

**MINUTES  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD  
CITY OF EL PASO  
November 13, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Public Service Board was held Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Meeting Room, 1154 Hawkins Blvd., El Paso, Texas.

**PSB MEMBERS PRESENT**

Christopher A. Antcliff, Chair  
Terri Garcia, Member  
Dr. Ivonne Santiago, Secretary-Treasurer  
Dr. Kristina D. Mena, Vice-Chair  
Bryan Morris, Member  
Henry Gallardo, Member

**PSB MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dee Margo, Ex-Officio Member

**PSB EMPLOYEES PRESENT**

John E. Balliew, P.E., President and Chief Executive Officer  
Lee Ann Koehler, General Counsel

**EPWATER EMPLOYEES PRESENT**

Marcela Navarrete, Vice President  
Juan S. Gonzalez, Assistant General Counsel  
Art Duran, Chief Financial Officer  
Gretchen Byram, Computer Media Specialist  
Lisa Rosendorf, Chief Communications and Government Affairs Officer  
Jillian Shipp, Executive Assistant  
Levi Chacon, Purchasing Agent  
Rose Guevara, Senior Purchasing Agent  
Robert Davidson, Contract Construction Administrator  
Christina Montoya, Marketing and Communications Manager  
Carlos Briano, Lead Public Affairs Coordinator  
Jeanette Cordero, Assistant Chief Financial Officer  
Jeff Tepsick, Assistant Chief Financial Officer  
Ivan Hernandez, Engineering Division Manager  
Irazema Rojas, Capital Improvement Program Manager  
Geoffrey Espineli, Engineering Division Manager  
Elsa Ochoa, Utility Engineer  
Gisela Dagnino, Engineering Division Manager  
Angel Bustamante, Water Systems Division Manager  
Willie Battle, Utility Warehouse Supervisor  
Gilbert Trejo, Chief Technical Officer  
Martin Noriega, Storm Water and Fleet Maintenance Division Manager  
Scott Reinert, Water Resources Manager  
Gonzalo Cedillos, Senior Technical Advisor  
Francisco Martinez, Utility Engineer  
Raquel Izaguirre, Support Services I

## **GUESTS**

Wendie Canfield, Canfield Engineering  
Ben Canfield, Canfield Engineering  
Michael G. Mclean, Gerron Davis  
Bert Juarez, Molzen Corbin  
Jerry Paz, Molzen Corbin  
Florencio Lozano, RM Wright  
Randy Wright, RM Wright  
Joshua Alcantara, Geometrics Engineering  
Serena Harper, FXSA  
Alberto Mata Jr, Walter P. Moore  
Esteban Escobedo, Clowe & Cowan  
Andrew Wong, Molzen Corbin  
Pam Faraone, Citizen

## **MEDIA**

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The Public Service Board meeting was called to order by Mr. Antcliff at 8:08 a.m. A quorum of its members was present. After a moment of silence, those in attendance joined Ms. Jillian Shipp, in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Ms. Garcia requested to have items 2 moved from consent agenda to regular agenda. On a motion made by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Mr. Morris and unanimously carried, the Board moved items 2 to regular agenda.

On a motion made by Mr. Gallardo, seconded by Dr. Mena and unanimously carried, the Board took action on the following agenda items:

### **1. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 11, 2019.**

The Board approved the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held September 11, 2019.

### **3. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED THE PURCHASE OF A JOHN DEERE 310SL BACKHOE/LOADER FROM 4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT THROUGH ESC REGION 19 ALLIED STATES COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NUMBER 15-7180 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$91,282.64.**

The Board approved the purchase of a John Deere 310SL backhoe/loader from 4 Rivers Equipment through ESC Region 19 Allied States Cooperative Contract Number 15-7180 in the amount of \$91,282.64.

### **4. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A CONTRACT FOR AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLIES, PARTS, AND SERVICES FROM O'REILLY AUTO PARTS THROUGH TEXAS BUY BOARD TASB CONTRACT NUMBER 551-17 IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$150,000 WITH THE OPTION FOR A TWO, ONE-YEAR EXTENSION.**

The Board approved a contract for automotive supplies, parts, and services from O'Reilly Auto Parts through Texas Buy Board TASB Contract Number 551-17 in the estimated annual amount of \$150,000 with the option for a two, one-year extension.

### **5. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A CONTRACT FOR AUTOMOTIVE PARTS, SUPPLIES AND SERVICE TO AUTOZONE PARTS INC., THROUGH BUY BOARD SOURCEWELL**

**COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NUMBER R170201 IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$150,000 WITH THE OPTION FOR TWO, ONE-YEAR EXTENSION.**

The Board approved a contract for automotive parts, supplies and service to AutoZone Parts Inc., through buy board Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Number R170201 in the estimated annual amount of \$150,000 with the option for two, one-year extension.

**6. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A CONTRACT FOR FORD AUTOMOTIVE PARTS AND SERVICES TO CASA FORD INC., AND APPROVED A CONTRACT FOR TIRES, SUPPLIES AND RELATED SERVICES TO SOUTHERN TIRE MART LLC; BOTH THROUGH ESC REGION 19 ALLIED STATES COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NUMBER 19-7325 IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$150,000 PER CONTRACT, AND EACH WITH THE OPTION FOR A TWO, ONE-YEAR EXTENSION.**

The Board approve a contract for Ford automotive parts and services to Casa Ford Inc., and approve a contract for tires, supplies and related services to Southern Tire Mart LLC; both through ESC Region 19 Allied States Cooperative Contract Number 19-7325 in the estimated annual amount of \$150,000 per contract, and each with the option for a two, one-year extension.

