017 and directed that the Board consider sections of the PPM.*

<u>Financial Initiative</u>: Annual fiscal year 2015-2016 Audit: District auditors Glenn Burdette, continue to work with staff to complete our Audit. On July 21st, staff received another list of open items to complete, and have tasked our bookkeeper to work with our Auditors to complete the items as soon as possible. There has been a flurry of materials provided to Glenn Burdette. Staff is working diligently to complete submission of all information requested. *It is anticipated that the audit will be presented to the Board in February 2018.*

Regional Collaboration

- Regional Groundwater Sustainability Project (RGSP): This project consists of a potential future regional recycling project in the South San Luis Obispo County area in conjunction with the City of Pismo Beach, and the District (with participation of our member agencies: Cities of Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach, and Oceano CSD). On June 20th, the Pismo Beach City Council approved the MOU between the City of Pismo Beach and the District. The City also awarded a contract for the joint EIR to Rincon Consultants at that same meeting. Technical Memo 7 was presented to the Board at the November 15th meeting. The Board directed that the Redundancy project proceed as originally envisioned minus the MBR option. *Technical Consultants continue to meet with stakeholders to coordinate efforts in support of the RGSP*.
- Northern Cities Management Area Technical Group The NCMA TG, formed as a result of the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin (SMGB) Adjudication, is exploring various ways to protect and enhance future water supplies in the basin through groundwater monitoring, and the collection and analyzing of data pertinent to water supply and demand.
- Water Reuse, Central Coast Chapter The Association is a not-for-profit association (501c6) of utilities, government agencies and industry that advocates for laws, policies and funding to promote water reuse and reclamation.
- Zone 1/1A Flood Control Advisory Committee The Committee's focus is to provide input and coordination on proposed improvements and maintenance of the Zone 1/1A flood facilities, working with the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District. The Board appointed Paul J. Karp, Technical Consultant to the District, to the Flood Control Advisory Committee. *The December meeting of the Committee was cancelled.*
- Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM). IRWM is a collaborative effort with the County of San Luis Obispo to manage all aspects of water resources on a region-wide scale.
- San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC).

 Countywide Water Action Team/Water Management Efforts: Water managers throughout San Luis Obispo County meet quarterly to discuss and collaborate on water supply management solutions.

RWQCB NPDES Permit Renewal

Based upon a recent conversation with RWQCB staff, a draft permit is not likely to be released for public review before late 2017. *No additional information available to date.*

In addition, staff revised the Sewer System Management Plan Audit Report to come in compliance with our General WDR. The WDR requires an Audit be completed every two years. This Audit Report describes our planned activities under the Plan for the upcoming year.

District's Brine Disposal Program:

A revised Brine Disposal Plan is onsite. The Plan has been submitted for comment to the Regional Water Quality Control Board staff. Staff anticipates circulating the new draft amongst the current customers, and plans implemented the first part of 2018. A report entitled "Review of Brine Program" is on the Board agenda this evening.

Recruitment of District Administrator

CPS HR has been engaged by the Board to recruit a new District Administrator. The Board has directed modifications to the recruitment brochure.

Upcoming Agenda Items

- · 2015-16 Fiscal Year Audit
- Request for Proposal for Financial Update and Analysis Bartles Wells
- Call for Bids for Digester Rehabilitation

Plant Operation's Report

During this reporting period (December 1st through December 15, 2017) the District's facility continues to regularly meet its Permit Limitations as required under the State of California's National Pollution Elimination Discharge (NPDES) Permit issued to the District. *All process values (lab test results) were within permit limits.*

	INF Flow IN	INE Dook		EFF BOD	BOD %	INF TSS	EFF TSS	TSS %	Fecal	Chlorine
December2017									Coliform	Usage
	IVIGD	Flow MGD	mg/L	mg/L	Removal	mg/L	mg/L	Removal	MPN/100mL	lbs/day
Low	2.23	3.4	507	21.4		518	21.8		<1.8	47
High	2.54	4.2	643	28.3		694	33		110	281
Average	2.29	3.7	569	23.5	95.9	577	25.1	95.6	11.2	173
Dec 2017 AVG	2.41	3.7	451	34.2	94.5	416	38.1	91.7	2.34	172
Limit	5.0			40/60/90	>80		40/60/90	>80	2000	

Plant Data (Monthly Data as of December 30, 2017)

**Limit – 40/60/90 represent NPDES Permit limits for the monthly average, weekly average, and instantaneous value for plant effluent BOD and TSS.

Operation and Maintenance Projects

- Contacted FRM and Bragg crane for quotes on the centrifuge auger project and rehab.
- Smith electric installed new LED lights in the heating and mixing building.
- Tricia Atkins from Environmental Health Services came out for our annual Hazardous Materials Inspection.
- Men's bathroom fan replaced.
- Installed new redundant lsco at the headworks due to complications with the old one. Staff will troubleshoot old lsco and repair if possible for redundancy.
- Replace heater element and water pump on the chemical tank water heater recirculation system.
- Staff cut and removed branches, limbs and leaves from the fence line perimeter.
- Staff completed the work on the rental centrifuge inspection, wash down and tightening of drive belt.

• Work orders completed

Amiad filter maintenance. Water champ/Flash mixer maintenance. FFR rotating assembly maintenance. FFR exhaust fan maintenance. Lab fume hood fan maintenance. 6" Trash pump maintenance. Case loader maintenance. Cart maintenance. Checked and marked all USA's

Training

- All operators attended CPR and First Aid training.
- Operators Mui, Jackman, Romhild and Jones all passed the Respirator fit test.
- Interim CPO Rick Jackman attended Required Sexual Harassment Prevention Training and Required Ethics AB 1234 Compliance Training. Webinar Conducted By CSDA and SDRMA.
- Mike Arias completed the monthly plant safety inspection.
- All staff attended the annual Spill Prevention, Containment and Countermeasure training and safety meeting.

Call Outs

 Staff received one callout on Saturday 12/3 at 12:45 a.m. Operator Romhild arrived at the plant to find a number of alarms on the alarm panel. After finishing his plant inspection and no problems were found, it was concluded that it was a power spike that set off the alarms.

Notice of Violations and mandatory fines of \$3000.00 each.

- 995413 on 7/31/2015 Total suspended solids limit is 40 and the result was 57.
- 1002752 on 12/3/2015 Fecal Coliform daily max limit is 2000 and the result was 5400.
- 1026926 on 5/3/2017 Chlorine Residual instantaneous limit is 9.96 and the result was 32.