

## SUB-REGIONAL OPERATING GROUP COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

February 8, 2023

#### MEMBERS

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

#### OTHERS

Michelle Barclay, AMWUA  
Tara Gonzales, Phoenix

#### 1. Call to Order

Mr. Biesemeyer called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

#### 2. Approval of the Minutes from the November 9, 2022 Meeting

Upon a motion by Mr. Hassert, a second by Mr. Serio, and unanimous approval, the SROG Committee approved the minutes of the November 9, 2022 meeting.

#### 3. Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

#### 4. Consideration of Items for Consent

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

- A. Recommendation to Approve the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operations and Maintenance Budget and Operating Fund Reserve Balance for the 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue WWTP

The SROG Committee approved the proposed Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operations and Maintenance Budget base request of \$62,676,845, which includes a contribution of \$5,000,000 to the replacement fund and estimated expenditures of \$5,000,000 from that fund; adopted the recommended five-year CIP Replacement Fund schedule for Fiscal Years 2023-24 through 2027-28; and authorized that the Operating Fund Balance Reserve be increased by \$400,409, in order to maintain the required 12.5% of the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget. This increase in the Operating

Fund Balance Reserve will be billed to the SROG cities on their O&M billing for the month of July 2023.

**B. Recommendation to Approve the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-24 Multi-City SROG User Charge Rates**

The SROG Committee approved the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Multi-City SROG User Charge Rates based upon the sewage volumes and strengths as presented.

**C. Recommendation to Approve the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Capital Improvement Projects Cash Flow Estimate for the 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue WWTP**

The SROG Committee approved the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Capital Improvement Projects Cash Flow Estimate for the 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue WWTP for \$60,865,000 as presented.

**D. SROG Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022, and Year-End Settlement**

The SROG Committee accepted the SROG Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022, and Year-End Settlement, as presented, for the same fiscal year.

Ms. Ford seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

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

Mr. Serio asked if this should continue to be a standing item. Mr. Biesemeyer responded that if he recalls correctly, he was the one that suggested it become a standing item but that was several years ago when altering the JEPA was active ongoing discussion. He stated that he doesn't see the need for this to be a standing item at this time.

Upon a motion by Mr. Serio, and a second by Mr. Hassert, the committee agreed to remove this item from future agendas.

**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 11:12 a.m.