**7. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A CONTRACT FOR AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, OPERATION EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, AND MATERIALS TO ALAMO INDUSTRIES INC., THROUGH ESC REGION 19 ALLIED STATES COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NUMBER 15-7147 IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$150,000, WITH THE OPTION FOR A TWO, ONE-YEAR EXTENSION.**

The Board approved a contract for automotive maintenance, repair, operation equipment, supplies, and materials to Alamo Industries Inc., through ESC Region 19 Allied States Cooperative Contract Number 15-7147 in the estimated annual amount of \$150,000, with the option for a two, one-year extension.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**2. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER AS THE PERSON AUTHORIZED TO CERTIFY THAT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS ARE NOT REQUIRED OR HAVE BEEN PREPARED FOR A PROJECT BEFORE ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS TO PURCHASE CONSTRUCTION-RELATED GOODS OR SERVICES THROUGH A PURCHASING COOPERATIVE IN AN AMOUNT GREATER THAN \$50,000.**

Mr. John Balliew, President & CEO, provided information to the Board regarding this item. Section 791.011 of the Texas Government Code states that a local government may not enter into a contract to purchase construction-related goods or services through a purchasing cooperative in an amount greater than \$50,000.00 unless a person designated by the local government certifies in writing that: (1) the project for which the construction-related goods and services are being procured does not require the preparation of plans and specifications under Chapter 1001 or 1051 of the Texas Occupations Code; or (2) the plans and specifications required under Chapters 1001 and 1051, of the Texas Occupations Code, have been prepared. Ms. Lee Ann Koehler, General Council addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Mr. Gallardo, seconded by Dr. Mena and unanimously carried, the Board approved a Resolution designating the Chief Technical Officer as the person authorized to certify that plans and specifications are not required or have been prepared for a project before entering into contracts to purchase construction-related goods or services through a purchasing cooperative in an amount greater than \$50,000.

**8. CONSIDERED AND AWARDED A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE HASKELL R. STREET AND ROBERTO R. BUSTAMANTE**

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS DISINFECTION STUDY TO GARVER, LLC FOR ENGINEERING PLANNING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$189,269; AUTHORIZED FUTURE TASK ORDERS OR AMENDMENTS TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL PLANNING AND DESIGN SERVICES IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$25,000, PROVIDED THAT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN THE APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE TASK ORDERS OR AMENDMENTS.**

Mr. Geoffrey Espineli, Engineering Division Manager, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). The Haskell R. Street and Roberto R. Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plants both utilize chlorination for disinfection of the effluent to meet the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) permit discharge requirements. In the event that TCEQ will require elimination of chlorination as a form of disinfectant at these plants, a study is needed to evaluate the economic feasibility of selecting an alternative disinfection technology such as ultraviolet light (UV). The engineering study will evaluate the regulatory cost and technical implications of converting the chlorination systems at both wastewater treatment plants from chlorination to an alternative disinfection method such as UV. The Architectural/Engineering Selection Advisory Committee met on September 18, 2019, to review and recommend the selection of an engineering firm for the above-referenced project. The committee consisted of Ivonne Santiago, Kristina Mena, Bryan Morris, Marcela Navarrete, R. Alan Schubert, Paul Rivas and Gilbert Trejo. Proposals were evaluated in the areas of technical competence, project approach, team organization and availability, and project management and quality control. The Architectural/Engineering Selection Advisory Committee discussed the proposals and determined that Garver meets the needs of the Utility for these important services and demonstrated excellent abilities in all evaluated categories. This firm is the most qualified. Staff worked with Garver to develop the scope of services required for this project. A fee proposal associated with the scope of services was submitted, reviewed, and negotiated with the Consultant for the defined scope of work. The negotiated fees are in line with the level of effort required to complete the task and consistent with similar work completed.

On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Dr. Mena and unanimously carried, the Board awarded a Professional Engineering Services Contract for the Haskell R. Street and Roberto R. Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plants Disinfection Study to Garver, LLC for engineering planning services in the amount of \$189,269; authorized future task orders or amendments to be issued under this contract for additional planning and design services in the estimated amount of \$25,000, provided that funding is available in the approved budget for the task orders or amendments.

**9. CONSIDERED AND AWARDED A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE NORTHEAST DYER/RAILROAD LIFT STATION AND FORCE MAIN TO HUITT-ZOLLARS, INC. FOR DESIGN AND BID PHASE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$548,180; AUTHORIZED FUTURE TASK ORDERS OR AMENDMENTS TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$400,000, PROVIDED THAT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN THE APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE TASK ORDERS OR AMENDMENTS.**

Mr. Espineli provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). The Futureland Lift Station is currently categorized as a small capacity lift station with a design flow of 0.50 MGD and will not be able to handle the future wastewater flows in the northeast area of El Paso. EPWater will upgrade this lift station to intermediate capacity (5 MGD) with the ability to be upgraded to a large capacity lift station (16 MGD) in the future. A 24-inch force main will convey the wastewater flow from the 5 MGD lift station to the Fred Hervey Water Reclamation Plant. The 24-inch force main will follow the route of the existing 8-inch force main, within the existing railroad and Fort Bliss permits. The footprint of the lift station shall be within EPWater-owned land. The selection committee met on September 18, 2019, to review and recommend the selection of an engineering firm for the above-referenced project. The committee consisted of Ivonne Santiago, Kristina Mena, Bryan Morris, R. Alan Shubert, Marcela Navarrete, Paul Rivas, and Gilbert Trejo. Proposals were evaluated in the areas of technical competence, project approach, team organization and availability, and

project management and quality control. The Architectural/Engineering Selection Advisory Committee discussed the proposals and determined that Huitt Zollars, Inc. meets the needs of the Utility for these important services and has demonstrated excellent abilities in all evaluated categories. This firm is the most qualified. Staff worked with Huitt-Zollars, Inc. to develop the scope of services required for this project. A fee proposal associated with the scope of services was submitted, reviewed, and negotiated with the consultant for the defined scope of work. The negotiated fees are in line with the level of effort required to complete the task and consistent with similar work completed. Mr. Espineli addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Mr. Gallardo, seconded by Dr. Santiago and unanimously carried, the Board awarded a Professional Engineering Services contract for the Northeast Dyer/Railroad Lift Station and Force Main to Huitt-Zollars, Inc. for design and bid phase services in the amount of \$548,180; authorized future task orders or amendments to be issued under this contract for additional design and construction phase services in an estimated amount of \$400,000, provided that funding is available in the approved budget for the task orders or amendments.

