

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

DELTA DIABLO

February 9, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilson at 4:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, via Zoom. Present were Vice Chair Juan Banales (arrived after roll call) and Director Federal Glover. Also present were Mary Ann Mason, District Counsel; Vince De Lange, General Manager; Cecelia Nichols-Fritzler, Office Manager/Secretary to the Board; Brian Thomas, Acting Business Services Director; Thanh Vo, Acting Engineering Services Director; Amanda Roa, Environmental Programs Manager; Kelly Ring, Chemist I; and Simon Kobayashi, Associate Engineer.

Chair Wilson read the following statement: “In lieu of a public gathering, the Board of Directors meeting will be accessible via ZOOM to all members of the public as permitted by the Government Code Section 54953(e).”

Ms. Nichols-Fritzler read a statement regarding the process for receiving public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Taylor Schofield (WWTP Operator II, Delta Diablo) commented on a proposed development in the City of Antioch and asked Chair Wilson how the City would ensure sufficient capacity in its wastewater collection system and address impacts on District infrastructure, which is in need of repair to accommodate these flows. Director Glover and Ms. Mason commented that the public comment period is for matters within the purview of the District and the Board is not obligated to address the comment. Chair Wilson referred the matter to the General Manager for follow up.

Following close of the public comment period, Chair Wilson moved the Deliberation Items section of the meeting agenda to the next item.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Adopt Resolution Declaring that, as of January 12, 2022, Public Interest and Necessity Demanded Immediate Expenditure of Public Money to Safeguard Life, Health, and Property without Submitting the Expenditure to Bid, Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 20783; Ratify General Manager’s Establishment of a New Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Project in the Wastewater Capital Asset Replacement Fund, and the Transfer of Monies to this Project from Wastewater Capital Asset Replacement Fund Reserves in the Amount of \$350,000, for a Total Project Budget of \$350,000; Ratify General Manager’s Negotiation and Execution of Materials Procurement, Construction, and Other Related Services Contracts in a Total Combined Amount Not to Exceed \$350,000; and Take Related Actions under the California Environmental Quality Act, Shore Acres Interceptor Emergency Repair, Project No. 22129

Mr. Vo provided an overview of the Shore Acres Interceptor failure on January 12, 2022 and subsequent emergency repair work. He noted that field investigations identified a limited, localized failure of the 30-inch diameter interceptor at a transition between different pipe materials under an abandoned railroad line, as well as significant corrosion across an 80-foot section of reinforced concrete pipe. Mr. Vo highlighted that staff took immediate actions to prevent a sanitary sewer overflow and to maintain service to all customers by diverting and storing upstream flows and

installing a temporary bypass pumping system. In order to repair the damaged line, the District completed emergency repair work by February 4, 2022, which included installation of a 200-foot cured-in-place pipe structural liner system and repair of two corroded manholes. Mr. Vo concluded by summarizing the associated actions recommended for approval.

Vice Chair Banales thanked Mr. Vo for the presentation and staff for the rapid incident response. He further commented that he would like staff to follow up and learn from these failures, while considering impacts to future capital investment planning. Mr. De Lange provided an overview of the District's approach to sewer inspection and condition assessment activities and noted that pipe access constraints can present challenges in completing this critical work. Despite these challenges, the District must continue to overcome access challenges and weigh the benefit of proactive versus reactive pipeline repair to mitigate the potential for catastrophic failure events. In response, Vice Chair Banales thanked the General Manager for his careful consideration and noted his appreciation for thinking "outside the box."

Director Glover asked about the District's preventative maintenance program. Mr. De Lange responded that the District has a Sanitary Sewer Management Plan in place, which specifies sewer cleaning and inspection requirements, and is currently working to develop a formalized Asset Management Program.

Vice Chair Banales moved approval to adopt a resolution declaring that, as of January 12, 2022, Public Interest and Necessity Demanded Immediate Expenditure of Public Money to Safeguard Life, Health, and Property without Submitting the Expenditure to Bid, Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 20783; Ratify General Manager's Establishment of a New Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Project in the Wastewater Capital Asset Replacement Fund, and the Transfer of Monies to this Project from Wastewater Capital Asset Replacement Fund Reserves in the Amount of \$350,000, for a Total Project Budget of \$350,000; Ratify General Manager's Negotiation and Execution of Materials Procurement, Construction, and Other Related Services Contracts in a Total Combined Amount Not to Exceed \$350,000; and Take Related Actions under the California Environmental Quality Act, Shore Acres Interceptor Emergency Repair, Project No. 22129 seconded by Director Glover, and by roll call vote (*Ayes: Banales, Glover, Wilson, Noes: None, Abstain: None*), the Resolution was adopted.

