

MINUTES OF THE SAN ANTONIO WATER COMPANY
PLANNING, RESOURCES, and OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
February 22, 2022

An open meeting of the Planning, Resources, and Operations Committee (PROC) of the San Antonio Water Company (SAWCo) was called to order virtually at 3:00 p.m. on the above date. Committee members present were Will Elliott, Rudy Zuniga, Kati Parker, and Tom Thomas. Also in attendance were SAWCo's General Manager Brian Lee, Assistant General Manager Teri Layton, and Senior Administrative Specialist Kelly Mitchell. Director Elliott presided.

1. Recognitions and Presentations – None.
2. Additions-Deletions to the Agenda – None.
3. Public Comments – None.
4. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:
 - A. **Regular Committee Minutes of August 24, 2021** – Director Thomas moved, and Director Elliott seconded to approve the meeting minutes of August 24, 2021 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Planning and Operational Issues:
6. Planning and Operational Updates -
 - A. **Project Status Report/Project List** – Mr. Lee advised that the majority of the capital improvement projects have been completed. Water is being fed to the City of Upland treatment plant but without additional rainfall, SAWCo may not be able to produce enough water to meet full entitlement for municipal shareholders.
 - B. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Paloma Curve Hydraulic Break** – Mr. Lee reminded the Committee of past talks regarding the Paloma Curve Hydraulic Break. A proposal to determine solutions to the hydraulic break noise issue in the amount of \$40,000 was received from WSC Engineering. There is surplus money from previous SAWCo projects WSC has completed that can be applied to this item.

Mr. Lee asked that the Committee recommend the Board approve the proposal from WSC Engineering using the remaining funds from the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and 2021 America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) contract (roughly \$23,000) with the remainder coming from Capital Reserves.

Director Thomas described in more detail the facility and the issues with the low frequency noise.

Director Parker moved and Director Zuniga seconded to recommend the Board approve the \$40,000 proposal from WSC Engineering for the Paloma Curve Hydraulic Break using remaining funds from the 2020 UWMP and 2021 AWIA contracts with the remainder coming from Capital Reserves. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Holly Drive Reservoir Phase III** – Mr. Lee reported this is the third and final phase of the Holly Drive Reservoir Project. There is an abandoned 60,000-gallon tank on the property that will be demolished, and a 120,000-gallon tank will be built in its place. Total storage on the site will be 240,000 gallons. This large amount is primarily for fire service. Phase III is primarily for engineering services totaling \$105,000. There is about \$35,000 saved on the first two phases of this project that will be applied to phase III, bringing the total impact on the budget to around \$70,000.

Director Thomas spoke on the possible building of homes to the west of Holly Drive and wondered if these tanks could be used to supply them water. Mr. Lee advised he is working with SAWCo's Master Plan engineers to determine

whether it's possible to bring water to 26th Street which would include the possible homes.

Director Parker moved and Director Zuniga seconded to recommend the Board approve the proposal from TKE Engineering for the Holly Drive Reservoir Phase III project. Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Holly Drive Booster Station Screening** – Mr. Lee explained that the Holly Drive Booster Station has had some significant upgrades over the last few years. Originally it was an underground vault-style booster station which then became an above ground building that recently had a back-up generator installed. The neighboring homeowner has expressed concern regarding the visual changes that have recently occurred. Staff has hired Soltis and Company Landscaping to prepare a plan for visually softening and shielding the new station from the homeowner's view.

Mr. Lee provided pictures of what the original booster station looked like and what it currently looks like. He then showed renderings from Soltis and Company on what they propose to shield the area from the homeowner's view.

The Committee discussed additional work that could be done to make the booster station more aesthetically pleasing from the street side. Fencing the area was also discussed.

Director Thomas inquired about whether the homeowner will be responsible for irrigating and maintaining the added foliage. Mr. Lee answered the irrigation for the foliage will be tied into the homeowner's existing irrigation system and will be the responsibility of the homeowners to maintain. Final approval of the proposed landscape plan by the homeowner is pending.

Director Zuniga moved and Director Parker seconded to recommend the Board approve the proposal from Soltis and Company for the landscaping around the Holly Drive Booster Station. Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Well 19** – Mr. Lee advised he has been working with BEEST on development of specifications for a new production Well 19 within the Cucamonga Basin. Originally a test well/pilot hole was proposed for 2022 but as plans continued to progress, the concept of constructing a permanent outer well wall during testing along with striated testing levels within the well has risen as a potential concept. Staff originally budgeted \$175,000 in 2022 for the test well, however, a modified test well that would transition into a permanent well would cost just over an estimated \$1,000,000. Mr. Lee advised he is still exploring the benefits and negatives of moving in this direction and is not yet ready to make a recommendation.

Mr. Lee then reviewed and discussed with the Committee the proposal from BEEST. During discussion Mr. Lee felt there was a possibility of reducing costs by \$30,000 to \$40,000 if the subcontractors were separated out and SAWCo dealt with them directly. He will take that option back to BEEST to see if it is a viable option.

Director Thomas inquired as to whether the well will be located in the city of Upland or Rancho Cucamonga. Mr. Lee advised that the current Well 19 is located in Upland, however, the proposed alternative site is located in Rancho Cucamonga.

Director Thomas questioned if another hole will be drilled if this test well pans out. Mr. Lee advised the same hole will be used for the permanent well.

The proposal from BEEST will be brought to the full Board for discussion and possible action.

7. Basin Issues and Updates

- *San Antonio Canyon Watershed* – No report given.
- *Chino Basin* – No report given.

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- *Six Basins* – No report given.
- *Cucamonga Basin* – No report given.

8. Closed session: None.

9. Committee's Comments and Future Agenda Items: None.

Adjournment: –The meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.


Assistant Secretary
Brian Lee