**10. CONSIDERED AND AWARDED A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE RANCHOS REAL PUMP STATION TO PARKHILL, SMITH AND COOPER, INC. FOR DESIGN AND BID PHASE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$314,003; AUTHORIZED FUTURE TASK ORDERS OR AMENDMENTS TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$400,000, PROVIDED THAT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN THE APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE TASK ORDERS OR AMENDMENTS.**

Mr. Espineli provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). The East Montana service area is steadily growing. However, only one pump station supplies water to the area. Continued growth will require additional pumping capacity. The new Ranchos Real Pump Station is necessary to serve the continued development along north and south of the Montana Avenue corridor, east of Loop 375. The pump station will draw water from a 2.0 MG elevated storage tank on-site (currently under construction) and will pump water into the East Montana Pressure Zone. The Architectural/Engineering Selection Advisory Committee met on September 18, 2019, to review and recommend the selection of the engineering firm for the above-referenced project. The committee consisted of Ivonne Santiago, Kristina Mena, Bryan Morris, Marcela Navarrete, R. Alan Shubert, Paul Rivas, and Gilbert Trejo. Proposals were evaluated in the areas of technical competence, project approach, team organization and availability, and project management and quality control. The Architectural/Engineering Selection Advisory Committee discussed the proposals and determined that Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, Inc. meets the needs of the Utility for these important services and has demonstrated excellent abilities in all evaluated categories. This firm is the most qualified. Staff worked with the Consultant to develop the scope of services required for this project. A fee proposal associated with the scope of services was submitted, reviewed, and negotiated with the consultant for the defined scope of work. The negotiated fees are in line with the level of effort required to complete the task and consistent with similar work completed recently. Mr. Espineli addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Dr. Santiago, seconded by Dr. Mena and unanimously carried, the Board awarded a Professional Engineering Services Contract for the Ranchos Real Pump Station to Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, Inc. for design and bid phase services in the amount of \$314,003; authorized future task orders or amendments to be issued under this contract for additional design and construction phase services in an estimated amount of \$400,000, provided that funding is available in the approved budget for the task orders or amendments.

**11. CONSIDERED AND AWARDED A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE MOUNTAIN PARK NUMBER 1 TO MOUNTAIN PARK NUMBER 2 WATER LINE EXTENSION TO MOLZEN-CORBIN & ASSOCIATES, P.A. FOR DESIGN AND BID PHASE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,909.91; AUTHORIZED FUTURE TASK ORDERS OR AMENDMENTS TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$250,000, PROVIDED THAT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN THE**

**APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE TASK ORDERS OR AMENDMENTS.**

Mr. Espineli provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). This new 24-inch water line is part of the planned improvements to the Mountain Park pressure zone system in Northeast El Paso. Current demand and future growth necessitates the construction of this water transmission main. Service to the area is restricted to an existing 12-inch diameter water line between the Mountain Park Number 1 site and the Mountain Park Number 2 site. The Architectural/Engineering Selection Advisory Committee met on September 18, 2019, to review and recommend the selection of an engineering firm for the above-referenced project. The committee consisted of Ivonne Santiago, Kristina Mena, Bryan Morris, Marcela Navarrete, R. Alan Shubert, Paul Rivas, and Gilbert Trejo. Proposals were evaluated in the areas of technical competence, project approach, team organization and availability, and project management and quality control. The Architectural/Engineering Selection Advisory Committee discussed the proposals and determined that Molzen-Corbin meets the needs of the Utility for these important services and has demonstrated excellent abilities in all evaluated categories. This firm is the most qualified. Staff worked with Molzen-Corbin to develop the scope of services required for this project. A fee proposal associated with the scope of services was submitted, reviewed, and negotiated with the consultant for the defined scope of work. The negotiated fees are in line with the level of effort required to complete the task and consistent with similar work completed recently.

On a motion made by Dr. Santiago, seconded by Dr. Mena and unanimously carried, the Board awarded a Professional Engineering Services Contract for the Mountain Park Number 1 to Mountain Park Number 2 Water Line Extension to Molzen-Corbin & Associates, P.A. for design and bid phase services in the amount of \$95,909.91; authorized future task orders or amendments to be issued under this contract for additional design and construction phase services in an estimated amount of \$250,000, provided that funding is available in the approved budget for the task orders or amendments.

**12. CONSIDERED AND AWARDED A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE LIFT STATION RECONSTRUCTION – PRADO, MANSFIELD, AND KNOWLES LIFT STATIONS TO MOLZEN-CORBIN AND ASSOCIATES, P.A. FOR DESIGN AND BID PHASE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$375,728.70; AUTHORIZED FUTURE TASK ORDERS OR AMENDMENTS TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$400,000, PROVIDED THAT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN THE APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE TASK ORDERS OR AMENDMENTS.**

Mr. Espineli provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). Staff has identified deficiencies at the Prado, Mansfield, and Knowles lift stations. The issues identified include leaking wet wells with infiltration to dry well; corroded access-ways; non-operational valves; upgrades to odor control systems; and pumps that have exceeded their economic life span and are operating inefficiently. The Architectural/Engineering Selection Advisory Committee met on September 18, 2019, to review and recommend the selection of an engineering firm for the above-referenced project. The committee consisted of Ivonne Santiago, Kristina D. Mena, Bryan Morris, Marcela Navarrete, R. Alan Shubert, Paul Rivas, and Gilbert Trejo. Proposals were evaluated in the areas of technical competence, project approach, team organization and availability, and project management and quality control. The Architectural/Engineering Selection Advisory Committee discussed the proposals and determined that Molzen-Corbin meets the needs of the Utility for these important services and has demonstrated excellent abilities in all evaluated categories. This firm is the most qualified. Staff worked with Molzen-Corbin to develop the scope of services required for this project. A fee proposal associated with the scope of services was submitted, reviewed, and negotiated with the consultant for

the defined scope of work. The negotiated fees are in line with the level of effort required to complete the task and consistent with similar work completed recently.

On a motion made by Mr. Gallardo, seconded by Mr. Morris and unanimously carried, the Board awarded a Professional Engineering Services contract for the Lift Station Reconstruction – Prado, Mansfield, and Knowles Lift Stations to Molzen-Corbin and Associates, P.A. for design and bid phase services in the amount of \$375,728.70; authorized future task orders or amendments to be issued under this contract for additional design and construction phase services in an estimated amount of \$400,000, provided that funding is available in the approved budget for the task orders or amendments.

