

MINUTES
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD
CITY OF EL PASO
February 11, 2015

The regular meeting of the Public Service Board was held Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Meeting Room located at 1154 Hawkins Boulevard, El Paso, Texas.

PSB MEMBERS PRESENT

Ruth Katherine Brennand, Vice Chair
Terri Garcia, Secretary-Treasurer
Henry Gallardo, Member
Christopher Antcliff, Member
Bradley Roe, Member

PSB MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Richard T. Schoephoerster, Chair
Mayor Oscar Leeser, Ex-Officio Member

PSB EMPLOYEES PRESENT

John E. Balliew, P.E., President and Chief Executive Officer
Robert Andron, General Counsel

EPWU EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Lowell Stokes, Assistant General Counsel
Marcela Navarrete, Vice President
Alan Shubert, Vice President
Gretchen Byram, Computer Media Specialist
Art Duran, Chief Financial Officer
Fernie Rico, Chief Operations Officer
Javier Camacho, Public Information Specialist
Gilbert Trejo, Chief Technical Officer
Armando Renteria, Chief Information Officer
Michelle LePage, Purchasing Agent
Adriana Castillo, Utility Engineer
Fred Murillo, Wastewater Plant Superintendent
Manny Moreno, Wastewater Collection Maintenance Superintendent
Victor Guzman, Water Production Superintendent
Sonia Wyatt, Pretreatment Assistant Manager
Robert Riley, Construction Engineering Division Manager
Paula Apodaca, Executive Services Manager
Mike Fahy, Contract Employee
Georgette Webber, Executive Secretary

GUESTS

Phil Rothstein, Bath Engineering
Sanaan Villalobos, ARCARDIS US
Corky Hall, First Southwest
John O'Donnell, HROD, Inc.
Oscar Venegas, VMAC
Jorge Mora, Mijares-Mora Architects
Paul Bauer, Jordan Foster
Skip Bambrook, Robert Navarro & Associates
John Rayas, Citizen
Robert Navarro, Robert Navarro & Associates
Daniel Wood, The Arc of El paso

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The Public Service Board meeting was called to order by Ms. Brennand at 8:17 a.m. A quorum of its members was present. After a moment of silence, those in attendance joined Ms. Georgette Webber, Executive Secretary, in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 21, 2015.

The Board approved the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on January 21, 2015.

AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE CCTV MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT AT VARIOUS EL PASO WATER UTILITIES' FACILITIES TO CFI SECURITY, INCORPORATED, UTILIZING THE REGION 19 BUY BOARD, CONTRACT NUMBER RFP 12-6729 IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$74,400.

The Board awarded a contract for the CCTV Maintenance Agreement at various El Paso Water Utilities' Facilities to CFI Security, Incorporated, utilizing the Region 19 Buy Board, contract number RFP 12-6729 in the estimated annual amount of \$74,400.

AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEMS AT VARIOUS EL PASO WATER UTILITIES' FACILITIES TO CFI SECURITY, INCORPORATED, UTILIZING THE REGION 19 BUY BOARD, CONTRACT NUMBER RFP 09-6356, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$104,412,75.

The Board awarded a contract for the installation of the Access Control Systems at various El Paso Water Utilities' Facilities to CFI Security, Incorporated, utilizing the Region 19 Buy Board, contract number RFP 09-6356, in the amount of \$104,412,75.

AWARDED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 70-14 FOR WASTE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL AND SPILL/EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES TO VIVA ENVIRONMENTAL, INCORPORATED WITH AN OPTION FOR TWO ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS AT AN ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$63,796.96.

The Board awarded Request for Proposals 70-14 for Waste Removal and Disposal and Spill/Emergency Response Services to Viva Environmental, Incorporated with an option for two one-year extensions at an estimated annual amount of \$63,796.96.

REGULAR AGENDA

PRESENTATION OF THE SAFEST SECTION OF THE QUARTER AWARDS (4TH QUARTER).

Mr. Javier Camacho, Public Information Specialist, presented information to the Board regarding this item. The Safest Section of the Quarter Awards are for the sections with the lowest accident rate for the months of October, November, and December. The winning sections were "Accident Free" during the fourth quarter of 2014. All of the members of the sections have performed their jobs safely as a group and as individuals. In accordance with the Board's Award Policy, the winners of the Safest Section of the Quarter Awards for the fourth quarter of 2014 are as follows: Plant Facilities – Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant; Field/Construction – Wastewater System Maintenance; Support Services – Water Production; and Compliance/Materials – Pretreatment. Mr. Balliew presented the awards to the following representatives: Fred Murillo, Superintendent - Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant; Manny Moreno, Superintendent; Wastewater Collection Maintenance; Victor Guzman, Superintendent - Water Production; and Sonia Wyatt, Assistant Manager – Pretreatment.

PRESENTATION OF THE PHASE III DIRECTOR'S AWARD TO THE JONATHAN ROGERS AND ROBERTSON/UMBENHAUER WATER TREATMENT PLANTS FROM THE PARTNERSHIP FOR SAFE WATER.

Mr. Camacho presented information to the Board regarding this item. El Paso Water Utilities' surface water treatment plants have been participants in the Partnership for Safe Water for many years. During that time, both plants have consistently improved performance year by year. EPWU has received a national award for maintaining the Directors Award of recognition from the Partnership for Safe Water. The Directors Award is presented to water systems that have completed a successful review in the Partnership's Self-Assessment and Peer Review phase, a phase in which utilities examine the capabilities of their treatment plant operation and administration and then create a plan for implementing improvements. EPWU's ongoing participation in the program includes a rigorous review of treatment practices developed by national experts, and also includes a four-step, self-assessment and peer-review process.

