



1. A. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Soiseth called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m.
PRESENT: Director Lane, Vice Chair Vierra, Chair Soiseth
ABSENT: Director Bublak

B. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**
2. **RECOGNITION, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS:** None
3. A. **SPECIAL BRIEFINGS:** None

B. **STAFF UPDATES:**
 1. Interim General Manager Michael Brinton provided an update of items discussed at recent Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings, including:
 - Held Executive Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and TAC Meetings
 - Prepared July Program Management Status Report
 - Preparing on US Army Corps permit
 - Submitted Fox Grove Park access agreement to Stanislaus County
 - Coordinated with California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) regarding Fox Grove access permit
 - Preparation of draft Project Definition TM
 - Outreach with Wet Well contractors
 - Preparation of prime contractor and specialty subcontractor wet well prequalification requirements
 - Prepared and edited 100% design Wet Well documents
 - Prepared for survey flight of finished water pipeline alignments
 - Continued raw water quality sampling and testing
 - Prepared Bench Test Results Technical Memorandum No. 1
 - Met with Nazareno regarding property acquisition
 - Submitted CDFW with first written offer for easement purchase
 - Completed public review period for the IS/MND on the Infiltration Gallery Testing Project
 - Drafted responses to IS/MND public comments, mitigation monitoring and reporting plan and Notice of Determination
 - Received comments from CDFW on Streambed Alteration Agreement application; working to develop additional information/responses
 - Continued preparing administrative draft EIR for submittal to TAC
 - Distributed cultural resources technical report to TAC for review
 2. Julie Burke, Acting Finance Director, provided a summary of activity for the current fiscal year.

C. CONSULTANT UPDATES:

1. Gerry Nakano of West Yost Associates provided a project status update including the following:
 - Assisted the Executive TAC in recruiting for a General Manager.
 - Trussell Technologies summary Technical Memorandum of their Bench Scale Testing results and recommendations has been reviewed by the TAC and will be a valuable data reference for prospective Design Build Teams.
 - Continued to focus on moving the Wet Well Project forward to advertisement, contractor selection and construction.
 - Horizon has completed the IS/MND for the Wet Well Project.
 - Horizon has also submitted an ADEIR for the Project, which the TAC is currently reviewing.
 - Project Team has continued to move forward on critical path items, such as getting ready to perform aerial photography of both treated water transmission alignments.
 - Meeting with SRF representatives on October 5th to provide an update on our environmental process.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATIONS: None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Action: Motion by Vice Chair Vierra, seconded by Director Lane, to adopt the consent calendar and approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 3, 2017 and Special Meeting of September 7, 2017. Motion carried 3/1 by the following vote:

Director Lane	Director Bublak	Vice Chair Vierra	Chair Soiseth
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

7. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- A. Michael Stevenson of Horizon Water and Environment presented the report requesting the certification of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Infiltration Gallery Testing Project (Proposed Project) (SCH No. 2017082019); adopting the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP); approving the Infiltration Gallery Testing Project; and directing staff to file a Notice of Determination (NOD) with the State Clearinghouse and Stanislaus County Clerk within 5 days of project approval.

Discussion: Michael Stevenson discussed the Infiltration Gallery Testing Project, including preliminary testing of TID's existing infiltration gallery on the Tuolumne River at Geer Road. A wet well will be constructed to enable pumping and the gallery will be back-flushed to clear sediment. A settling basin will be constructed to allow sediment to settle out. The information collected will be used to design the Surface Water Supply Project. Under CEQA, an IS/MND can be prepared if all environmental impacts can be mitigated to a less-than-significant level. SRWA issued an IS/MND for public review in August 2017. Several

mitigation measures were considered, including: biological resources, cultural resources/tribal cultural resources, hydrology/water quality, noise, recreation and transportation. During the 30-day public review period, seven comment letters were received. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District noted permits are required for construction. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 4, provided feedback on mitigation. The next step is to certify the IS/MND, adopt the MMRP and approve the project. The Notice of Determination will be filed with the County Clerk and State Clearinghouse, and the IS/MND will be provided to CDFW and the Regional Water Board for use with permit approvals.

Chair Soiseth opened public participation.

Citizen Milton Trieweler voiced concerns about landfill contamination of groundwater.

There being no further public response, Chair Soiseth closed public participation.

Action: Resolution 2017-011 certifying the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Infiltration Gallery Testing Project (Proposed Project) (SCH No. 2017082019); adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP); approve the Infiltration Gallery Testing Project; and direct staff to file a Notice of Determination (NOD) with the State Clearinghouse and Stanislaus County Clerk within 5 days of project approval was introduced by Vice Chair Vierra, seconded by Director Lane, and carried by the following vote:

Director Lane	Director Bublak	Vice Chair Vierra	Chair Soiseth
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

- B. Andy Smith with West Yost Associates presented the report requesting the approval of minimum experience requirements for general contractors and ground improvement subcontractors for the Infiltration Gallery Testing Project. (Approving the Infiltration Gallery Testing Project (aka Raw Water Pump Station Phase 1) Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Advertisement for Bids.)