RECOGNITION

Adopt Resolution Commending Outgoing Board Chair, Federal Glover, for His Service to the District as Board Chair

Mr. De Lange highlighted the District's key accomplishments during Director Glover's tenure as Board Chair in 2021, including navigating the District through the COVID-19 pandemic and adopting a new Strategic Plan. He noted that Director Glover has strongly supported employee appreciation, organizational excellence, continuous improvement, and innovation at the District. In addition, Mr. De Lange noted that Chair Glover has served on the Board of Directors for 25 years and congratulated him for reaching such a tremendous milestone. Chair Wilson thanked Director Glover for his service over the past year, acknowledging his many accomplishments, and congratulated him for his 25 years of public service at the District. Vice Chair Banales congratulated Director Glover for his experience, passion, and commitment to the District. Director Glover expressed his appreciation to the Board and staff and stated that serving on the Board is one of his greatest joys.

Introduction of Kelly Ring, Chemist I, to the District

Mr. Eckerson introduced Ms. Ring, who began her employment with the District on December 27, 2021. He noted that she has over ten years of experience working in private contract laboratories and public water/wastewater utility laboratories and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry from University of California, Davis. Mr. Eckerson stated that she is familiar with wastewater analysis and bioassay toxicity studies and will utilize this knowledge and skillset to directly support the Environmental Stewardship goal in the District's Strategic Plan. The Board welcomed Ms. Ring and she thanked the Board for the opportunity.

Introduction of Simon Kobayashi, Associate Engineer, to the District

Mr. Vo introduced Mr. Kobayashi, who began employment with the District on January 24, 2022. He noted that Mr. Kobayashi earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Virginia and a Master of Science Degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley. Mr. Vo noted that Mr. Kobayashi has diverse design and project management experience in the water and wastewater sector and will apply this experience in support of the Infrastructure Investment goal in the District's Strategic Plan. The Board welcomed Mr. Kobayashi to the District and he thanked the Board for the opportunity and stated that he looks forward to continuing his career in public service.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Glover moved approval of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Vice Chair Banales, and by a roll call vote (Ayes: *Banales, Glover, and Wilson*, Noes: *None*; Absent: *None*, Abstain: *None*), the following Consent items were approved: Approve Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, January 12, 2022; Receive District Monthly Check Register, December 2021; Receive First Quarter Fiscal Year 2021/2022 District Investment Report; Accept and Authorize General Manager to File Notice of Completion, C.W. Roen Construction Company, Headworks Improvements, Project No. 17117; Authorize General Manager to Transfer Monies to Sand Filter Intermittent Backwash System Project from the Recycled Water Capital Asset Replacement Fund Reserves in the Amount of \$125,000, for a Total Project Budget of \$975,000, and Authorize General Manager to Approve Construction Contract Change Orders in an Amount Not to Exceed 46% of the Construction Contract, for a New Total Construction Contract Authorization of \$874,604, Parkson Corporation, Sand Filter Intermittent Backwash System, Project No. 21121; and Consider Continuing Teleconference Meetings (AB 361, Government Code Section 54953[e]).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Wilson accepted the request from Mr. Chris Phillips (Senior Operator, Delta Diablo) to address the Board following technical difficulties in attempting to do so during the Public Comment period. He shared his concerns regarding the negative impacts of attrition at the District, loss of institutional knowledge, lack of input, communication, and accountability, and marginalization based on employee workgroup.

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Receive Report on Wastewater COVID-19 Surveillance Partnership Activities

Ms. Roa highlighted the District's participation in wastewater COVID-19 surveillance partnership activities. She explained how wastewater based epidemiology (WBE) or "wastewater surveillance" is used to monitor wastewater for viruses to assess the potential for community impacts associated with specific diseases or infections. Ms. Roa noted that during the COVID-19

pandemic, the District has participated in several wastewater surveillance efforts at the regional (Covid-WEB, UC Berkeley) and national (National Wastewater Surveillance System, U.S. Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) level by providing influent wastewater samples. She noted the District, along with other wastewater agencies, was recognized by the California Water Quality Monitoring Council for its efforts to develop and implement wastewater monitoring that informs responses to the pandemic and protects the health of Californians. Last, Ms. Roa highlighted that Contra Costa County has utilized local wastewater surveillance information to guide decision making in its efforts to protect public health.

Director Glover thanked Ms. Roa and asked if she is sharing the information with the cities in the District's service area. She replied that she will follow up by sending the website links to provide direct access to the monitoring data. The Board thanked Ms. Roa for her presentation.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

None.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Receive Monthly Lobbyist Report Dated January 2022, Key Advocates, Inc., Western Recycled Water Coalition, Project No. 90024

The Board received and filed the report

CLOSED SESSION

Before convening to Closed Session, the Secretary to the Board asked for public comments on the Closed Session item. No comments were made. At 5:39 p.m., Chair Wilson convened the Board of Directors meeting to Closed Session. Following Closed Session, Chair Wilson reconvened the Board of Director meeting in open session at 6:07 p.m. and stated there was nothing to report from Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m. and noted the next Board of Directors meeting will be held on March 9, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.



Federal Glover
Board Secretary

(Recording Secretary:
Cecelia Nichols-Fritzler)