

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE NOTES

September 1, 2020

Attendees:

Committee members:	Randall Reed (Chair) and Kevin Kenley
Staff members:	John Bosler, Carrie Guarino, Eduardo Espinoza, Rob Hills, Chad Brantley, Praseetha Krishnan, Tuan Truong, Eric Grubb, Gidti Ludesirishoti, and Nik Baykal
Members of the Public:	None.

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None.

Introductory Remarks by Chair Reed

Chair Reed announced for the record that this meeting was conducted by teleconference pursuant to the Brown Act waivers provided for under the Governor's executive Orders in response to the COVID-19 State of Emergency. Further, the agenda stated that there was no public location for attending this meeting in person. The agenda stated that the public may listen and provide comment telephonically by calling the number listed on the agenda. Chair Reed took a roll call of Committee members and staff present on the call as listed above.

I. Easement Purchase and Award of Contract for Construction of Sewer Main in Hellman Avenue and 4th Street

- Staff presented an Award of Contract to Norstar Engineering & Plumbing, Inc. for the construction of Sewer Main in Hellman and 4th. Staff also provided the committee an update on the progress of easement agreement negotiations with the San Bernardino County Flood Control District (SBFCD).
- On February 27, 2020, the District received three (3) bids for the construction of the project and Norstar Plumbing & Engineering, Inc. was the low bidder at the price of \$1,375,447.00. CVWD's bid documents require that the contractors must hold their bid price for 90 days. At the time CVWD staff had cleared all technical review with the County in order to obtain a construction permit. However, significant delays were due to easement negotiations. The 90-day period has passed and since then Norstar has agreed to hold their bid past the 90-day mark. However, Norstar has indicated that a change order will be necessary to account for increased labor costs due to prevailing wage increase by Department of Industrial Relations effective July 1 of this year. This change is due to state regulations and out of Norstar's control. The change is expected to be about 3% of the project's labor cost only and is a reasonable request. The competitiveness of Norstar's bid, including the labor cost change, compared to the second low bid is still a good value and staff recommends to award the contract. Staff will request and review documentation to justify the change order.

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- The District is requesting 47,950 square feet of easement for sewer purposes from SBFCD. The District hired Riggs & Riggs, Inc. to provide an appraisal to determine the value of the sewer easement. The land was valued at \$15 per square foot for a total valuation of \$719,250. However, a factor of 30% of this valuation was applied to recognize the limited rights to be granted to the District. This results in a purchase price of \$215,775 for the Grant of Easement for sewer purposes from SBCFCD. District's legal counsel, BB&K, assisted staff in negotiating agreement terms and confirmed that the easement terms are acceptable to the District.
- The committee concurred with staff's recommendation to forward this item to the full Board of Directors for approval.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:20 p.m.