The Partnership for Safe Water is a coalition consisting of the American Water Works Association, the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the National Association of Water Companies and the Water Research Foundation. The Partnership was formed to encourage and assist United States water suppliers to voluntarily enhance their water systems performance, for greater control of Cryptosporidium, Giardia and other microbial contaminants.

In approving the award, the Partnership recognized the commitment to resources provided by the Public Service Board and the Administration of El Paso Water Utilities, as well as the dedication of the plant employees. Mr. Gallardo and Mr. Balliew presented the awards to Mr. Fernie Rico, Chief Operation Officer, for the Jonathan Rogers and Robertson/Umbenhauer Water Treatment Plants.

APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE ANNUAL 2015 STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ARC OF EL PASO, AS PER THE ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY ON STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND ALLIANCES WITH NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

Ms. Adriana Castillo, Utility Engineer, made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). The Public Service Board has been a long-term community partner in supporting charitable organizations since its inception in 1952. The PSB approved the Strategic Partnerships and Alliances with Non-Profit Organizations administrative policy in 2009. The policy allows the PSB to select one charitable organization a year for a fundraising project. EPWU receives numerous requests throughout the year to support local and charitable causes. An employee committee comprised of six individuals from various EPWU departments made site visits and evaluated three applicants for this year's strategic partner. After careful thought and consideration, the employee committee recommended the Arc of El Paso, a local non-profit agency.

The Arc of El Paso is committed to serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), their families and caregivers living in the El Paso borderland region. The Arc seeks to offer opportunities for full inclusion and active participation in all aspects of society. Such opportunities include access to employment, post-secondary education, volunteering, technology, literacy, health & fitness, and more. All efforts are geared towards empowering individuals with IDD to achieve their highest potential and to live fully and productively. The efforts include helping individuals with IDD to find and keep employment, structure training in self-care, and communication and independent living skills. The Arc of El Paso currently needs funds to assist in opening their first flagship residential home where individuals with IDD will be assured of high-quality long-term housing. They hope to open the home in 2016. They also hope to open a second learning center.

On a motion made by Mr. Antcliff, seconded by Ms. Garcia, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the recommendation for the Annual 2015 Strategic Partnership with the Arc of El Paso, as per the Administrative Policy on Strategic Partnerships and Alliances with Non-Profit Organizations.

AWARDED BID NUMBER 07-15, AMERICAS PUMP STATION TANK NUMBER 1 REPAIRS, TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, CMD ENDEAVORS, INCORPORATED, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$782,000; AND AUTHORIZED FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM.

Mr. Alan Shubert, Vice President, made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). The work under this bid is needed to make necessary repairs to Tank Number 1 of the Americas Pump Station to prevent future leaks and to ensure the operation of the tank. The primary work is to blast clean and apply an epoxy coating to the interior and exterior of the tank and to replace the existing steel rafters. El Paso Water Utilities (EPWU) received seven bids for this ranging from \$782,000 to \$1,488,000. The Engineer's estimate was \$1,653,312.62.

The project consulting engineer, Robert Navarro and Associates, evaluated the qualifications of the apparent low bidder and determined that CMD Endeavors met the minimum general requirements as well as the minimum project specific criteria as specified in the bid documents. EPWU staff evaluated the Engineer's

evaluation matrix and recommended award of Bid Number 07-15, Americas Pump Station Tank Number 1 Repairs, to CMD Endeavors as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder in the amount of \$782,000. Mr. Shubert addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Mr. Antcliff, seconded by Mr. Roe, and unanimously carried, the Board awarded Bid Number 07-15, Americas Pump Station Tank Number 1 Repairs, to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, CMD Endeavors, Incorporated, in the amount of \$782,000; and authorized funding through the Commercial Paper Program. **(Resolution attached)**

AWARDED BID NUMBER SW08-15, AUSTIN POND IMPROVEMENTS, TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIVE BIDDER, VENEGAS ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,984,855.53.

Mr. Bob Andron, General Counsel, informed the Board that Ms. Garcia would abstain from discussion and voting on this item. Mr. Shubert made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). The Austin Pond Improvements Project is part of a series of phased improvements to the Government Hills Stormwater System located in Central El Paso. The improvements were part of the recommendations in the Stormwater Master Plan adopted by the El Paso Water Utilities - Public Service Board in March of 2009. The goal of the project is to maximize the capture and detention of stormwater runoff upstream of I-10.

El Paso Water Utilities (EPWU) received six bids for this project ranging from \$1,984,855.53 to \$3,069,818.00. The Engineer's estimate was \$2,705,666.00. The project consulting engineer, Moreno Cardenas, evaluated the qualifications of the apparent low bidder and determined that VEMAC met the minimum general requirements as well as the minimum project specific criteria as specified in the bid documents. EPWU staff evaluated the Engineer's evaluation matrix and recommended award of the contract for the Austin Pond Improvements, Bid Number SW08-15 to VEMAC as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$1,984,855.53. The Board heard comments from Mr. Oscar Venegas from VEMAC. No additional questions were addressed.

On a motion made by Mr. Roe, seconded by Mr. Antcliff and carried with Ms. Garcia abstaining from the vote, the Board awarded Bid Number SW08-15, Austin Pond Improvements, to the lowest responsive, responsive bidder, Venegas Engineering Management and Construction, Incorporated, in the amount of \$1,984,855.53.

APPROVED TASK ORDER NUMBER 14 – ADVANCED PURIFIED WATER TREATMENT PLANT PILOT TESTING SERVICES TO ARCADIS, U.S., INCORPORATED; AND AUTHORIZED FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM.

Mr. Shubert made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). El Paso Water Utilities (EPWU) obtained conditional approval from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to proceed with the pilot testing of the Advanced Purified Water Treatment Plant (APWTP) in December 2014. As a result, the next step in the TCEQ water treatment permitting process is to begin pilot testing. The objective of this task order is to conduct pilot testing at the Roberto R. Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant, conduct agency coordination, independent advisory panel review, and public outreach. Also, included under the pilot testing is lab sampling and testing; equipment rental; and contractor services to perform the equipment installation.

ARCADIS, U.S. was selected and awarded this contract under the Water Resources Related Aspects of the Wastewater Master Plan for the City of El Paso in 2012. EPWU staff worked with the consultant, ARCADIS, U.S., to develop the scope of work for the project services. A fee proposal associated with the scope of services was submitted and reviewed with the consultant to come to an agreement on the value to be received for the costs proposed to complete the project. Mr. Shubert addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Mr. Antcliff, seconded by Mr. Roe and unanimously carried, the Board approve Task Order Number 14 – Advanced Purified Water Treatment Plant Pilot Testing Services to ARCADIS, U.S., Incorporated; and authorized funding through the Commercial Paper Program. **(Resolution attached)**

AUTHORIZED THE PRESIDENT/CEO TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH JORDAN FOSTER CONSTRUCTION, LLC, FOR DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES FOR THE FIELD OPERATIONS YARD RELOCATION.

Mr. Shubert made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). El Paso Water Utilities (EPWU) must vacate its Field Operations yard, which includes the Warehouse and Auto Shop, in order to relocate the Rescue Mission to this site. Initially, the EPWU Auto Shop was identified by the City of El Paso as a good location for the Rescue Mission. However, in subsequent discussions with the Rescue Mission, it was determined that the EPWU Warehouse, which is adjacent to the Auto Shop, would be a more suitable location for the Rescue Mission to relocate to first - allowing the Rescue Mission to meet their construction schedule as well as minimize the impact on EPWU operations. A design-build construction delivery method is required to complete the construction of the facility at the Warehouse site in the allotted timeframe. The construction of the Rescue Mission will begin at the EPWU Warehouse site and continue at the Auto Shop site.

An Evaluation Team met on January 21, 2015 to review the statement of qualifications (SOQ) and recommend selection of the design-build firm for the above-referenced project. The team consisted of John E. Balliew, R. Alan Shubert, Marcela Navarrete, Fernando Rico, and Gilbert Trejo. Following the City of El Paso design-build procurement policy, EPWU solicited SOQs from five design-build firms capable of completing the project in the time allocated and received only four proposals. The proposals were evaluated for minimum qualifications, project manager's experience, project team's experience, current and upcoming workload capacity, and their quality control and quality assurance program. Jordan Foster Construction was selected as the most qualified firm that best meets the needs of the Utility in this important project and demonstrated excellent abilities in all the evaluated categories. A fee proposal for general conditions and preliminary design services was submitted for the design of a new auto shop and warehouse. Once the preliminary design is completed and construction cost estimates for each facility are known, EPWU staff will recommend to the Public Service Board which facility to move forward with construction. Mr. Shubert addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Mr. Antcliff, seconded by Mr. Roe and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the President/CEO to sign a contract with Jordan Foster Construction, LLC, for Design-Build Services for the Field Operations Yard relocation.

AWARDED BID NUMBER 81-14, 5/8-INCH X 3/4-INCH, 1 1/2 -INCH AND 2-INCH COLD WATER POSITIVE DISPLACEMENT METERS WITH MAGNETIC DRIVE, RE-BID, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS TO THE LOWEST

RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS PER LINE ITEM: NEPTUNE TECHNOLOGY GROUP IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$810,200 FOR LINE ITEMS 1 AND 3; AND BADGER METER, INCORPORATED, IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$25,000 FOR LINE ITEM 2.

Mr. Art Duran, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Board with information regarding this item. The 5/8 inch x 3/4-inch, 1 1/2-inch and 2-inch cold water positive displacement meters with magnetic drive are used to register water consumption for customers. The 5/8-inch x 3/4-inch meters are mostly for residential use and are replaced every 10 years through the meter change out program. The larger 1 1/2-inch and 2-inch meters are mostly for commercial use and are replaced as needed. Five potential bidders were provided bids. Two responsive bids were received. The lowest, responsive, responsible bidder for Items 1 and 3 is Neptune Technology Group in the estimated annual amount of \$810,200, and for Item 2, Badger Meter in the estimated annual amount of \$25,000. Mr. David Lara, Utility Meter Repair Supervisor and Purchasing evaluated the bid submittals and determined that both Neptune Technology Group and Badger Meter met all specifications. Mr. Duran 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 81-14, 5/8-inch x 3/4-inch, 1 1/2-inch and 2-inch Cold Water Positive Displacement Meters with Magnetic Drive, Re-bid, with an option to extend for two one-year extensions to the lowest responsive, responsible bidders per line item: Neptune Technology Group in the estimated annual amount of \$810,200 for line items 1 and 3; and Badger Meter, Incorporated, in the estimated annual amount of \$25,000 for line item 2.

AWARDED BID NUMBER 02-15, WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM DIRECTED MAINTENANCE – RE-BID, TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, WATER CONSERVATION SERVICES COMPANY, IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$399,950, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS.

Mr. Duran presented the Board with information regarding this item. This contract is to provide routine valve exercising services on potable water mains and for inspection and maintenance services for air/vacuum release valves on both water and wastewater mains. Three potential bidders were provided bids. EPWU received two bids from Water Conservation Services Company, in the estimated amount of \$399,950.00, and Wachs Valve and Hydrant Services, LLC, in the estimated amount of \$475,035.66. EPWU staff evaluated these bids recommended award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Water Conservation Services Company in the estimated annual amount of \$399,950.00. Mr. Duran addressed questions from the Board.

On a motion made by Mr. Gallardo, seconded by Ms. Garcia, and unanimously carried, the Board awarded Bid Number 02-15, Water and Wastewater System Directed Maintenance – Re-Bid, to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Water Conservation Services Company, in the estimated amount of \$399,950, with an option to extend for two one-year extensions.

