

Minutes

Sacramento Suburban Water District
Facilities and Operations Committee
Wednesday, July 15, 2020

Location:

Video and Audio Conference Only at 1-669-900-6833, or Zoom at Meeting Id #839 6314 0350

Call to Order – Videoconference/Audioconference Meeting

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Jones opted to forgo the Pledge of Allegiance since it is a Zoom meeting.

Roll Call

Directors Present: Dave Jones and Kathleen McPherson.

Directors Absent: None.

Staff Present: General Manager Dan York, Assistant General Manager Mike Huot, James Arenz, Matt Underwood, David Morrow, Dana Dean, David Espinoza, Mitchell McCarthy, and Tommy Moulton.

Public Present: William Eubanks and Sierra Summers.

Announcements

None.

Public Comment

None.

Consent Items

1. Minutes of the February 13, 2020, Facilities and Operations Committee Meeting

Chair Jones moved to approve Consent Item 1; Director McPherson seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

AYES:	Jones and McPherson	ABSTAINED:	
NOES:		RECUSED:	
ABSENT:			

Items for Discussion and/or Action

2. Fleet Main Asset Management Plan

Assistant General Manager, Mike Huot (AGM Huot) presented the staff report.

Director McPherson inquired about the history of when the Fleet Asset Management Plan was presented to the Facilities and Operations Committee.

Senior Project Manager, James Arenz (Mr. Arenz) clarified that the Fleet Asset Management Plan in the past was based on a vehicle point system. The Committee and Board recommended back in 2017 new criteria for rating vehicles and added portable equipment under \$5k to the new plan.

Director McPherson inquired how this new plan differs from the existing plan.

Mr. Arenz stated that currently the District does not have an approved plan in place. The Facilities and Fleet Specialist has a procedure to follow, but an approved plan was never adopted and put into place.

Chair Jones inquired if generators are included as equipment.

Mr. Arenz clarified that fixed generators are not included as equipment, only portable generators.

General Manager, Dan York (GM York) stated that the District did have a system in place from 2002 to 2009. It was a system comprised of age and mileage. When the vehicle point system was developed, it worked well initially, but over time staff had to adjust the numbering criteria, which extended the mileage to 100,000 miles, which starts to be a problem for reliability.

Director McPherson inquired if the District has done a fiscal analysis of what the anticipated cost would be compared to what the District is doing now.

GM York stated the District has the finances to replace them; however, using the point system could lead to replacing too many vehicles in one given year.

Director McPherson inquired if the District is contracted with Ford or any other dealership to purchase new vehicles.

Mr. Arenz stated the District purchases its vehicles through the California State Vehicle Fleet program.

Chair Jones stated that staff should review the Fleet Asset Management Plan and change language that reads "should" to "shall", to provide clarity and clear direction.

Public comment from William Eubanks (Mr. Eubanks) stated he is concerned that if the cost of repairing a vehicle sometimes is more than the vehicle itself. A 10 year old truck might not be worth much.

AGM Huot clarified that this Fleet Asset Management Plan is a guide to help staff determine if or when is the right time to replace or buy new vehicles.

The Committee moved to recommend the item move to the full Board as a discussion item with Committee's full recommendation of approval.

3. Transmission Main Asset Management Plan

Senior Engineer, David Espinoza (Mr. Espinoza) presented the staff report and went through a PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion ensued on the PowerPoint presentation.

Director McPherson stated that staff has done a lot of analysis to come up with an initial ranking and inquired if staff has gone out to look at rank 1, or does staff need Board approval for that.

Mr. Espinoza stated that staff needs Board approval on the analysis that was just completed in the last few months and future funding before proceeding on reviewing rank 1. Staff's intent for the fall is to acquire funding for just the condition assessment of the pipe in 2021 and as staff performs the research and there is a conclusion that the pipe needs rehab and replacement then staff will go back to the Board for funding for the following year.

Director McPherson inquired if an outside consultant or additional staff will be needed.

Mr. Espinoza stated that staff will be working with an outside consultant and vendors on the project.

Chair Jones stated that he has concerns that the figure on the cost estimate of \$2.4 million per mile is under as currently the District is paying \$2.2 million on distribution main pipe, thinks it will be closer to \$3 million a mile.

Mr. Espinoza pointed out that the costs in the plan range from \$2.4 million to \$6.1 million per mile, depending on pipe diameter.

Chair Jones requested modifications to the Transmission Main Asset Management Plan to reevaluate the cost of the lines and to provide more information from the 2011 report to the current 2020 report. In addition, Chair Jones would like more detail added to the Executive Summary section. Chair Jones further noted that back in the 2011 report, there was a lot of information on the 48 inch pipe and the pipe going down Northrop Avenue from Enterprise and how it ties in at Bell. No mention of that work, the cost, and how the cost will be shared with the City or San Juan Water District and Sacramento Suburban Water District.

The Committee moved to recommend the item come back to the Facilities and Operations Committee with Chair Jones' requested modifications.

Adjournment

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m.

Dan York
General Manager/Secretary
Sacramento Suburban Water District