

**MINUTES OF THE  
SAN JOSÉ/SANTA CLARA  
TREATMENT PLANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
San José City Hall, Virtual  
Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 4:01 p.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Minutes of the Treatment Plant Advisory Committee convened this date at 4:01 p.m. Chair Liccardo called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with the following members in attendance:

**Committee Members:** David Cohen, Dev Davis, John Gatto, Karen Hardy, Sam Liccardo  
Carmen Montano, Paul Resnikoff, Dave Sykes, Kathy Watanabe

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. March 11, 2021

**Action:** On a motion made by Committee Member Gatto and a second by Committee Member Watanabe, TPAC recommended approval of item 2.A.

**Ayes - 9** (Cohen, Davis, Gatto, Hardy, Liccardo, Montano, Resnikoff, Sykes, Watanabe)  
**Nays - 0**

**3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS**

**4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

A. Director's Report (verbal)

Environmental Services Department Assistant Director, Napp Fukuda stated there was no report. There were no questions from the public.

**5. AGREEMENTS/ACTION ITEMS**

A. **San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility Capital Improvement Program Semiannual Status Report**

**Staff Recommendation:**

Accept the semiannual status report on the San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater facility Capital Improvement Program for the period of July 2020 through December 2020.

**This item was heard by the Transportation and Environment Committee on April 5, 2021.**

ESD Assistant Director Fukuda introduced ESD Capital Improvement Program Deputy Director, Mariana Chavez-Vazquez who made a presentation. Deputy Director Chavez-Vazquez introduced Public Works Department Principal Engineer, Norman Mascarinas who was available for questions. At the conclusion of the presentation Chair Liccardo asked for questions from the committee. There were questions from Committee Members Montano, Gatto, Watanabe and Chair Liccardo. Staff, including Deputy Director of RWF Operations and Maintenance, Amit Mutsuddy, responded. Chair Liccardo invited questions or comments from the public on this item. There were none.

**Action: On a motion made by Committee Member Montano and a second by Committee Member Watanabe, TPAC recommended approval of item 5. A.**

**Ayes – 9** (Cohen, Davis, Gatto, Hardy, Liccardo, Montano, Resnikoff, Sykes, Watanabe)  
**Nays – 0**

**B. San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility's Pretreatment Program and Revisions to Sewer Use Ordinance**

**Staff Recommendation:**

1. Accept the update on the San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility's Pretreatment Program; and
2. Accept the update on an ordinance amending or adding various Sections of Chapter 15.14 of Title 15 of the San José Municipal Code (Sewer Use Regulations) to (1) incorporate findings from a 2019 Pretreatment Compliance Audit and (2) make other technical and conforming changes to the sewer use regulations and update the City's Schedule of Fines.

**This item was heard by the Transportation and Environment Committee on April 5, 2021.**

ESD Assistant Director Fukuda introduced Deputy Director of ESD Watershed Protection, Rajani Nair and Casey Fitzgerald, Senior Environmental Manager of the Pretreatment Program, who made a presentation. At the conclusion of the presentation, Chair Liccardo asked if the Public wished to speak on the item. There were no questions or comments from the public, Chair Liccardo recognized Committee Members Hardy, Cohen and Montano who had questions for staff. Staff addressed their questions.

**Action: On a motion made by Committee Member Cohen and a second by Committee Member Hardy, TPAC recommended approval of item 5. B.**

**Ayes – 9** (Cohen, Davis, Gatto, Hardy, Liccardo, Montano, Resnikoff, Sykes, Watanabe)  
**Nays – 0**

**C. Construction Contingency Increase for the 7382-Digester and Thickener Facilities Upgrade Project at the San Jose-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility**

**Staff Recommendation:**

- (a) Approve a \$14,000,000 increase to the construction contingency amount of \$53,490,625 for a revised total contingency amount of \$67,490,625, increasing the not-to-exceed amount from \$161,415,625 to a total revised contract amount not-to-exceed \$175,415,625 for the 7382 – Digester and Thickener Facilities Upgrade Project.
- (b) Adopt the following 2020-2021 Appropriation Ordinance Amendments in the San José-Santa Clara Treatment Plant Capital Fund:
  - (1) Decrease the Nitrification Clarifier Rehabilitation appropriation to the Environmental Services Department by \$14,000,000.
  - (2) Increase the Digester and Thickener Facilities Upgrade appropriation to the Environmental Services Department by \$14,000,000.

**This item is scheduled to be heard by City Council on April 20, 2021.**

ESD Assistant Director Fukuda introduced Deputy Director Mariana Chavez-Vazquez who made a presentation. At the conclusion of the presentation Chair Liccardo invited questions and comments from the Public. There was no public comment. Chair Liccardo recognized Committee Member Resnikoff who stated that West Valley Sanitation District staff expressed concerns to him and that he would be voting no on Staff Recommendation on this item for an increase in the contingency. Staff responded and Committee Member Sykes commented on Committee Member Resnikoff's concerns. Staff also responded to additional questions and comments from Committee member Cohen and Gatto.

**Action: On a motion made by Committee Member Cohen and a second by Committee Member Montano, TPAC recommended approval of item 5. C.**

**Ayes – 6** (Cohen, Hardy, Liccardo, Montano, Sykes, Watanabe)  
**Nays – 1** (Resnikoff)  
**Abstain – 1** (Gatto)  
**Absent – 1** (Davis)

**6. OTHER BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

**7. STATUS OF ITEMS PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY TPAC**

**A. Report on Bids and Award of Construction Contract for 8142 – Yard Piping**

**Improvements Phase 1 Project at the San Jose-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility**

Staff Recommendation:

1. Approve Report on bids and award of construction contract to the low bidder, Michels Corporation DBA Michels Pipeline Construction ("Michels"), in the amount of \$3,096,903, for the 8142 – Yard Piping Improvements Phase 1 Project and approve a fifteen percent construction contingency in the amount of \$464,535.
2. Adopt a resolution adopting the Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report for the San José-Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant Master Plan (SCH# 2011052074), Yard Piping and Road Improvements Project, File No. PP19-063, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), as amended, and a related Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

**This item was approved by City Council on March 23, 2021.**

**B. Actions related to the Purchase Order for Rockwell Variable Frequency Drive Maintenance, Repair, and Inspection Services**

Staff Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to:

1. Execute a purchase order with Buckles-Smith Electric (Santa Clara, CA), for Rockwell Variable Frequency Drives (VFD) Upgrade, Maintenance, Repair, and Inspection Services for a twelve-month period, starting on or about March 16, 2021 and ending on March 15, 2022, for an amount not to exceed \$650,000; and
2. Exercise up to one (1) option to extend the term through on or about March 15, 2023 for any additional necessary VFD upgrades, maintenance, repair and inspection services, subject to the appropriation of funds.

**This item was approved by City Council on March 16, 2021.**

**8. REPORTS**

- A. Open Purchase Orders Greater Than \$100,000 (including Service Orders)  
Monthly Procurement and Contract Activity Reports summarizes the purchase and contracting between \$100,000 and \$1.3 Million for Goods and \$100,000 and \$320,000 for Services

**9. MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. The next TPAC Meeting is on **May 20, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**, Virtual Meeting.

10. **OPEN FORUM**

Chair Liccardo invited public comment. There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Treatment Plant Advisory Committee was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sam Liccardo", is written over the printed name.

Sam Liccardo, Chair  
TREATMENT PLANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE