Santa Clara Valley Water District



File No.: 20-0727 Agenda Date: 10/13/2020

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BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Adopt Resolution Setting Time and Place of a Public Hearing on the Engineer's Report and CEQA Exemption Determination for the Penitencia Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation of Flocculation and Sedimentation Basins Project, Project No. 93764004, (San Jose) (District 3).

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the Resolution SETTING TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND CEQA EXEMPTION DETERMINATION FOR THE PENITENCIA WATER TREATMENT PLANT REHABILITATION OF FLOCCULATION AND SEDIMENTATION BASINS PROJECT to occur on October 27, 2020, at 6:00 PM by teleconference Zoom meeting.

SUMMARY:

The objective of the Penitencia Water Treatment Plant (PWTP) Rehabilitation of Flocculation and Sedimentation Basins (Project) is to extend the useful life and increase the reliability of the PWTP. The Project will remove and replace all process-related mechanical and electrical equipment, inspect and refurbish the basin concrete coatings, and upgrade the drive motor assemblies in all three (3) of the flocculation and sedimentation basins at the PWTP.

Attachment 1 contains the resolution to set the time and place for the public hearing.

Engineer's Report and CEQA Exemption Determination

Section 12 of the District Act requires the Board to conduct a public hearing to consider all written and oral objections to the proposed project when: 1) the project is new construction; and 2) the project is funded by a single or joint zone of benefit. As the proposed Project meets both conditions, staff prepared an Engineer's Report for the purpose of public disclosure. The Engineer's Report is provided in Attachment 2.

In addition, staff has determined that the proposed Project would be exempt from CEQA review because it qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301; Existing Facilities [Class 1 - operation, repair, maintenance, minor alteration of existing structures and facilities].

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Staff is recommending that the Board set a public hearing for October 27, 2020 to hear public comments on Valley Water's Engineer's Report and CEQA exemption determination. Following the public hearing, the Board will consider the CEQA exemption determination before considering approving the Engineer's Report and the proposed Project. The Notice of Public Hearing for this Engineer's Report is provided in Attachment 3.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with approving staff's recommendation to set a public hearing on the Engineer's Report to consider the Project. The estimated cost to plan, design, and construct the Project is \$4.2 million. The proposed Project would be funded by the Water Enterprise Fund, with 100 % of the costs allocated to Zone W-2 (North County).

CEQA:

The recommended action does not constitute a "project" under CEQA because it does not have the potential for resulting in direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution

Attachment 2: Engineer's Report

Attachment 3: Notice of Public Hearing

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