**13. CONSIDERED AND AWARDED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR ON-CALL DAMS DESIGN PROJECTS TO FREESE AND NICHOLS, INC. AND AECOM; EACH IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$450,000 OVER A TERM OF THREE YEARS.**

Ms. Gisela Dagnino, Engineering Division Manager, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). As a result of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) inspections, major site work improvements or rehabilitation of high risk dam structures are required. These improvements include slope erosion, spillway repairs, conduit repairs, and other work directed by inspectors or caused by high intensity rainfall and flooding events. The Architectural/Engineering Selection Advisory Committee met on September 18, 2019, to review and recommend selection of the engineering firms for this service. The committee consisted of Ivonne Santiago, Kristina D. Mena, Bryan Morris, Marcela Navarrete, R. Alan Shubert, Paul Rivas and Gilbert Trejo. Submittals were scored in the areas of minimum qualifications, team and project manager, and past project experience. Freese & Nichols and AECOM were selected as the firms that best meet the needs of the Utility for this type of project, and demonstrated excellent abilities in all the evaluated categories. Each consultant will be issued a professional services contract for a maximum amount of \$450,000 over a term of three years. Ms. Dagnino addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Dr. Santiago seconded by Dr. Mena and unanimously carried, the Board awarded Professional Engineering Services contracts for On-Call Dams Design Projects to Freese and Nichols, Inc. and AECOM; each in the maximum amount of \$450,000 over a term of three years.

**14. CONSIDERED AND AWARDED A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES AND TROUBLESHOOTING AT TREATMENT PLANTS TO CANFIELD ENGINEERING AND INTEGRATION LLC IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$525,000 OVER A TERM OF THREE YEARS.**

Mr. Angel Bustamante, Water Systems Division Manager, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). The back-up power generators at the Jonathan Rogers Water Treatment Plant were inherited by El Paso Water from El Paso Electric many years ago. The Roberto Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant also has back up power generators. These generators are important as they allow both plants to load shed when notified by El Paso Electric. If the generators do not function correctly it could violate the load shed agreement between the two utilities. This contract will allow Operations to continue working to make the generators more reliable when load shedding is required. Canfield Engineering and Integration LLC (Canfield) has successfully programmed these specific generators to operate in the past. Canfield was successful at programming both generators, understands El Paso Water Operations, and how the generators function at both plants. Canfield is uniquely qualified to do this work, is able to respond to

emergencies in the field, and are the most qualified firm for this project. Mr. Bustamante addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Dr. Santiago seconded by Dr. Mena and unanimously carried, the Board a Professional Engineering Services Contract for On-Call Engineering Services and Troubleshooting at Treatment Plants to Canfield Engineering and Integration LLC in the maximum amount of \$525,000 over a term of three years.

**15. CONSIDERED AND AWARDED A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR INSPECTION, DIAGNOSTIC, AND TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMPLIANCE SERVICES TO STRATA TECHNOLOGIES LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$472,180.**

Mr. Scott Reinert, Water Resources Manager, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). EPWater uses deep well injection for the disposal of concentrate generated from the Kay Bailey Hutchison Desalination Plant. El Paso has an Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to operate three injection wells for the disposal of concentrate. The UIC permit requires that each of the injection wells pass Mechanical Integrity Testing (MIT) once every five years. The purpose of these tests is to ensure that the injection wells and injection equipment are operating correctly and that injected concentrate is only injected into zones allowed in the UIC permit.

In May 2019, diagnostic tests indicated that there is a leak in the casing of injection well JDF-3, which prevents the well from maintaining pressure and thus failing the MIT requirements of the UIC permit. Repair of the casing is necessary for the completion of the MIT, which is required prior to EPWater using the well. The Kay Bailey Hutchison Desalination Plant cannot operate at full capacity without this injection well. Mr. Reinert addressed questions from the Board regarding this item, while Mr. Balliew made additional comments.

On a motion made by Mr. Gallardo, seconded by Dr. Santiago and unanimously carried, the Board awarded a Professional Engineering Services Contract for inspection, diagnostic, and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality compliance services to STRATA Technologies LLC in the amount of \$472,180.

**16. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED TASK ORDER NUMBER 1 – CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE CANUTILLO BOSQUE LIFT STATION AND FORCE MAIN PROJECT AWARDED TO FRANK X. SPENCER AND ASSOCIATES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$118,597.19; AUTHORIZED FUTURE TASK ORDERS OR AMENDMENTS TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS CONTRACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$50,000, PROVIDED THAT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN THE APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE TASK ORDERS OR AMENDMENTS, AND AUTHORIZED THE USE OF COMMERCIAL PAPER.**

Mr. Ivan Hernandez, Engineering Division Manager, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). The Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) is currently operating and maintaining a wastewater treatment plant that serves Canutillo Middle School. CISD made an application for EPWater to provide public sewer service to the middle school pursuant to EPWater's Rules and Regulations Number 11 governing the furnishing and control of water and/or sanitary sewer service by EPWater to customers outside the corporate limits of the City of El Paso. Public sanitary sewer service to the middle school requires the construction of a pumping lift station and force main that will convey sanitary sewer to EPWater's system on Seventh St. The Public Service Board previously approved task orders for engineering and design phase services to Frank X. Spencer and Associates (FXSA). FXSA completed the design for this and now requires Construction Administration Services to complete the Canutillo Bosque Lift Station and Force Main project. Staff worked with FXSA to develop a scope of services required for the construction administration services activities to be provided. A fee proposal associated with the scope of work was submitted, reviewed and negotiated with the consultant. The negotiated fees are in line with the level of effort required to complete the tasks and are consistent with similar work completed recently.



On a motion made by Mr. Gallardo, seconded by Ms. Garcia and unanimously carried, the Board approved Task Order Number 1 – Construction Administration Services for the Canutillo Bosque Lift Station and Force Main project awarded to Frank X. Spencer and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$118,597.19; authorized future task orders or amendments to be issued under this contract to provide additional design and construction administration services in an estimated amount of \$50,000, provided that funding is available in the approved budget for the task orders or amendments, and authorized the use of commercial paper.

**17. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED AMENDMENT NUMBER 2 TO THE AGREEMENTS WITH THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR THE UPPER VALLEY STRAHAN WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN PHASE II PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,000.**

Mr. Hernandez provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). On September 9, 2015, the Public Service Board authorized the President/CEO to sign amendments to existing agreements with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for the design and construction assistance of the El Paso Water Line Replacement Phases 8, 9, 10 / EPWater project: Upper Valley Strahan Water Transmission Main Phase I. The agreements provided for a 25% EPWater – 75% Federal cost-share of the total cost of the project. Phase I is now complete and Phase II is currently in the construction phase. Due to unforeseen conditions, the construction costs have increased. The USACE and EPWater worked together in negotiations associated with the additional construction costs due to the unforeseen conditions. The USACE received \$700,000 in federal funds and therefore, per cost-share agreement, EPWater's 25% obligation is \$175,000. Mr. Hernandez addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Dr. Santiago, seconded by Dr. Mena and unanimously carried, the Board approve Amendment Number 2 to the agreements with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for additional construction costs for the Upper Valley Strahan Water Transmission Main Phase II Project in the amount of \$175,000.