APPROVED A SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ROTATING ASSEMBLY AND ASSOCIATED PARTS FOR ONE RAW INFLUENT PUMP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$104,525 TO DXP ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED; AND AUTHORIZED FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM.

Mr. Duran presented information to the Board regarding this item. The Raw Influent Pumps at the Roberto R. Bustamante WWTP are necessary to pump wastewater from the service area for treatment at the plant. Failure of these pumps results in sanitary sewer overflows at the plant headworks/wet well, in the surrounding plant

area, and in the service area immediately upstream of the plant. The existing pumps are original equipment from the Raw Influent Pump Station upgrade in 2003 and each of the pumps has been rebuilt several times. The new pump rotating assembly and associated parts would be used as a backup to ensure continuous operation in the event of a failure of one of the existing pumps in service. A quote for the replacement of the rotating assembly and associated parts for one of the existing Raw Influent Patterson pumps at the Roberto R. Bustamante WWTP was received from DXP Enterprises, in the amount of \$104,525. DXP Enterprises is the sole proprietary sales and service agent for Patterson Pumps in the El Paso region. Installation will be performed by Roberto R. Bustamante WWTP personnel.

On a motion made by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Mr. Antcliff, and unanimously carried, the Board approved a sole source purchase order for the replacement of the rotating assembly and associated parts for one raw influent pump in the amount of \$104,525 to DXP Enterprises, Incorporated; and authorized funding through the Commercial Paper Program. **(Resolution attached)**

APPROVED THE RENEWAL OF ORACLE TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES AND THREE-YEAR SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH BUY BOARD PRICING THROUGH TEXAS DIR CONTRACT NUMBER DIR-TSO-2539 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$421,193.40.

Mr. Armando Renteria, Chief Information Officer, presented the Board with information regarding this item. EPWU has an existing Oracle Technical Support Services agreement in place that is scheduled to expire on April 29, 2015. To reduce annual support costs and prevent interruption of technical support services used in the operation of the Utility's Oracle system databases, staff requested Board approval to renew the Oracle Technical Support Services agreement for three years. The total savings resulting from the three-year support agreement would be \$25,780.91. A quotation for renewal of the technical support services with a three year option was received from Oracle with buy board pricing through Texas DIR (Department of Information Resources) Contract Number DIR-TSO-2539. Ms. Garcia made comments regarding this item.

On a motion made by Mr. Roe, seconded by Mr. Gallardo, and unanimously carried, the Board approve the renewal of Oracle Technical Support Services and three-year support agreement with buy board pricing through Texas DIR Contract Number DIR-TSO-2539 in the amount of \$421,193.40.

ADOPTED A RESOLUTION ASKING CITY COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$25,370,000 OF CITY OF EL PASO MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE UTILITY SYSTEM BONDS SERIES 2015 AND FUND RELATED TRANSACTION COSTS.

Mr. Balliew made introductory comments to the Board regarding this item. He said this bond issuance was approved in the FY 2015-16 stormwater budget adoption. The item will need to go before City Council for consideration and approval. Mr. Balliew said staff has met with City Council representatives to discuss the bond issuance and a list of projects covered by the bond issuance was provided to the Board. Mr. Balliew then introduced Mr. Corky Hall of First Southwest to make a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding the bond issuance (copy on file in Central Files). The Stormwater Utility has identified numerous essential capital improvement projects to improve the level of stormwater protection for the citizens of El Paso. The PSB will request from the City of El Paso to sell bonds through a parameters resolution. Parameter authorization will enable the sale of revenue bonds at optimum timing and structure. Council would delegate final pricing authority to the following pricing officers: John Balliew; Marcela Navarrete and Arturo Duran. The PSB would recommend the following parameters to Council for approval: maximum true interest cost of 4.50%; aggregate

principal amount of issue - \$25,370,000; final maturity date – December 31, 2035; and expiration of delegated authority – 3 months. The pricing officers can only approve the sale if all Council parameters are met. The recommended underwriters for this issuance are RBC Capital Markets (Senior Manager) and George K. Baum (Co-Manager). Mr. Hall reviewed the schedule of events for this bond issuance. Ms. Marcela Navarrete, Vice President, addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Mr. Antcliff, seconded by Mr. Roe, and unanimously carried, the Board adopt a resolution asking City Council to authorize the issuance of up to \$25,370,000 of City of El Paso Municipal Drainage Utility System Bonds Series 2015 and fund related transaction costs. **(Resolution attached)**

ADOPTED A RESOLUTION FOR THE PRESIDENT AND CEO TO SIGN A PROPOSAL TO THE U. S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION UNDER THE 2015 WATERSMART TITLE XVI FEASIBILITY STUDY PROGRAM FOR WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE OF NATURALLY-IMPAIRED GROUNDWATER, FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO INCREASE THE WATER RESOURCE AVAILABILITY AND TREATMENT CAPACITY AT THE KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON DESALINATION PLANT.

Mr. Balliew presented the Board with information regarding this item. EPWU is evaluating alternatives for utilizing naturally-impaired (brackish) source wells and plant improvements at the Kay Bailey Hutchison (KBH) Desalination Plant, along with groundwater model upgrades for the U.S.G.S. Hueco Bolson Groundwater Model. CDM Smith is performing the study to increase the capacity of the KBH Plant, and Montgomery & Associates is revising the existing Hueco Bolson model. If successful, the concept will produce an additional 6,000 acre-feet per year (AFY) of potable water from naturally-impaired groundwater.

The capital cost for such improvements would be eligible for future USBR grant reimbursement through the Title XVI Program, provided that EPWU first performs a Title XVI Feasibility Study according to USBR requirements. USBR's Funding Opportunity Announcement R15AS00015; "WaterSMART; Development of Feasibility Studies under the Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program for FY 2015" provides grants up to \$150,000 per project and USBR requires an equivalent dollar amount as cash plus "in-kind" services. EPWU is an eligible applicant, and the proposed project (total cost estimate of \$440,000) is consistent with USBR's purpose. USBR requires a resolution and proposals are due on March 3, 2015. EPWU is able to provide the cash funding and/or in-kind contributions, meet the USBR deadlines, and accomplish the mutual goals specified by USBR.

On a motion made by Mr. Roe, seconded by Mr. Gallardo, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted a resolution for the President and CEO to sign a proposal to the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation under the 2015 WaterSmart Title XVI Feasibility Study Program for water reclamation and reuse of naturally-impaired groundwater, for improvements to increase the water resource availability and treatment capacity at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Desalination Plant. **(Resolution attached)**

REPORT BY WASHINGTON LOBBYIST ON FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES FOR 2014-2015.

Mr. Balliew introduced Mr. John O'Donnell of Murray, Montgomery, O'Donnell to make a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding the federal government initiatives for 2014-15 (copy on file in Central Files). During the spring, summer, and fall of 2014, they lobbyists and staff attended meetings regarding funding and legislative issues. (Three trips to D.C. with visits to federal agencies and Capitol Hill, and eight meetings

with the Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Albuquerque District as well as Division Office in San Francisco). Funding requests were made for stormwater management, water infrastructure, regional water planning and research. Specifically, visits in Washington, D.C. included meetings scheduled with federal agencies, national associations and Congress. The lobbyists and staff participated in the Corps' Rio Grande Management Workshop, Sustainability Conference, Johnson Foundation Conference, and American Association of Water Agencies Conference. Mr. O'Donnell said the 2014 legislative meetings focused on the following: getting EPWU's priorities in the Corps' 2015 work program and obtain eligibility information to obtain funding; making requests to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for EPWU's Title XVI feasibility study for authorization of wastewater recycling projects (Advanced Water Purification Facility); requesting funding to conduct additional research; obtaining EPA funding for resiliency and sustainability projects; obtaining Rural Development Service funding for colonias and water planning; and meeting with the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee for introduction of legislation to address more efficiencies in the use of water/energy and authorization of Title XVI projects.

Mr. O'Donnell went on to provide an overview of the 2013-14 EPWU Federal Agenda. During the previous legislative year, EPWU requested funding through the previously authorized \$25 million provision in the Water Resource Development Act of 2007. A \$300,000 request was made to continue work for the flood risk management study and \$466,000 was approved. Additionally, \$4 million were requested to construct 24-inch water transmission line in the Upper Valley and \$200,000 were approved for continuation of the Rio Bosque Wetlands Feasibility Study although the original request was for \$130,000. In regards to the Bureau of Reclamation, EPWU was approved for \$300,000 from the Water Smart Efficiency Grant for the Lower Valley Reverse Osmosis Wells project and \$150,000 in Title XVI funds to prepare a feasibility study to develop the Advanced Water Purification Facility. Approval is pending on a request for \$1.3 million of existing Title XVI funds to allow the diversion of raw wastewater from the Haskell Plant to the Fred Hervey Plant. Currently a feasibility study is underway. Other requests include \$200,000 to prepare a county-wide water/wastewater masterplan; funding to prepare a feasibility study for needed improvements to 11 area dams; and \$150,000 for the Rio Grande Environmental Management Plan. Mr. O'Donnell discussed other initiatives and follow-up meetings with the Energy and Natural Resources Committee staff; Congressional Research Service; Department of Energy; Corps of Engineers; Bureau of Reclamation; EPA; and Fort Bliss/Department of Defense. At the end of the presentation, Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Balliew and Mr. Hector Gonzalez, Government Affairs Manager, addressed questions from the Board.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

- ***Staff Presentations*** – Mr. Balliew presented to the Young Presidents and Leaders group. He and Mr. Gonzalez met with General Twitty and others from Fort Bliss. Ms. Navarrete and Mr. Balliew attended the Texas Water Development Board's Financial Assistance Workshop. Ms. Navarrete also participated in a Mother-Daughter/Father-Son Career Day. Mr. Angel Bustamante, Water Systems Division Manager, participated in a TCEQ Drinking Water Advisory Work Group.

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.

The Board heard comments from Mr. Blake Barrow of the El Paso Rescue Mission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Mr. Roe, and unanimously carried, the Board retired in Executive Session at 10:01 a.m., February 11, 2015, pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 through 551.076 to discuss any of the following:

Section 551.071	Consultation with Attorney
Section 551.072	Deliberation Regarding Real Property
Section 551.074	Personnel Matters

- a. Section 551.071. Consultation with Attorney
The Board will consult with its attorneys regarding an appeal from Mr. John Rayas.
- b. Section 551.071. Consultation with Attorney
The Board will consult with its attorneys regarding a claim for damages from Union Pacific.
- c. Section 551.072. Deliberation Regarding Real Property
The Board will deliberate regarding whether property generally located at 221 N. Lee Street, City of El Paso, El Paso County Texas can be declared inexpedient to the system.

On a motion made by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Mr. Antcliff, and carried, the Board reconvened in open session at 10:41 a.m., February 11, 2015.

CONSULTED WITH ATTORNEYS REGARDING AN APPEAL FROM MR. JOHN RAYAS.

On a motion made by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Mr. Roe and unanimously carried, the Board denied the claim of Mr. John Rayas in its entirety.

CONSULTED WITH ATTORNEYS REGARDING A CLAIM FOR DAMAGES FROM UNION PACIFIC.

On a motion made by Mr. Antcliff, seconded by Mr. Gallardo and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the President/CEO to settle and sign any and all necessary documents to resolve the claim of the Union Pacific Railroad for an incident related to a vehicle accident on July 31, 2014.

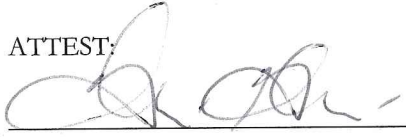
DELIBERATED REGARDING WHETHER PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT 221 N. LEE STREET, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY TEXAS CAN BE DECLARED INEXPEDIENT TO THE SYSTEM.

On a motion made by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Mr. Gallardo and unanimously carried, the Board declared the property generally located at 221 N. Lee Street, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, inexpedient to the Water and Wastewater System provided that the PSB shall not be required to close and transfer possession of the property until such date as to be determined by the President/CEO. Furthermore, the Board authorized the President/CEO to obtain one appraisal for the property and forward to City Council, the recommendation to sell the land for the appraised value, and sign any and all documents necessary to complete the sale of the land.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m., February 11, 2015.

ATTEST:



Secretary-Treasurer



Chair

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SOLE SOURCE PROPRIETARY PURCHASE OF ONE PATTERSON PUMP ROTATING ASSEMBLY AND ANCILLARY PARTS FOR ONE RAW INFLUENT PUMP AT THE ROBERTO R. BUSTAMANTE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FROM DXP ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED; AND AUTHORIZING FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the raw influent pumps at the Roberto R. Bustamante wastewater treatment plant are necessary to pump wastewater from the service area for treatment at the plant. Failure of these pumps may result in sanitary sewer overflows at the plant. The existing pumps are original equipment from the Raw Influent Pump Station upgrade in 2003 and each of the pumps have been rebuilt several times since. A new pump rotating assembly would be used as a backup to ensure continuous operation in the event of a failure of one of the existing pumps in service.

WHEREAS, a price quotation for the replacement of the rotating assembly and associated parts for one of the existing raw influent Patterson pumps at the plant was obtained from DXP Enterprises, Incorporated, for a total sum of \$104,525.00. DXP Enterprises, Incorporated is the sole proprietary sales and service agent for Patterson Pumps in the El Paso region. Installation of the equipment will be accomplished with El Paso Water Utilities personnel.

WHEREAS, in order to take advantage of favorable interest rates and reduce financing costs, the Public Service Board (PSB) and the City Council authorized a Commercial Paper Program to finance PSB construction projects and engineering services and this Project is eligible for such Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, El Paso Water Utilities:

Section 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Resolution are true and correct and are hereby adopted by the Public Service Board by this reference for all purposes.

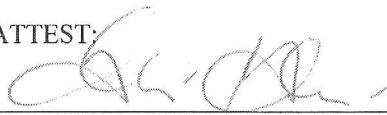
Section 2. That the Public Service Board approves the sole source proprietary purchase of one Patterson Pump rotating assembly and ancillary parts for one Raw Influent Pump at the Roberto R. Bustamante wastewater treatment plant from DXP Enterprises, Incorporated for a total sum of \$104,525.00. That the Public Service Board hereby authorizes the President/CEO to execute any and all documents to accomplish the purchase as stated herein.

Section 3. That the Public Service Board hereby authorizes funding of the Project through the PSB tax-exempt Commercial Paper Program from Commercial Paper Funds as approved in CIP#, Account Number 1914-009, Budget FY, in the amount not to exceed \$104,525.00.

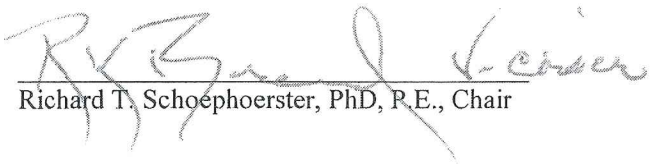
PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas, this 11th day of February, 2015, at which meeting a quorum was present, held in accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A. Government Code, Sections 551.001, et. seq.

EL PASO WATER UTILITIES
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

ATTEST:



Terri Garcia
Secretary/Treasurer



Richard T. Schoephoerster, PhD, P.E., Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Robert D. Andron, J.D., General Counsel

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT/CEO'S SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE U. S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION (USBR) FOR \$150,000.00 IN GRANT FUNDS (OVER SIXTEEN MONTHS) FROM THE 2015 WATERSMART: TITLE XVI FEASIBILITY STUDY PROGRAM, TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO INCREASE THE WATER RESOURCE AVAILABILITY AND TREATMENT CAPACITY AT THE KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON DESALINATION PLANT. IF SUCCESSFUL, THE CONCEPT WILL PRODUCE AN ADDITIONAL 6,000 AFY OF NON-INTERRUPTIBLE, POTABLE WATER FROM NATURALLY-IMPARED (BRACKISH) GROUNDWATER, FOR CUSTOMER USE. EPWU HEREBY AFFIRMS THE COMMITMENT OF \$250,000.00 IN CASH, OVER SIXTEEN MONTHS, PLUS \$40,000.00 IN "IN-KIND" SERVICES BY EPWU-PSB FOR STAFF MANPOWER AND SUPPLIES REQUIRED.

WHEREAS, the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board (EPWU), was established on May 22, 1952, by Ordinance No. 752 of the City of El Paso for the purpose of providing potable water and wastewater collection and treatment for the City of El Paso, and,

WHEREAS, EPWU has historically worked with grant agencies to obtain funds for the research and implementation of water treatment, water conservation, expanding the base of useable water resources, management of membrane treatment processes, and potable water and energy improvement projects to benefit the residents of the City and County of El Paso, to improve the quality and reliability of their water services, and to promote the conservation of water and use of naturally-impaired (brackish) and reclaimed waters within the service area of El Paso; and,

WHEREAS, EPWU has historically applied for and received USBR grant funds for numerous water resource expansion, conservation, water storage and recovery, reverse osmosis (RO) and other water treatment research, infrastructure, supply, monitoring, and reclaimed and naturally-impaired water projects; and,

WHEREAS, EPWU has budgeted funds for the evaluation of alternatives for utilizing naturally-impaired source wells, and plant improvements for the Kay Bailey Hutchison desalination facility, in conjunction with ground water model upgrades for the original U.S.G.S. Hueco Bolson Ground Water Flow model; and,

WHEREAS, EPWU estimates that approximately 6,000 AFY of additional, new potable ground water could become available to the public from formerly unused, naturally-impaired sources, and a portion of this could potentially become available, indirectly, for environmental habitat improvements; and,

WHEREAS, EPWU has identified the need for additional new potable water sources to meet the demands of the growing population according to the requirements of the Texas-State Fifty Year Water Plan, and preserve the water resources available within the El Paso area; and,

WHEREAS, EPWU now owns and operates the Kay Bailey Hutchison Desalination Plant which uses state-of-the-art reverse osmosis technology to treat naturally-impaired, brackish ground water from the Hueco Bolson Aquifer, which contains approximately ten times more brackish water than fresh ground water, and EPWU has worked with engineering consultants, researchers, manufacturers of reverse osmosis and advanced water treatment equipment, and professionals that are experienced with the design, installation and operation of such state-of-the-art equipment, and such engineers, researchers and manufacturers have expressed their interest in participation in such a project; and,

WHEREAS, El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 has approached the EPWU Board of Directors and expressed their interest in working jointly with EPWU to capture, store and distribute additional waters available for habitat improvements in the areas of the Socorro Ponds and Rio Bosque Park, and

utilization of existing, naturally-impaired brackish ground water will in part reduce the demand on these other sources for competing potable-public and environmental uses; and,

WHEREAS, EPWU has approved the current fiscal year (FY 2015-2016) Budget including funds for water resource feasibility studies and capital investment for improving water treatment at EPWU's facilities; and,

WHEREAS, USBR has released Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) No. R15AS00015 soliciting proposals for project funding under their WaterSMART; Development of Feasibility Studies under Title XVI, Water Reclamation and Reuse Program for Fiscal Year 2015, and USBR requires a resolution of this type for submittal of a formal application for grant funds; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS:


Section 1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Resolution are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the Public Service Board (PSB) and made a part of this Resolution for all purposes.

Section 2. That the PSB hereby authorizes the President/CEO to sign any and all documents required for application for USBR feasibility study funds in the amount of \$150,000.00 over sixteen months, and affirms the total commitment of \$250,000.00 in local cash, also over sixteen months (including \$100,000.00 in-pre-award costs), plus approximately \$40,000.00 in equivalent "in-kind" services, towards the study of the feasibility of the improvements to increase the water resource availability and treatment capacity at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Desalination Plant. This action will be in accordance with the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART; Title XVI Feasibility Study Program Grant requirements, applied for as stated hereinabove.

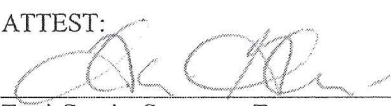
Section 3. That the PSB agrees to conduct this project, if awarded, according to all of the water conservation, water resource development and planning, environmental, engineering, and renewable energy reporting, and accounting procedures required by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation.

PASSED AND APPROVED at the regular meeting of the Public Service Board, this 11th day of February, 2015 at which meeting a quorum was present, held in accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A. Government Code, Sections 551.001, et. seq.

EL PASO WATER UTILITIES
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD


Richard T. Schoephoerster, Chair

ATTEST:


Terri Garcia, Secretary-Treasurer

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE EL PASO CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF UP TO TWENTY-FIVE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED-SEVENTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$25,370,000.00) OF EL PASO, TEXAS MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE UTILITY SYSTEM BONDS, SERIES 2015, TO FUND STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND FUND RELATED TRANSACTION COSTS; AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of El Paso, Texas established the El Paso Texas Municipal Drainage Utility System by Ordinance Number 01668, June 19, 2007 for the management and control of stormwater drainage and infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the City Council as authorized by State law vested the complete management and control of the El Paso Texas Municipal Drainage Utility System in a board of trustees, said board being the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board;

WHEREAS, the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board ("PSB"), in order to take advantage of a favorable financial market, desires the City of El Paso ("City") to approve the issuance and sale of up to TWENTY-FIVE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$25,370,000.00) in City of El Paso, Texas Municipal Drainage Utility System Bonds, Series 2015, ("Bonds") so as to fund stormwater infrastructure projects;

WHEREAS, the City's Financial Advisor, First Southwest Company, and the PSB's Bond Counsel, Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P., intend to bring a Bond Ordinance before the El Paso City Council to authorize the issuance and sale of Bonds to fund stormwater infrastructure projects; such Ordinance to be introduced pursuant to the requirements of the El Paso City Charter and State law;

WHEREAS, the PSB finds that it is in the best interest of the municipal drainage system utility ratepayers for this funding and financing to take place;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EL PASO WATER UTILITIES PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Resolution are true and correct and are hereby adopted by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board, which has been vested with the complete management and control of the El Paso Texas Municipal Drainage Utility System, and made a part of this Resolution by this reference for all purposes.

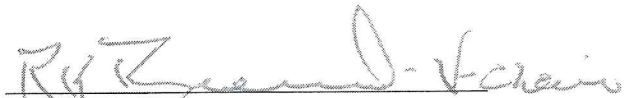
Section 2. That the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board requests the El Paso City Council to approve the issuance and sale of up to TWENTY-FIVE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$25,370,000.00) in City of El Paso, Texas Municipal Drainage Utility System Bonds, Series 2015, so as to fund stormwater system projects and the costs of issuance of same.

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Section 3. That all previous actions heretofore taken by the PSB's President/CEO, the City's Financial Advisor and the PSB's Bond Counsel with respect to this matter are hereby ratified and approved.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas, this 11th day of February, 2015, at which meeting a quorum was present, held in accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A. Government Code, Sections 551.001, et. seq.

EL PASO WATER UTILITIES
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD


Richard T. Schophoerster, PhD, P.E.
Chair

ATTEST:


Terri Garcia
Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Robert D. Andron
General Counsel

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION APPROVING TASK ORDER NUMBER 14- ADVANCE PURIFIED WATER TREATMENT PLANT PILOT TESTING SERVICES TO ARCADIS, U.S., INCORPORATED OPERATING UNDER THE WASTEWATER MASTER PLAN FOR THE CITY OF EL PASO 2012; AND AUTHORIZING FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, ARCADIS, U.S., Incorporated was selected and awarded a contract under the Water Resources Related Aspects of the Wastewater Master Plan for the City of El Paso in 2012 and El Paso Water Utilities (EPWU) obtained conditional approval from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to proceed with pilot plant testing of the proposed Advance Purified Water Treatment Plant in December of 2014.

WHEREAS, the objective of Task Order Number 14 is for ARCADIS, U.S., Incorporated to conduct said pilot plant testing, coordinate with TCEQ, accomplish an advisory panel review and conduct public outreach. Additionally, included in the pilot testing phase is, lab sampling and testing, equipment rental and contractor services to perform equipment installation.

WHEREAS, a fee proposal was submitted and reviewed to reach an agreement on the value to be received for the costs proposed to complete the Task Order, said negotiated fee is in line with the level of effort and hours required to complete the work.

WHEREAS, in order to take advantage of favorable interest rates and reduce financing costs, the Public Service Board (PSB) and the City Council authorized a Commercial Paper Program to finance PSB construction projects and engineering services and this Project is eligible for such Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, El Paso Water Utilities:

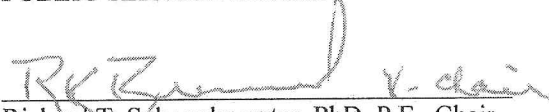
Section 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Resolution are true and correct and are hereby adopted by the Public Service Board by this reference for all purposes.

Section 2. That the Public Service Board approves Task Order Number 14 – Advance Purified Water Treatment Plant Pilot testing services to be accomplished by ARCADIS, U.S., Incorporated pursuant to the Wastewater Master Plan for the City of El Paso and in accordance with approval obtained from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The Public Service Board hereby authorizes the President/CEO to execute any and all documents to accomplish the action as stated herein.


Section 3. That the Public Service Board hereby authorizes funding of the Project through the PSB tax-exempt Commercial Paper Program from Commercial Paper Funds as approved in CIP#, Account Number 1214-054, Budget FY, in the amount not to exceed the negotiated fee.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas, this 11th day of February, 2015, at which meeting a quorum was present, held in accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A. Government Code, Sections 551.001, et. seq.

EL PASO WATER UTILITIES
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD


Richard T. Schoephoerster, PhD, P.E., Chair

ATTEST:


Terri Garcia
Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Robert D. Andron, J.D., General Counsel

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF BID 07-15, AMERICAS PUMP STATION TANK NUMBER 1 REPAIRS TO CMD ENDEAVORS, INCORPORATED; AND AUTHORIZING FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the work is needed to make repairs to Tank Number 1 of the Americas Pump Station to prevent future leaks and to ensure the operation of the tank. The primary work is to blast clean and apply an epoxy coating to the interior and exterior of the tank and to replace the existing steel rafters; and

WHEREAS, El Paso Water Utilities received seven (7) bids for this project on January 8, 2015. The bidders ranged from \$782,000 to \$1,488,000 or 53% to 10% lower than the Engineer's estimate of \$1,653,312.62. The project consulting engineer, Robert Navarro and Associates, evaluated the qualifications of the apparent low bidder and has determined that CMD Endeavors meets the minimum general requirements as well as the minimum project specific criteria as specified on the bid documents. El Paso Water Utilities' Water Systems Division has evaluated the Engineer's Evaluation Matrix and recommends award of Bid 07-15, Americas Pump Station Tank Number 1 Repairs to CMD Endeavors; and

WHEREAS, in order to take advantage of favorable interest rates and reduce financing costs, the Public Service Board (PSB) and the City Council authorized a Commercial Paper Program to finance PSB construction projects and engineering services and this Project is eligible for such Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, El Paso Water Utilities:

Section 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Resolution are true and correct and are hereby adopted by the Public Service Board by this reference for all purposes.

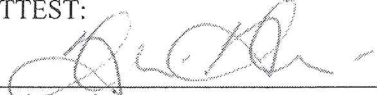
Section 2. That the Public Service Board approves award of Bid Number 07-15, for Americas Pump Station Tank Number 1 repairs in the far eastside to CMD Endeavors, Incorporated, the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder, meeting the general requirements in the amount not to exceed \$782,000.0. That the Public Service Board hereby authorizes the President/CEO to execute an agreement with CMD Endeavors, Incorporated, for the Americas Pump Station Tank Number 1 repairs project.

Section 3. That the Public Service Board hereby authorizes funding of the Project through the PSB tax-exempt Commercial Paper Program from Commercial Paper Funds as approved in CIP#W5406, Account Number 1214-038, Budget FY 2013-14, in the amount not to exceed \$782,000.00.


PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas, this 11th day of February, 2015, at which meeting a quorum was present, held in accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A. Government Code, Sections 551.001, et. seq.

EL PASO WATER UTILITIES
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

ATTEST:



Terri Garcia
Secretary/Treasurer



Richard T. Schoephoerster, PhD, P.E., Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Robert D. Andron, J.D., General Counsel