

LEUCADIA WASTEWATER DISTRICT
Minutes of an Engineering Committee Meeting
August 5, 2024

A meeting of the Engineering Committee (EC) of Leucadia Wastewater District (LWD or District) was held on Monday, August 5, 2024 at 1:00 p.m., at the LWD Administration Office located at 1960 La Costa Avenue, Carlsbad, California.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Omsted called the meeting to order at 12:58 p.m.

2. Roll Call

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Omsted, Pacilio

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Director of Finance and Administration Ryan Green; Field Services Supervisor Gabe Mendez; Project Coordinator Ian Riffel; District Engineer Dexter Wilson, Tim Lewis from Water Works Engineers, and Grant Aukland from Water Works Engineers

3. Public Comment

None.

4. San Marcos Creek Crossing Diversion Project – Award of Construction Contract and Authorize an Additional Appropriation

Recommendation 1: Authorize the General Manager to execute an Agreement with Palm Engineering Construction Company, Inc. for construction services to complete the San Marcos Creek Crossing Diversion Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,124,000.

Recommendation 2: Authorize an additional appropriation of \$150K for project construction.

PC Riffel presented this item to the EC.

Director Pacilio asked for clarification about the \$150K additional appropriation. PC Riffel answered that the FY25 Capital Budget included \$1.025M for project construction, however, due to Palm Engineering Construction Company, Inc.'s (Palm's) bid and Water Works Engineers' (Water Work's) refined final design cost estimates, staff is requesting an additional \$150K to cover project construction and a 5% contingency.

Chairperson Omsted asked what account the additional \$150K will be pulled from. DFA Green answered from the District's capital reserve account.

PC Riffel continued to provide background information and said that in January 2024 the emergency repair work was completed at the San Marcos Creek pipeline crossing at the Omni La Costa south golf course. PC Riffel stated that during this time, staff and the Board discussed expediting a permanent repair and in March 2024, the Board authorized a \$200K Capital Budget transfer in order to start design immediately.

PC Riffel stated that in June 2024, Water Works completed project design and staff advertised the project for bids. PC Riffel continued that the estimated construction cost was \$1.046M. PC Riffel stated that the District received two (2) bids by the July 23rd deadline and Palm had the lowest bid of \$1,124,000. He said that Palm's bid was \$78K more than the cost estimate.

PC Riffel reviewed actions staff took to ensure the bid was competitive. Based on this analysis, staff is recommending that the bid be awarded to Palm.

Following discussion, the EC concurred with staff to recommend that that Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to award the contract for the San Marcos Creek Crossing Diversion Project construction to Palm in an amount not to exceed \$1,124,000 as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and authorize an additional appropriation of \$150K for project construction.

5. Information Items

None.

6. Directors' Comments

None.

7. General Manager's Comments

None.

8. Adjournment

Chairperson Omsted adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:06 p.m.



Paul J. Bushee,
Secretary/Manager
(Seal)