

## **SUB-REGIONAL OPERATING GROUP COMMITTEE**

### *MEETING MINUTES*

February 12, 2020

#### **MEMBERS**

Nazario Prieto, Chair, Phoenix  
Brian Biesemeyer, Scottsdale  
Craig Johnson, Glendale  
Jake West, Mesa  
Terry Piekarz for Tara Ford, Tempe

#### **OTHERS**

Michelle Barclay, AMWUA  
Brian Draper, Mesa  
Tara Gonzales, Phoenix

#### **1. Call to Order**

Mr. Prieto called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m.

#### **2. Approval of the Minutes from the September 11, 2019 Meeting**

Upon a motion by Mr. Johnson, a second by Mr. Biesemeyer, and unanimous approval, the SROG Committee approved the minutes of the September 11, 2019 meeting.

#### **3. Set Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020.

#### **4. Consideration of Items for Consent**

Mr. Biesemeyer made a motion to approve the following item for consent:

A. Recommendation to Approve the Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-21 Operations and Maintenance Budget and Operating Fund Reserve Balance for the 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue WWTP

In an email dated February 6, 2020, the SROG Advisory Committee recommended that the SROG Committee approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-21 Operations and Maintenance Budget base request of \$53,772,973 and that the Operating Fund Balance Reserve be increased \$338,162 in order to maintain the required 12.5% of the Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget.

B. Recommendation to Approve the Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-21 Multi-City SROG User Charge Rates

In an email dated February 6, 2020, the SROG Advisory Committee recommended that the SROG Committee approve the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Multi-City SROG User Charge Rates based upon the sewage volumes and strengths as presented.

C. Recommendation to Approve the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Capital Improvement Projects Cash Flow Estimate for the 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue WWTP

In an email dated February 6, 2020, the SROG Advisory Committee recommended that the SROG Committee approve the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Capital Improvement Projects Cash Flow Estimate for the 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue WWTP as presented.

D. SROG Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019, and Year-End Settlement

In an email dated February 6, 2020, the SROG Advisory Committee recommended that the SROG Committee accept the SROG Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019, and Year-End Settlement, as presented, for the same fiscal year.

Mr. Johnson asked if we have an estimate for the O&M Budget for FY21, Ms. Barclay responded that the budget is the estimate for FY21. Mr. Johnson expressed concern that the expenses are not managed to the budget, but that expenses can go over budget which is not how this is done in his city. Ms. Gonzales stated that the estimate shown for FY20 is reflecting how we are trending to date, something Phoenix keeps an eye on in order to make adjustments where possible and stay within the budget during each fiscal year.

Mr. West seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Mr. Biesemeyer stated that he would like to see a presentation on budgets at the SROG Committee meeting next year rather than putting all of these items on the consent agenda. He said that he is looking for something high level, not of the detail that is presented at the Finance

Committee meetings. Ms. Gonzales suggested this could be presented at the Committee's January meeting.

**5. Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JEPA) Negotiations**

There was no discussion on this item.

**6. Meeting of the SROG Advisory Committee**

There was no discussion on this item.

**7. Future Agenda Items/Comments**

There was no discussion on this item.

**8. Adjournment**

Mr. Prieto adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.