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Special Meeting  
Minutes of September 11, 2008

Special meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. in the business office at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Present were Directors Kraynek, Ball, Schwartz and O'Brien. Also present were Superintendent Mike Kelley and Secretary Jodi Mitchell. Director Dill arrived during the discussion.

1. Public Comment – None
2. Approval of Revised Cost Estimate from Alpha Diving Industries to Re-Anchor the Ocean Outfall Pipeline

At the August 28, 2008 special meeting, the Board of Directors approved an estimate from Alpha Diving to make emergency repairs to missing outfall hold-down brackets in the amount of \$23,800. On September 10, 2008, Robert Lucariello, owner of Alpha Diving, submitted a revised estimate for the materials to replace the brackets. The 2006 estimate for each bracket was \$500, and since that time, the cost of each bracket had increased to \$1,500. The revised cost of the project was now \$34,800 to install the minimum number of brackets that Robert Lucariello thought would be necessary to keep the pipeline from being damaged this winter. The cost was over the \$25,000 bidding requirements. Emergency repairs were needed prior to the onset of winter sea conditions, and Public Contract Code Section 20682(f) allows an agency to approve a project that exceeds the \$25,000 contract ceiling in an emergency situation. The revised cost estimate was provided to the Board.

Director O'Brien noted that he does not favor calling special meetings, especially when additional costs are involved, however, there were two important issues: 1) there has been a change in the estimated cost; however, this was a timely issue. The diver could get the work done before the storms, if the District proceeded now, instead of picking up the pieces later, after it became a problem. 2) Mr. Lucariello gave the District his best idea and cost estimate, even though he used a 2006 estimate. Since he was familiar with the outfall line, it might not be in the District's best interest to attempt to find another diving company in such short notice for necessary repairs before the weather conditions make it impossible to repair this season.

Director Ball suggested that it might be the appropriate time to research any new materials and total outfall line replacement costs. Director Schwartz was concerned over the cost increase, however, the District could be confronted with far greater expenses, which would be State penalties if the line were to break, and the District did not repair an existing problem for which they were aware. Director Kraynek asked what the criteria were for the decision to install nine clamps as opposed to the original twenty-two. He had concerns of whether the District might be remiss in only installing nine clamps versus twelve, for example. Superintendent Kelley responded that the diver had planned to install the nine clamps where the line was most vulnerable; two per pipe joint.

Superintendent Kelley indicated the District could contact a submarine engineering specialty firm to estimate the cost of the whole line repair/or replacement and give an overall evaluation of the line.

MOTION Schwartz/Dill: Since the repair should be considered a high priority, due to the nature of the condition of the outfall, the Board authorized the total revised estimated costs of \$34,800, with work to commence as soon as possible, and also, authorize an investigation by an engineering company qualified to survey the ocean outfall, so the District would have a clear picture of what may be required for repair and/or replacement of the ocean outfall line.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Directors Kraynek, Ball, Dill, Schwartz and O'Brien.  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Mitchell  
District Secretary