MINUTES

For the Regular Meeting of the Board on:

July 17, 2024

1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>

The Governing Board of the Montecito Sanitary District convened a regular meeting at 12:16 pm on Wednesday, July 17, 2024. The meeting was also broadcast using Zoom teleconferencing.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present:

Directors Hogan, Johnson, Ohlmann, and Ellwood T. Barrett II

Board Members Absent:

Director Martin

Also Present and Participating:

John Weigold, MSD General Manager Stephen Williams, MSD Business and Administrative Manager Aleks Giragosian, MSD General Legal Counsel

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public addressed the Board.

3. <u>CLOSED SESSION</u>

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION (GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957)

Title: General Counsel, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC

Reportable Action: None

B. <u>CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (GOVERNMENT CODE §</u> 54957.6)

Name of District Negotiator to Attend Closed Session: Aleks Giragosian, District Legal Counsel

Name of Employee and/or Organizations: Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 620, Montecito Sanitary District Management Group, General Manager

Reportable Action: None

NOTE: Director Johnson left at 2:30 p.m. prior to the end of closed session.

4. CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING THE PROTECTIVE MEASURES OF DISTRICT FACILITIES (JANUARY 2023 STORM) PROJECT

ON MOTION by Director Ohlmann, Seconded by Director Barrett, the Board voted to:

- i) Award a contract with Cushman Contracting (Cushman) for their low bid amount of \$1,154,865 for the creek bank restoration work located at four different project sites within the District's boundary; and
- ii) Authorize the General Manager to execute the contract and approve expenditures of up to ten percent (10%) of the bid, amounting to \$115,486.50, to cover any cost increases that may result from contract change orders for extra work or other scope changes; and
- iii) Determine that this action is not subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption Class 2 (Section 15302) and Class 4 (Section 15304) as well as Statutory Exemption (State Code 15269).

AYES: Directors Hogan, Ohlmann, and Barrett

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Directors Johnson and Martin

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The Board received a nonactionable update from General Manager John Weigold on relevant matters currently facing the District.

6. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

The next Board meeting will be a Special Meeting of the Board on July 30, 2024. The following topics were brought up as potential agenda items:

- Brief report from the Investment Committee
- Consideration of other CPA Firms to conduct annual audits
- Short presentation on status of financial audit

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm ON MOTION by Director Hogan, Seconded by Director Ohlmann.

These minutes were presented for approval at the Regular Board Meeting on August 21, 2024.

Ellwood T. Barrett II, President

Minutes taken and prepared by:

Stephen Williams

Business and Administrative Manager/Clerk of the Board