**18. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED THE RENEWAL OF A JANITORIAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO WORKQUEST TEXAS VIA GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF EL PASO INC., IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$427,703.76 WITH THE OPTION FOR TWO, ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS.**

Staff requested to have this item deleted from the agenda.

On a motion made by Ms. Garcia seconded by Mr. Morris and unanimously carried, the Board approved to delete this item from the agenda.

**19. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED TASK ORDER NUMBER 2 - CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES FOR THE NORTH 2 PUMP STATION TO BATH GROUP, INC. DBA BATH ENGINEERING CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$410,823; AUTHORIZED FUTURE TASK ORDERS OR AMENDMENTS TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$100,000, PROVIDED THAT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN THE APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE TASK ORDERS OR AMENDMENTS.**

Mr. Hernandez provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). The North 2 Pump Station is necessary to serve the continued development in the Franklin East Number 1 pressure zone in Northeast El Paso. Construction phase services are needed to complete the North 2 Pump Station project. Bath Engineering Corporation (Bath) was selected by the Architectural/Engineering Selection Committee to design the North 2 Pump Station project. EPWater staff worked with Bath to develop the scope of services for this second task order for construction phase services. A fee proposal associated with the scope of services was submitted, reviewed, and negotiated with the consultant. The negotiated fees are in line with the level of effort required to complete the tasks and consistent with similar work completed recently. Based on

their experience with this project, this firm is the most qualified. Mr. Hernandez addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Mr. Gallardo, seconded by Dr. Mena and unanimously carried, the Board approved Task Order Number 2 - Construction Phase Services for the North 2 Pump Station to Bath Group, Inc. dba Bath Engineering Corporation in the amount of \$410,823; authorize future task orders or amendments to be issued under this contract for additional design and construction phase services in an estimated amount of \$100,000, provided that funding is available in the approved budget for the task orders or amendments.

**20. CONSIDERED AND AWARDED BID NUMBER 66-19, CANAL STREET WATER TREATMENT PLANT CHLORINE HANDLING IMPROVEMENTS, TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, SMITHCO CONSTRUCTION, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,984,000.**

Mr. Hernandez provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). The Canal Water Treatment Plant chlorinates 40 MGD of river water using approximately 2,500 pounds per day of chlorine. Two connected rooms contain the entire chlorination system which consists of eight one-ton chlorine gas containers and 23 chlorinators. Operators manually switch-over empty containers and manually adjust feed rates on a daily basis. The current system is outdated and does not meet current TCEQ regulations and safety standards. This project will improve efficiency, redundancy, and safety of the chlorine handling and storage system. EPWater received two bids for this project on October 15, 2019. The bidders were Smithco Construction, Inc. and R.M. Wright Construction Company. The bids were \$3,984,000 and \$5,210,000 or 5% below and 24% above the engineer's estimate of \$4,185,500. Staff evaluated the qualifications of the apparent low bidder and determined that Smithco Construction, Inc. meets all contract requirements. Staff analyzed the bids and recommends award of Bid Number 66-19, Canal Street Water Treatment Plant Chlorine Handling Improvements, to Smithco Construction, Inc. as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder in the amount of \$3,984,000. Mr. Hernandez addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Dr. Santiago and unanimously carried, the Board awarded Bid Number 66-19, Canal Street Water Treatment Plant Chlorine Handling Improvements, to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Smithco Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$3,984,000.

**21. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED TASK ORDER NUMBER 3 - CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES FOR CANAL STREET WATER TREATMENT PLANT CHLORINE HANDLING IMPROVEMENTS TO ARCADIS US, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$383,559, AND AUTHORIZED FUTURE TASK ORDERS OR AMENDMENTS TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$50,000, PROVIDED THAT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN THE APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE TASK ORDERS OR AMENDMENTS.**

Mr. Hernandez provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). The Canal Water Treatment Plant (WTP) chlorinates 40 MGD of river water using approximately 2,500 pounds per day of chlorine. Two connected rooms contain the entire chlorination system which consists of eight one-ton chlorine gas containers and 23 chlorinators. Operators manually switch-over empty containers and manually adjust feed rates on a daily basis. The current system is outdated and does not meet current TCEQ regulations and safety standards. Arcadis, Inc. designed the necessary project to improve efficiency, redundancy, and safety of the chlorine handling and storage system. Arcadis, Inc., through Task Orders Number 1 and Number 2, completed the design of the Canal Street WTP Chlorine Handling Improvements. Due to the upcoming construction activities for this project, staff worked with Arcadis, Inc. to develop the scope of services required to complete this project. A fee proposal with the scope of services was submitted, reviewed, and negotiated with the Consultant for the defined scope of work. The negotiated fees are in line with the level of effort required to complete the task and consistent with similar work completed recently.

On a motion made by Mr. Gallardo, seconded by Ms. Garcia and unanimously carried, the Board approve Task Order Number 3 - Construction Phase Services for Canal Street Water Treatment Plant Chlorine Handling Improvements to Arcadis US, Inc., in the amount of \$383,559, and authorize future task orders or amendments to be issued under this contract for additional design and construction phase services in an estimated amount of \$50,000, provided that funding is available in the approved budget for the task orders or amendments.

