

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE NOTES

January 4, 2022

Attendees:

Committee members:	Randal Reed (Chair) and Kevin Kenley
Staff members:	Eduardo Espinoza, Rob Hills, Chad Brantley, Tuan Truong, Gidti Ludesirishoti, Nik Baykal, JR Roberts, Michael Maestas, Eric Grub and Taya Victorino
Members of the Public:	None.

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None

Introductory Remarks by Committee Chair Reed

Chair Reed announced for the record that this meeting was conducted by teleconference pursuant to Resolution No. 2021-12-1 as permitted under AB 361, in an effort to protect public health, prevent the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), and because state and/or local officials are recommending or imposing measures to promote social distancing. 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 agreement for a new retaining wall at the Nitrate Treatment Facility

- Staff re-briefed the committee on the background of landscaping design and the need for the retaining wall. The best location of the wall places part of it within public right-of-way (ROW).
 - While underground infrastructure in public ROW does not require an easement, those types of facilities do not prohibit the use of the land. In coordination with the city and legal counsel, the simplest and most expedient solution is an easement agreement.
- This agreement would require approval by both City Council and the District's Board of Directors.
 - District and City staff are still negotiating minor details, but we expect a final agreement to be ready for approval before the second board meeting this month.
- The committee inquired about the location of the wall, whether the sidewalk needed to be demolished, and if we have noticed erosion thus far. Staff confirmed the proposed wall location is directly adjacent to the City right of way and construction would require demolition/reconstruction of the sidewalk's ADA ramp. Staff also presented the previous rendering to illustrate that the height of the wall is only a few feet tall.

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- The Committee concurred with Staff's recommendation to forward this item to the full board of directors for approval on the consent agenda.

2. Nitrate Treatment Facility and Reservoir 3A Landscaping (Verbal)

- Related to the retaining wall easement, staff updated the committee on the progress for the Nitrate Treatment Facility and Reservoir 3A landscaping.
 - Since the redesigns were coordinated together, the request for bids (RFB) was sent out as a single package. There will be a pre-bid meeting this week and bids are due on January 18.
 - It is expected that the retaining wall will be completed before a contractor is selected and a contract is approved. The landscaping contractor could receive a notice to proceed as soon as late February.
- The committee requested to see the rendering for the landscaping again, inquired if it was the same design, and asked about maintenance. Staff shared the rendering and confirmed it is the same. Staff also confirmed the plant selection criteria heavily weighted maintenance effort/cost.
- This is an information only item and no action was taken.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:17 p.m.