



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 20-1061

Agenda Date: 1/26/2021

Item No.: 3.1.

BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Adopt Resolution Setting Time and Date of Public Hearing on the Engineer's Report and CEQA Exemption Determination for the Pacheco Pumping Plant Electrical Current Limiting Fuse & Hydraulic Valve Operation System Upgrades, Small Capital Improvements, San Felipe Reach 1, Project No. 91214010, (Merced County, District 1).

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the Resolution SETTING TIME AND DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND CEQA EXEMPTION DETERMINATION FOR THE PACHECO PUMPING PLANT ELECTRICAL CURRENT LIMITING FUSE & HYDRAULIC VALVE OPERATIONS SYSTEM UPGRADES, to occur on February 09, 2021, at 1:00 PM by teleconference Zoom meeting.

SUMMARY:

The District's 5-Year Capital Improvement Program includes annual funding for small capital improvement projects for raw and treated water transmission and water treatment. Capital investments are designated as "small capital projects" if they cost less than \$2.5M, can be completed within two fiscal years, and require no right of way acquisition.

The objective of the Project is to reduce the risk of an unplanned event that could result in an occupational injury (electrical arc flash); asset damage (pump motor failure); or pumping plant shutdown (hydraulic valve operating system (HVOS) controls systems failure).

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 has prepared an Engineer's Report (Attachment 2) for the purpose of public disclosure.

In addition, staff has determined that the proposed Project would be exempt from CEQA review because it qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15301;

Existing Facilities {Class 1 - operation, repair, maintenance, minor alteration of existing structures and facilities}.

Staff is recommending that the Board set a public hearing for February 9, 2021 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 the 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 above-described small capital project is \$550,000 (2020 dollars). The Small Capital Improvements, San Felipe Reach 1 Project is included in the Five-Year 2021-25 Capital Improvement Program. Funds for the planned Project work for this fiscal year are included in the FY2020-21 Adopted Budget.

CEQA:

The recommended action does not constitute a "project" under California Environmental Quality Act (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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