**22. CONSIDERED AND AWARDED BID NUMBER 94-19, LIFT STATION DECOMMISSIONING AND DEMOLITION JAIL ANNEX LIFT STATION NUMBER 22, TO THE SOLE RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, CUBIC WATER, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$168,750.**

Mr. Hernandez provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). This project consists of the decommissioning and demolition of the Jail Annex Lift Station Number 22 located at 12231 Montana Avenue (US 62). This project is related to the Texas Department of Transportation's (TXDOT) US-62 Montana Project and will be performed prior to the new roadway construction. EPWater received one bid for this project on October 10, 2019. The bidder was Cubic Water, LLC. Cubic Water's bid was \$168,750 which was 32.5% below the engineer's estimate of \$250,000. Staff evaluated the qualifications of the apparent low bidder and has determined that Cubic Water, LLC met the minimum general requirements as well as the minimum project specific criteria as specified on the bid documents. Staff evaluated the Engineer's Evaluation Matrix and recommends award of Bid Number 94-19, Lift Station Decommissioning and Demolition Jail Annex Lift Station Number 22, to Cubic Water, LLC. As the sole responsive, responsible bidder in the amount of \$168,750. Mr. Hernandez addressed questions from this Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Mr. Gallardo, seconded by Ms. Garcia and unanimously carried, the Board awarded Bid Number 94-19, Lift Station Decommissioning and Demolition Jail Annex Lift Station Number 22, to the sole responsive, responsible bidder, Cubic Water, LLC, in the amount of \$168,750.

**23. CONSIDERED BID NUMBER 96-19 UTILITY METAL FITTINGS & SERVICE PARTS, DECLARED CORE AND MAIN LP AS NOT RESPONSIVE FOR CATEGORIES A AND B, AND AWARDED TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS FOR THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES: A, B, F, I, L, N, AND O TO CLOWE & COWAN OF EL PASO, LLC IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$792,459.60; CATEGORIES C, G, H, M, P, Q R, AND S TO BAKER UTILITY SUPPLY IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$83,014.94; AND CATEGORIES D, E, AND J, TO CORE & MAIN LP IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$66,077.25, ALL WITH THE OPTION FOR TWO, ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS.**

Mr. Levi Chacon, Utility Purchasing & Contracts Manager, provided information to the Board regarding this item. This bid is for the warehouse materials such as brass saddles, couplings, nipples, valves bushings, connectors, tees plugs and elbows that are used for water services installations and in-house construction projects. The bid was organized into 19 different categories (A-S) covering a large range of brass materials. Three bids were received from Clowe & Cowan, Core & Main LP, and Baker Utility. Staff evaluated each category and determined that each low bidder that submitted pricing for all the items in the respective category met all the specifications. Therefore, staff recommends award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidders for each category. Category K (Faucet Valves) was identified as a "no bid" from all three vendors, and will be procured through spot purchases as necessary. Mr. Chacon addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Mr. Gallardo, seconded by Ms. Garcia and unanimously carried, the Board awarded Bid Number 94-19, Lift Station Decommissioning and Demolition Jail Annex Lift Station Number 22, to the sole responsive, responsible bidder, Cubic Water, LLC, in the amount of \$168,750.

**24. CONSIDERED BID NUMBER 112-19 GATE VALVES AND BUTTERFLY VALVES, DECLARED CONSTRUCTION PRODUCT MARKETING, LLC AS NON-RESPONSIVE, AND**

**AWARDED TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS: CLOWE AND COWAN OF EL PASO LLC FOR LINE ITEMS 1-4, 17-18 IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$111,479.04 AND FERGUSON WATERWORKS FOR LINE ITEMS 5-16 IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$330,213.80, BOTH WITH THE OPTION FOR TWO, ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS.**

Mr. Chacon provided information to the Board regarding this item. Four bids were received. Bidders were Ferguson Waterworks; Clowe and Cowan of El Paso, LLC; Baker Utility Supply; and Construction Product Marketing, LLC. Staff evaluated the bids and determined that Construction Product Marketing, LLC submitted a brand that is not on the list of approved manufacturers for gate valves and butterfly valves therefore staff recommends Construction Product Marketing, LLC be deemed as not responsive. Staff evaluated the remaining bids and determined the low bidders for each respective line items met all the requirements as outlined within the bid proposal. Staff recommends award to Clowe and Cowan for line items 1-4, 17 & 18 in the estimated annual amount of \$111,479.04, and Ferguson Waterworks for line items 5-16 in the estimated annual amount of \$330,213.80.

On a motion made by Mr. Gallardo, seconded by Ms. Mena and unanimously carried, the Board considered Bid Number 112-19 Gate Valves and Butterfly Valves, declared Construction Product Marketing, LLC as non-responsive, and awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidders: Clowe and Cowan of El Paso LLC for line items 1-4, 17-18 in the estimated annual amount of \$111,479.04 and Ferguson Waterworks for line items 5-16 in the estimated annual amount of \$330,213.80, both with the option for two, one-year extensions.

**25. CONSIDERED BID NUMBER 117-19, HYDROGEN PEROXIDE, DECLARED UNIVAR SOLUTIONS INC. AS NON-RESPONSIVE, AND AWARDED TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, ARSA INDUSTRIES, INC. IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$159,000, WITH THE OPTION FOR TWO, ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS.**

Mr. Chacon provided information to the Board regarding this item. Hydrogen Peroxide is a chemical added to drinking water at the Jonathan Rogers Water Treatment Plant for the prevention of disinfection byproducts formation and to protect water quality. The previous bid was awarded on March 21, 2018. The estimated annual quantity in the new bid increased, and the new bid unit price decreased by 4% from the previous bid. Two bids were received. Staff evaluated the bids and determined that the apparent low bidder, Univar Solutions Inc. submitted exceptions to the terms and conditions of the bid proposal, therefore staff recommends that Univar Solutions Inc. be deemed as non-responsive. Staff evaluated the next low bidder ARSA Industries, Inc. and determined they met all the requirements as outlined within the bid proposal. Staff recommends award to ARSA Industries Inc., in the estimated annual amount of \$159,000 with the option for two, one-year extensions.

On a motion made by Dr. Mena, seconded by Dr. Santiago and unanimously carried, the Board considered Bid Number 117-19, Hydrogen Peroxide, declared Univar Solutions Inc. as non-responsive, and awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, ARSA Industries, Inc. in the estimated annual amount of \$159,000, with the option for two, one-year extensions.