Discussion: Andy Smith discussed the Infiltration Gallery Testing Project Plans & Specifications and construction start times. The contract documents for the Infiltration Gallery Testing Project (aka Wet Well Project) are nearly complete. The Executive TAC and TAC recommend adoption of: 1. Minimum experience requirements for General Contractors and Ground Improvement Subcontractors; and 2. Procedures for bidder protests during the bid period. Two alternative construction start dates feature different benefits and risks. The plans and specifications are currently >95% complete and will be completed in early October. The PM Team has conducted outreach with over 20 potentially interested contractors and the interest is high. Bidding is tentatively planned for mid-October through mid to late November. Due to the complexity, scope and schedule requirements of the Project, minimum prior successful project experience requirements are recommended for both the General Contractor and Ground Improvement Subcontractor. The General Contractor will be the prime contractor for prosecution of the work and likely to self-perform earthwork, concrete and mechanical work. The Ground Improvement Subcontractor is responsible for designing and implementing ground improvement to ensure safe and watertight excavation, and specialize in ground freezing jet grouting or a combination of sheet piling and ground freezing/jet grouting. The General Contractor and Ground Improvement Subcontractor are required to have experience in projects with deep, shored excavations, large, concrete

water-bearing structures, and ground freezing/jet grouting. The pre-bid protests must be submitted by the bidder no less than 10 days before the bid date, in which review and response must be within 7 days of receipt. The bid or award protests may be submitted by prime contractors within 15 days of bid opening, in which review and response must be within 7 days. The available construction start windows are before February 15, 2018, or after July 15, 2018, with advantages and disadvantages for both options. The recommended actions are to authorize the Interim GM to accept Project plans and specifications and seek public bids. Also, adoption of the bidder experience requirements and bid protest procedures recommended by the Executive TAC and TAC. Direction to be provided to TAC the on preferred construction start date.

Chair Soiseth discussed the pros and cons of starting early, however, he is content with the start date after July 2018. Vice Chair Vierra agreed with Chair Soiseth to start construction after July 2018. Vice Chair Vierra recommended completion target dates be included in the contract with bonuses to be done by a designated time. Director Lane agreed with Vice Chair Vierra. Lindsay Smith from West Yost expressed her concern with delaying the procurement period as we run the risk of having teams drop out of the competition. The RFQ should commence, providing a short listing to bidders. If SRWA moves forward with the proposal process, but without information about the capacity of the infiltration gallery, then either a build cost would be added into the proposal which would increase the costs or should the information be assumed and a change order completed if needed. TID is planning to work on repairs to the levee breach next year and there could be concerns with high water, but SRWA is still able to access the intake site. Tou Her from TID asked about the timing of design-build contract information and if amendments can be made to the RFPs at a later date once all the information is received. Lindsay Smith from West Yost said the RFP can be amended to the extent that information might be provided that would modify the design and as such may have to be redesigned. TAC member Toby Wells recommended moving ahead with the authorization from the Board. Andy Smith from West Yost agreed to get through the submittals and give contractors time. Vice Chair Vierra said the July construction date is the best course of action.

Chair Soiseth opened public participation.

Citizen Milt Trieweiler asked about the two possible construction dates and how the dates were determined. Andy Smith from West Yost clarified the possible construction dates are due to the nesting bird season.

There being no further public response, Chair Soiseth closed public participation.

Action: Resolution 2017-012 approving minimum experience requirements for general contractors and ground improvement subcontractors for the Infiltration Gallery Testing Project was introduced by Vice Chair Vierra, and seconded by Director Lane, and carried by the following vote:

Director Lane	Director Bublak	Vice Chair Vierra	Chair Soiseth
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

8. MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA: None

9. BOARD ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION: None

10. **BOARD COMMENTS:** Chair Soiseth announced Turlock Councilmember Bill DeHart will be joining SRWA as a Board Member, replacing Director Bublak, effective October 1, 2017.
11. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** October 26 - Regular Meeting
12. **CLOSED SESSION:**
 - A. **Public Employee Appointment.** Cal. Gov't Code § 54957(b)(1) Title: General Manager
The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Action: No reportable action.
13. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Vice Chair Vierra, seconded by Director Lane, to adjourn at 11:41 a.m. Motion carried 3/1.

Respectfully submitted,



Allison Martin, Acting Board Secretary