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May 1, 2023

TO: Members of the Sub-Regional Operating Group Committee of the Joint Municipal Water Reclamation System

FROM: Mr. Brian Biesemeyer, Chair, Scottsdale

SUBJECT: **MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

Monday, May 8, 2023 – 11:00 a.m.

This meeting will be held via AMWUA Zoom

Access this [Link](#) to join via Zoom.

(Option to join by phone: 1-602-753-0140, Meeting ID: 835 6259 0707)

The next meeting of the Sub-Regional Operating Group Committee will be held at the above time and place. If you have any questions, please call the AMWUA office.

AGENDA – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the March 8, 2023 Meeting
3. Set Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

4. Consideration of Items for Consent

The following items listed under the consent agenda will be considered as a group and acted upon by one motion with no separate discussion of said items unless a Committee member so requests. In that event, the item(s) will be removed from the agenda for separate action.

Arizona Municipal Water Users Association

A. SAI Condition Assessment

In an email dated April 27, 2023, the SROG Advisory Committee recommended that the SROG Committee authorize the City of Phoenix to enter into a contract with Project Engineering Consultants for an amount not to exceed \$1,700,000 for professional engineering services to assess the condition of the SAI.

Please refer to Agenda Item #4A.

5. Meeting of the SROG Advisory Committee

There was no SROG Advisory Committee meeting in April 2023.

6. Future Agenda Items

7. Adjournment

*The order of the agenda may be altered or changed by the SROG Managers Committee. More information about AMWUA and SROG public meetings is available in the AMWUA office, online at www.amwua.org/what-we-do/public-meetings, or by request.

SUB-REGIONAL OPERATING GROUP COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2023

MEMBERS

Brian Biesemeyer, Chair, Scottsdale
Craig Caggiano for Tara Ford, Tempe
Chris Hassert, Mesa
Nazario Prieto, Phoenix
Ron Serio, Glendale

OTHERS

Michelle Barclay, AMWUA
Tara Gonzales, Phoenix
Patty Kennedy, Phoenix

1. Call to Order

Mr. Biesemeyer called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes from the February 8, 2023 Meeting

Upon a motion by Mr. Hassert, a second by Mr. Prieto, and unanimous approval, the SROG Committee approved the minutes of the February 8, 2023 meeting.

3. Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, unless rescheduled to align with the possible change in date for the AMWUA Management Board meeting.

4. Consideration of Items for Consent

There were no Items on the Consent Agenda.

5. Watermark

The City of Phoenix and the SROG SPEC Committee have been meeting with a developer regarding a planned Watermark development in Tempe on a parcel of land that contains a 30 foot wide easement for the SRO.

Ms. Gonzales gave a brief summary of the three options for the SROG Cities to consider that resulted from conversations that developer:

1. Keep the easement as is and the developer will construct two towers on each side of the easement, open to the sky.

2. The developer will grant SROG a 40' easement, then bridge over the easement at a height that provides 30' vertical clearance over the easement, connecting the two portions of the building. In this scenario the developer also offered \$1 million for the right to bridge the easement to help offset the increased costs of repair on that portion of the SRO in the tighter space.
3. Relocate that portion of the SRO out of the building site. The cost estimate for moving the line is \$7-8 million. The developer has offered to contribute \$3 million toward that cost.

Ms. Gonzales stated that the consensus from the SPEC Committee is that relocating the line is not the preferred solution due to the high cost to the SROG cities. The recommendation from the SPEC Committee is that the SROG Committee consider the first two options.

Mr. Biesemeyer suggested going back to the developer with a counter offer of \$1.5 million for the right to bridge the easement. Mr. Hassert stated that Mesa would support that approach, and added that there be a requirement that there cannot be columns in the easement, it must be clear span so that the space can be used by SROG for future work. Mr. Prieto added that the 40' easement needs to go along the whole pipe, even where it bends as it turns around the building. Mr. Serio stated that if we do have to work on that portion of the pipe it will be disruptive to the tenants, and suggested there should be disclosure by the developer to potential tenants regarding the possibility for the level of disruption and mess that any future SRO repair would bring. Mr. Hassert stated that there should also be an indemnification for SROG to protect from accusations of damage to the building since it would be a high risk situation to repair the line in that location. Mr. Prieto stated that he feels that it helps the SROG cities that the SROG line was there first, and we should have the lawyers look at this. Mr. Biesemeyer said that we will ultimately have an agreement with the developer that could include all of this language, and clarify the legality of the risk that we are willing to accept.

Mr. Caggiano stated that Tempe supports the option that grants the 40' easement and bridging.

Mr. Biesemeyer stated that the SROG Committee directs the City of Phoenix to go back to the developer and ask for \$1.5 million for the right to bridge the easement, that there cannot be any pillars or intrusion into that easement, and that the easement be expanded to 40' for the entire length of the pipe. The developer is to communicate their response back to the cities with the intention of resolving this request as soon as possible. He also stated that before finalizing any agreement, there will need to be conversations about the amount of risk the SROG cities are willing to accept. There was unanimous agreement to this approach.

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. Biesemeyer adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

May 1, 2023

TO: Members of the SROG Committee

FROM: Michelle Barclay, SROG Manager

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN AVENUE INTERCEPTOR (SAI) CONDITION ASSESSMENT

This is a request to enter into a contract with Project Engineering Consultants (PEC) to provide engineering services to conduct a condition assessment of the SAI which is approximately 18.6 miles in length with pipe ranging in diameter from 54-inches to 84-inches. The SAI is composed of PVC-lined reinforced concrete pipe, with the exception of the siphon that crosses under the Salt River, which is constructed of prestressed concrete cylinder pipe (PCCP). The SAI has over 150 manholes and structures. The SAI alignment mainly follows Southern Avenue extending from Priest Drive to the 91st Ave WWTP.

A condition assessment was previously completed on this interceptor in 2013. The 2013 report found the interceptor in generally good condition with only six pipe segments identified for repair and approximately 125 manholes were identified for rehabilitation. The recommended rehabilitation was completed in 2017. The siphon was assessed separately in 2018. Recommended rehab of the siphon was completed in 2020.

This project will consist of performing a condition assessment of approximately 98,500 linear feet (18.7 miles) of the Southern Avenue Interceptor including the 51st Avenue siphon and associated manholes and structures on the interceptor.

RECOMMENDATION

In an email dated April 27, 2023, the SROG Advisory Committee recommended that:

the City of Phoenix be authorized to enter into a contract with Project Engineering Consultants (PEC) for an amount not to exceed \$1.7M for professional services related to the SAI Condition Assessment project. Funds for these services are available in the SROG CIP Cash Flow. The project number is WS90160107 using billing schedule 64 with the following percentages: .78% Glendale, 39.64% Mesa, 35.58% Phoenix, 3.22% Scottsdale, and 20.78% Tempe.