**26. CONSIDERED AND AWARDED BID NUMBER 111-19, TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES CONTRACT, TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, 22ND CENTURY TECHNOLOGIES FOR LINE ITEMS 1-11 AND RMP TEMPS AS THE 1ST ALTERNATE FOR LINE ITEMS 1-11 IN THE ESTIMATED, AGGREGATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$500,000 WITH THE OPTION FOR TWO, ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS.**

Mr. Chacon provided information to the Board regarding this item. These services are necessary to fill personnel gaps that provide continuous operation services around the Utility. Temporary personnel hired under this contract will be hired on an "as-needed" basis. The previous bid was awarded on November 9, 2016. The new agency payroll processing fee is 4% less than the previous bid. Four bids were received. The bidders were 22nd Century Technologies, Inc.; RMP Temps; Infojini Inc.; and The Job Connection Inc. Staff evaluated the agency payroll processing percentage fee for each of these bidders and determined that the low bidder for line items 1-

11, 22nd Century Technologies, Inc., met all the requirements as outlined in the bid proposal. Staff evaluated the next low bidder RMP Temps and determined they met all the requirements as outlined within the bid proposal as well. Staff recommends award of line items 1-11 to 22nd Century Technologies, Inc. and awarding to RMP Temps for line items 1-11 as the 1st alternate in the event 22nd Century Technologies cannot provide the requested personnel. Mr. Chacon addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Mr. Gallardo, seconded by Mr. Morris and unanimously carried, the Board awarded Bid Number 111-19, Temporary Employment Services Contract, to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, 22nd Century Technologies for line items 1-11 and RMP Temps as the 1st alternate for line items 1-11 in the estimated, aggregated annual amount of \$500,000 with the option for two, one-year extensions.

**27. CONSIDERED AND REJECTED ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR BID NUMBER 95-19 FRED WILSON ADMINISTRATION AREA REMODEL.**

Mr. Alan Shubert, Vice President, provided information to the Board regarding this item. EPWater is undertaking a major new Customer Information System upgrade that requires an on-site location for the consultant's and EPWater's staff of about 30 people for a period of up to three years. Staff identified the Fred Wilson Administration building as an available site for this project. The upgrades and rehabilitation of specific components will be performed to extend the life of the facility and parking lot and will be used by the Utility as additional office space after the completion of the project. Two bids were received. Bidders were; Spartan Construction of Tx, Inc. in the amount of \$933,900.00; and Vonanza Construction, LLC in the amount of \$1,535,093.13. Staff evaluated the bids and determined that they exceeded the engineer's estimate by 18.38% and 94.58% respectively. The bid amounts are above EPWater's investment range for this project. Staff recommends the rejection of all bids received.

On a motion made by Mr. Gallardo, seconded by Ms. Garcia and unanimously carried, the Board rejected all bids received for Bid Number 95-19 Fred Wilson Administration Area Remodel.

**28. CONSIDERED AND REJECTED ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR BID NUMBER 63-19 CIELO VISTA ELEVATED WATER TANK SAFETY LADDERS AND FALL PROTECTION.**

Mr. Shubert provided information to the Board regarding this item. The Cielo Vista Elevated Water Tank Safety Ladders and Fall Protection project includes safety and structural improvements to the existing access ladders at the Cielo Vista elevated water tank. Improvements include a new ladder with protective steel mesh, new landing platforms, and a fall arrest protection system. Two bids were received. The bidders were El Paso Contractors, LLC and Black Stallion Contractors Inc. Both bids were above the engineer's estimate of \$82,300. Staff recommends rejecting all bids for this project. Staff will review the bid specifications and include the design for the Cielo Vista Elevated Water Tank Safety Ladders and Fall Protection in the upcoming bid package for the 0.1 MG Cielo Vista Ground Storage Tank Replacement project. Combining the two tank projects into one bid package might garner additional bidder interest. Mr. Shubert addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Dr. Santiago, seconded by Mr. Gallardo and unanimously carried, the Board rejected all bids received for Bid Number 63-19 Cielo Vista Elevated Water Tank Safety Ladders and Fall Protection.

**29. CONSIDERED AND REJECTED THE SOLE BID RECEIVED FOR BID NUMBER 105-19 PLASTIC CHAIN AND SPROCKETS, AND AUTHORIZED STAFF TO RE-BID.**

Mr. Shubert provided information to the Board regarding this item. The sludge collection equipment for the secondary sedimentation sludge basins at the Canal Water Treatment Plant is in need of replacement as part of regularly scheduled maintenance. One bid was received from Purvis Industries LLC. Staff evaluated the bid and found the sole bidder, Purvis Industries LLC to be nonresponsive as the ANSI, NSF 61 certification requirements were not met as required by the bid proposal. Staff recommends rejection of this bid and authorization to re-bid.

On a motion made by Dr. Santiago, seconded by Dr. Mena and unanimously carried, the Board rejected the sole bid received for Bid Number 105-19 Plastic Chain and Sprockets, and authorized staff to re-bid.

**30. RATIFIED SOLE SOURCE PURCHASES FROM EL PASO PHOENIX PUMPS INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$92,595, AND CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR SEEPEX, CORNELL, AND CHESTERTON PUMP/MOTOR REPAIRS, PARTS, AND MAINTENANCE WITH EL PASO PHOENIX PUMPS INC., IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$167,405 FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, WITH THE OPTION FOR TWO, ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$260,000 CONTINGENT UPON EL PASO PHOENIX PUMPS INC., PROVIDING YEARLY DOCUMENTATION ATTESTING TO THE STATUS OF ITS PROPRIETARY OR PATENTED TECHNOLOGIES, PROCESSES, AND PARTS.**

Mr. Chacon provided information to the Board regarding this item. Pump repairs, motor repairs, parts, and maintenance are routinely needed at the wastewater and water treatment plants. This contract will ensure continued operation of pumps and motors. El Paso Phoenix Pumps Inc. is the sole source distributor of Seepex Inc., Cornell Pump Co., and AW Chesterton. Staff evaluated the sole source documentation and determined that it met all the requirements for this sole source contract. Staff recommends a sole source contract be awarded to El Paso Phoenix Pumps Inc., for pump and motor repairs, parts, and maintenance. Mr. Art Duran, Chief Financial Officer, made additional comments. Mr. Chacon addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Dr. Santiago, seconded by Mr. Morris and unanimously carried, the Board ratified sole source purchases from El Paso Phoenix Pumps Inc., in the amount of \$92,595, and considered and approved a sole source contract for Seepex, Cornell, and Chesterton pump/motor repairs, parts, and maintenance with El Paso Phoenix Pumps Inc., in the estimated amount of \$167,405 for the remainder of the current fiscal year, with the option for two, one-year extensions in the estimated annual amount of \$260,000 contingent upon El Paso Phoenix Pumps Inc., providing yearly documentation attesting to the status of its proprietary or patented technologies, processes, and parts.

**31. RATIFIED SOLE SOURCE PURCHASES FROM JAMES, COOKE AND HOBSON, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$161,525, AND CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR XYLEM FLYGT PUMP REPAIRS, PARTS, AND MAINTENANCE WITH JAMES, COOKE AND HOBSON, INC., IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$188,475 FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS FISCAL YEAR, WITH THE OPTION FOR TWO, ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$350,000 CONTINGENT UPON JAMES, COOKE AND HOBSON, INC., PROVIDING YEARLY DOCUMENTATION ATTESTING TO THE STATUS OF ITS PROPRIETARY OR PATENTED TECHNOLOGIES, PROCESSES, AND PARTS.**

Mr. Chacon provided information to the Board regarding this item. Xylem Flygt pump repairs, parts, and maintenance are routinely needed at the wastewater treatment plants. This contract will ensure continued operation of pumps. James, Cooke and Hobson, Inc., is the sole source distributor of Xylem Flygt. Staff evaluated the sole source documentation provided and determined that it met all the requirements for this sole source contract. Staff recommends a sole source contract be awarded to James, Cooke and Hobson, Inc., for pump repairs, parts, and maintenance. Mr. Chacon addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Dr. Santiago, seconded by Mr. Morris and unanimously carried, the Board ratified sole source purchases from James, Cooke and Hobson, Inc., in the amount of \$161,525, and considered and approved a sole source contract for Xylem Flygt pump repairs, parts, and maintenance with James, Cooke and Hobson, Inc., in the estimated amount of \$188,475 for the remainder of this fiscal year, with the option for two, one-year extensions in the estimated annual amount of \$350,000 contingent upon James, Cooke and Hobson,

Inc., providing yearly documentation attesting to the status of its proprietary or patented technologies, processes, and parts.

### **32. MANAGEMENT REPORT:**

- Capital Improvements Program Update –Ms. Irazema Rojas, Capital Improvement Program Manager, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). Ms. Rojas began her presentation by showing the different Improvement Categories, which included Water Supply, Infrastructure Reliability, Growth Requirements, Transportation and Flood Control. In the category of Water Supply, we have spent \$33.8 million, this was towards water resources, importation which included purchases of land and water rights, well capacity, including rehabilitation of existing wells and drilling of new ones. Also included was treatment, advanced purification design, Rogers plant ozone system upgrade, desalination plant membrane replacement and canal plant chlorine handling and telemetry upgrades. Under Improving Infrastructure and Reliability, \$18.8 million, for storage Jackson 2.5mg tank was done, Zaragosa Tank New, Rosemont 2.5mg Tank New, and Sunset Reservoir Rehab. As far as pumping, large valve replacement program, lift station reconstruction program, lift station rehabilitation program and valve rehabilitation program phase 1. Several pipeline projects have taken place; Planned Waterline Replacements, Surge Prevention for Rogers Plant Pipeline, Citywide Large Diameter Pipe Replacement Program, Manhole Rehabilitation Program, and Northeast Dyer/Railroad Force Main Upgrades to name a few. Other major projects are security upgrades, Coronado Tank III Tank Access Improvements, Building Improvements, Water and Wastewater Field Buildings. As far as Information Technology, the Fred Hervey Plant Telemetry Upgrades were done, in addition to Oversight Backup Monitoring on SCADA System. Growth requirements come in at \$6.4 million, with storage for Ranchos Real 2mg tank, Vista del Este 2.5mg tank, Franklin East 1a 3mg tank and Vinton 1.25mg tank. Pump stations were for North 2-11.8MGD Pump Station, Westway Pump Station Improvements, Canutillo Bosque Lift Station and Northeast Dyer/Railroad 5MGD Lift Station. Additional pipelines were included; Tim Floyd St. Pebble Hills-Montwood, Montwood Dr, John Hayes to Tim Floyd, Westway-Vinton 16” Waterline, Montana Vista Phase 1 Wastewater Collection System, EDA Northwest Development Water and Wastewater Systems and Northeast/Dyer Railroad 18” Interceptor. Information Technology & Automation had Customer Information System Implementation, Payment System Upgrades and Call Center Workforce Management. Under Supporting Transportation Improvement, \$2.2 million was spent throughout the City of El Paso in Community Development Bond Projects, Street Rehabilitation, City Rapid Transit System, and others. It was also spent with Texas Department of Transportation in Loop 375/Montana Interchange, IH-10 Connect and lastly throughout County of El Paso in the Mission Ridge Wastewater Line Ext, and Pellicano Drive Wastewater Line Ext. In regards to Flood Control, we have spent \$12.3 million with several storage tanks, ponds and dams being addressed such as; Copia St. Pond Discharge Conduit, Silver Springs Dam, Mesa Hills Sediment Detention Basin, Grand Teton Basin, Will Ruth Pond, Thomas Manor Improvements, Kentucky Dam, and Student Activity Dam. In

terms of Conveyances included City Drainage Projects, Stormwater and Development of Natural Open Space, Bear Ridge Channel Improvement, San Snead Drainage System, North Clark St. Drainage Improvements, Corrugated Metal Pipe Replacement Program, and Open Space Acquisitions. Ms. Rojas then showed a slide of Water and Wastewater FY2019-20 thru September 2019, total budget was \$176 million with 58% of the total budget were obligated which is money that has been set aside for projects to be completed or purchase orders to be finalized, 7% under agreements, and 35% under actuals. Ms. Rojas then shared a slide with a chart showing Water & Wastewater Actuals vs. Budget through September 2019. The chart shows the fluctuation throughout the years beginning 2010/11-current, with 2014/15 of \$275 million. Next slide was Stormwater Systems with a high in 2015/16 at \$60 million and a low in 2012/13 at \$12 million. Mr. Balliew discussed Stormwater FY 2019-20 thru September 2019, total budget is \$30.9 million, 46% in obligated, 9% in agreements, and 45% in actuals.

**33 PUBLIC COMMENT: THE PSB WILL PERMIT PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA. THE CHAIR MAY IMPOSE REASONABLE TIME LIMITS FOR EACH SPEAKER.**

No comments were made.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Ms. Garcia seconded by Mr. Morris and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m., November 13, 2019.

ATTEST:

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Christopher Antcliff-Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer