1. Call to Order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call.

Motion 4. Approve Minutes of the Meeting of April 27, 2015.

   a. Third Quarter FY 15 District-wide Balanced Scorecard Measures.
   b. Technical Services Scorecard.

6. Written Communications.

7. Oral Communications.

   The public may provide oral comments at regular and special Board meetings; however, whenever possible, written statements are preferred (to be received at the Union Sanitary District office at least one working day prior to the meeting). This portion of the agenda is where a member of the public may address and ask questions of the Board relating to any matter within the Board’s jurisdiction that is not on the agenda. If the subject relates to an agenda item, the speaker should address the Board at the time the item is considered. Oral comments are limited to three minutes per individuals, with a maximum of 30 minutes per subject. Speaker’s cards will be available in the Boardroom and are to be completed prior to discussion.

Motion 8. Approve the Revised Class Description for Business Services Manager/Chief Financial Officer (to be reviewed by the Personnel Committee).

Motion 9. Select Board Members to Represent USD on External Committees for FY16 (to be reviewed by the Personnel Committee).

Motion 10. Resolution No. _____, Authorize Execution of Contract with New Legal Counsel (to be reviewed by the Legal/Community Affairs Committee).
Motion 11. Resolution No. ____, Accept Construction of the Primary Digester No. 5 Rehabilitation Project from D.W. Nicholson Corporation and Authorize the Attorney for the District to Record a Notice of Completion (to be reviewed by the Construction Committee).

Motion 12. Authorize the General Manager to Execute Task Order No. 6 with West Yost Associates for Design of the Newark Backyard Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project – Phase 3 (to be reviewed by the Construction Committee).

Information 13. Information Items:
   a. Check Register.
   b. Board Expenditures, 3rd Quarter, FY15 (to be reviewed by the Budget & Finance Committee).

Information 14. Committee Meeting Reports. (No Board action is taken at Committee meetings):
   a. Legal/Community Affairs Committee – scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at 4:30 p.m.
   b. Construction Committee – scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2015, at 8:45 a.m.
   c. Budget & Finance Committee – scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2015, at 4:30 p.m.
   d. Personnel Committee – scheduled for Friday, May 8, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

Information 15. General Manager’s Report. (Information on recent issues of interest to the Board).

Information 16. Other Business:
   a. Comments and questions. Directors can share information relating to District business and are welcome to request information from staff.
   b. Scheduling matters for future consideration.

17. Adjournment – The Board will adjourn to the next Rescheduled Regular Meeting in the Boardroom on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

All meetings will be held in the General Manager’s Office

BOARD MEETING OF MAY 11, 2015

Committee Membership:
Budget and Finance
Construction Committee
Legal/Community Affairs
Legislative Committee
Personnel Committee
Audit Committee

Directors Anjali Lathi and Tom Handley (Alt. – Pat Kite)
Directors Pat Kite and Jennifer Toy (Alt. – Manny Fernandez)
Directors Pat Kite and Tom Handley (Alt. – Anjali Lathi)
Directors Manny Fernandez and Jennifer Toy (Alt. – Tom Handley)
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Legal/Community Affairs Committee, Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at 4:30 p.m.


Construction Committee, Thursday, May 7, 2015, at 8:45 a.m.

11. Resolution No. _____, Accept Construction of the Primary Digester No. 5 Rehabilitation Project from D.W. Nicholson Corporation and Authorize the Attorney for the District to Record a Notice of Completion.

12. Authorize the General Manager to Execute Task Order No. 6 with West Yost Associates for Design of the Newark Backyard Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project – Phase 3.

Budget & Finance Committee, Thursday, May 7, 2015, at 4:30 p.m.

   a. Third Quarter FY 15 District-wide Balanced Scorecard Measures.
   b. Technical Services Scorecard.


Personnel Committee, Friday, May 8, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

8. Approve the Revised Class Description for Business Services Manager/Chief Financial Officer.

9. Select Board Members to Represent USD on External Committees for FY16.

Committee meetings may include teleconference participation by one or more Directors. (Gov. Code Section 11123)

Committee Meetings are open to the public. Only written comments will be considered. No action will be taken.
CALL TO ORDER

President Fernandez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Manny Fernandez, President
         Jennifer Toy, Vice President
         Tom Handley, Secretary
         Pat Kite, Director
         Anjali Lathi, Director

STAFF:  Paul Eldredge, General Manager
         Dave O’Hara, District Counsel
         Rich Cortés, Business Services Manager
         Sami Ghossain, Technical Services Manager
         James Schofield, Collection Services Manager
         Armando Lopez, Treatment & Disposal Services Manager
         Robert Simonich, Fabrication, Maintenance, & Construction Manager
         Jamie Rojo, Accounting Technical Specialist
         Regina McEvoy, Assistant to the GM/Board Secretary

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2015

It was moved by Director Lathi, seconded by Secretary Handley, to Approve the Minutes of the Board of Director’s Meeting held April 13, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT FOR MARCH 2015

This item was reviewed by the Budget & Finance Committee. General Manager Eldredge reported the following:

- Odor Complaints: There was one odor complaint in March from Fremont. District staff investigated the complaint and found a light grease odor emanating from the USD main. Environmental Compliance staff inspected a nearby restaurant tied to the main and found them to be in compliance. Staff will continue to monitor for reoccurrence of the odor. At the Budget & Finance Committee meeting, a question was raised regarding the distance from the site of the odor and the nearest residence. General Manager Eldredge stated the nearest residence is approximately 650 feet from the site of the odor.
- Safety:
  - There was one first aid incident in March. An employee working in a TV truck was overcome by carbon monoxide fumes due to wind directing truck exhaust
into the truck. The employee was taken to urgent care and returned to work the next day. The TV trucks will undergo inspection to prevent reoccurrence of this issue.

- The employee that reported a work related injury in February is off work and awaiting surgery.
- The Security Guard at the vehicle gate has corrected the tailgating issue, and we have reduced the number of unidentified vehicles entering the facility.
- Safety staff worked hard to ensure the safety of our guests who attended the Co-Gen ribbon cutting ceremony.

- Personnel: The District selected Koff & Associates to conduct recruitments for Human Resources Administrator, Business Services Manager, and Business Services Coach. Effective March 1, 2015, all employees' PERS contributions were increased by 1.5% which brought the total “classic” employee contribution to PERS to 6.5%. This increase was part of the phased approach to having all District employees pay the full PERS employee contribution of 8%. Also effective March 1, 2015, classified employees received a 3.5% COLA increases.

Rich Cortes stated:

- Investments: The Districts average monthly yield has improved, and was above .5%.
- Revenues/Proceeds: Capacity fees received in March included $100,000 from Chick-Fil-A, $76,000 from Milan Catering, and $164,000 from Catellus. Capacity fees at the end of March were at 118% of budget. The District received $83,000 in field inspection fees and $21,000 in plan check fees.
- Expenses: District expenses included $344,000 for the Cogen Project, and $176,000 for Primary Digester #5. Expenses by work group are below budget.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were no written communications.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no oral communications.

AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT AND TASK ORDER NO. 1 WITH THE COVELLO GROUP, INC. FOR PROVIDING CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE NEWARK BACKYARD SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT PHASE 2 AND MISCELLANEOUS SPOT REPAIRS PROJECT - PHASE 6

This item was reviewed by the Construction Committee. Technical Services Manager Ghossain stated the Newark Backyard Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project – Phase 2 is part of a three phased project to improve the existing sewer system within the residential neighborhood located north of the intersection of Dairy Avenue and Cherry Street in Newark. Phase 2 will include relocation of 93 sanitary sewer laterals to new sanitary sewer mains to be constructed. Phase 6 of the Miscellaneous Spot Repairs Project will repair broken or sagging sewer pipes at six sites throughout the District; three sites in Union City and three sites in Fremont. Staff recommended the Board award construction management services for both projects to one consultant for efficiency and cost-savings for the District.
It was moved by Secretary Handley, seconded by Vice President Toy, to Authorize the General Manager to Execute an Agreement and Task Order No. 1 with The Covello Group, Inc. for Providing Construction Management Services for the Newark Backyard Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project Phase 2 and Miscellaneous Spot Repairs Project - Phase 6. Motion carried unanimously.

**AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE TASK ORDER NO. 2 WITH WEST YOST ASSOCIATES FOR PROVIDING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE PLANT FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

This item was reviewed by the Construction Committee. Technical Services Manager Ghossain stated the scope of services for Task Order No. 2 included project management, detailed design, preparation of contract documents, and bid period services for the Plant Facilities Improvements Project and the Sodium Hypochlorite Tanks and Piping Replacement Project.

It was moved by Director Kite, seconded by Director Lathi, to Authorize the General Manager to Execute Task Order No. 2 with West Yost Associates for Providing Design Services for the Plant Facilities Improvements Project. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE A MOTION TO RESCHEDULE THE MAY 25, 2015, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

General Manager Eldredge stated the second regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors in May falls on Memorial Day. Staff recommended the Board reschedule said meeting to be held Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by Secretary Handley, seconded by Vice President Toy, to Approve a Motion to Reschedule the May 25, 2015, Board of Directors Meeting to May 26, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**Check Register**
All questions were answered to the Board’s satisfaction.

**Cal-Card Quarterly Activity Report**
This item was reviewed by the Budget & Finance Committee. Business Services Manager Cortes stated the FY 15 third quarter report covered Cal-Card transactions for the billing period of December 23, 2014 through March 22, 2015. There were 245 transactions totaling $76,775.99 during the third quarter.

**Certificates of Merit to Union Sanitary District’s Class I Permitted Industries**
This item was reviewed by the Legal/Community Affairs Committee. Technical Services Manager Ghossain stated the Certificates of Merit is an annual event held to recognize industries that have exceeded the requirements of their wastewater discharge permits during the prior calendar year and have demonstrated continued commitment to protecting the environment. The District has invited 32 Significant Industrial Users (SIUs) with Class I Wastewater Discharge Permits to receive Certificates of Merit at 3:00 p.m. on May 28, 2015.
Third Quarterly Report on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 15
This item was reviewed by the Construction Committee. Technical Services Manager Ghossain stated that in June 2014, the Board approved the FY 15 CIP budget in the amount of $14.87 million for design and construction of 21 projects. CIP expenditures up to March 31, 2015, were below third quarter projections by $11,000.

Status of Priority 1 CIP Projects
This item was reviewed by the Construction Committee. Technical Services Manager Ghossain stated the status of Priority 1 CIP projects is reviewed by the Executive Team at the end of each quarter, and the status report is presented to the Board. For FY’15, nine projects were ranked as Priority 1 and the remaining twelve were ranked as Priority 2.

Report on the EBDA Commission Meeting of April 16, 2015
Secretary Handley reported the following:

- The O&M Committee reported the MDF sodium bisulfite replacement is complete, and EBDA has realized a savings of approximately $60,000 this fiscal year.
- A Closed Session was held to discuss labor negotiations for the Operations & Maintenance Manager. Reportable action from the Closed Session included amending the title of Deputy General Manager to Superintendent of Operations & Maintenance.

Discuss Topics for the General Manager Check-in Workshop Scheduled for April 30, 2015
General Manager Eldredge presented the following topics of discussion for the Workshop: Compensation Plan, Collection Services 3rd Coach Update, Goals for FY 2016, and Schedule and Process for General Manager Annual Performance Evaluation.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

The Legal/Community Affairs, Construction, and Budget & Finance Committees met.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT:

General Manager Eldredge reported the following:

- The Balanced Scorecard report originally scheduled to be presented at the second Board meeting in May has been rescheduled to the first Board meeting in May due to a scheduling conflict.
- Environmental Compliance staff participated in the Earth Day event held at Washington Hospital in Fremont on Saturday, April 25, 2015. District staff received 217 pollution prevention pledges, accepted 36 mercury thermometers, and collected over 160 pounds of expired medications. At the event, staff received multiple inquiries about reclaimed water. General Manager Eldredge and Communications Coordinator Powell will be working on reclaimed water fact sheet to be used as a resource for the Board and District staff.
• General Manager Eldredge has been in communication with Alameda County Water District’s General Manager to explore reclaimed water options and concepts. Details will be shared as they become available.
• District staff have been working diligently to prepare for the Open House to be held 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, 2015.

OTHER BUSINESS:
There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m. to the Check-in with the General Manager Workshop in the Boardroom on Thursday, April 30, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

The Board will then adjourn to the next Regular Board Meeting in the Boardroom on Monday, May 11, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

SUBMITTED: ATTEST:

_________________________ __________________________
REGINA McEVOY TOM HANDLEY
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD SECRETARY

APPROVED:

__________________________
MANNY FERNANDEZ
PRESIDENT

Adopted this 11th day of May, 2015
Date: May 11, 2015

To: Board of Directors – Union Sanitary District

From: Paul Eldredge, General Manager/District Engineer
Laurie Brenner, Organizational Performance Program Manager

Subject: Agenda Item No. 5a – Meeting of May 11, 2015
Third Quarter FY 15 District-wide Balanced Scorecard Measures

Recommendation:

Information only.

Background:

This report summarizes progress meeting the District’s strategic objectives through the third quarter of fiscal year 2014-15.

Safety

The District experienced one employee injury (right hand) during the third quarter of FY 15 but has exceeded the target for the year with 4 total accidents with lost days YTD. There have been no other OSHA reportable accidents in FY15 and with no additional incidents of vehicle or equipment accidents/damage in Q3, the YTD remains on target with two minor accidents with a total cost of just $444.18. Any additional vehicular incident in Q4 will negatively impact attainment of our annual target.

The average FTE limited duty time was 0.67 for the quarter, raising the YTD to 0.70. This measure will exceed the annual target, regardless of District performance in Q4. The total costs for limited duty/other ½ wages has also exceeded the annual target by approximately $3,100 at this point.

The X-Mod for the District is just above target at 1.01 (target <1.0), a significant improvement over the previously assessed value of 1.16.

The only other measure that will not meet the annual target based on YTD performance is the average % of targeted employees trained versus plan (Safety specific). YTD is at 78%, against our annual target of > 90%; which cannot be achieved this year. Most teams have now completed the training and all others are working to schedule make-up sessions.

See Table 1: Safety Objectives and Measures, for District performance against all safety measures in Q1.
## Table 1: Safety Objectives and Measures

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<td>Reduce the number of accidents</td>
<td>Total accidents with lost days</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>In Q1-Left hand 8/12/14; right shoulder reported 8/14/14, occurred on 5/25/14; left knee in Q2</td>
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<td>Other OSHA reportable accidents</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>&lt;4</td>
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<td>Reduce the impact of accidents on employees and the District</td>
<td>Ave FTE lost time</td>
<td>0.36</td>
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<td>0.05</td>
<td>0.25</td>
<td>Costs currently at 58% of annual target</td>
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<td>Cost lost time</td>
<td>$27,397</td>
<td>$46,883</td>
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<td>Ave FTE limited duty</td>
<td>0.70</td>
<td>0.5</td>
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<td>0.15</td>
<td>76% of annual target by Q2; annual target exceeded in Q3</td>
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<td>Cost limited duty</td>
<td>$26,545</td>
<td>$23,442</td>
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<td>X-mod</td>
<td>1.01</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>0.95</td>
<td>0.85</td>
<td>Annual measure; significant improvement over previously assessed value of 1.16</td>
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<td>Incidents of vehicle or equipment damage</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>&lt;2</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>No additional incidents in Q3 with District at fault</td>
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<td>Costs associated with vehicles or equipment</td>
<td>$444.18</td>
<td>$5000</td>
<td>$7,265</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>No costs reported in Q2 or Q3</td>
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<td>Identify and correct poor practices and potential hazards</td>
<td># Facility inspections</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Pump stations inspected in Q3</td>
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<td>% of areas of concern corrected within 45 days</td>
<td>94%</td>
<td>≥90%</td>
<td>92%</td>
<td>93%</td>
<td>Will begin deeper analyses of issues in FY16</td>
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<td># management work site observations</td>
<td>214</td>
<td>≥266 /yr</td>
<td>323</td>
<td>332</td>
<td>Numbers updated to accurately reflect efforts not previously captured</td>
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<td>Implement industry best practices</td>
<td># best practices site visits</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>≥2</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>None planned in Q1 or Q2; OPPM visited Hertz Fleet offices in Q3 on vehicle replacement criteria</td>
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<td>Communicate our commitment to safety</td>
<td># GM communication on status of safety program &amp; performance</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>≥4</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>Safety Strategy update in Q1; multiple in Q2; Q3-new injury update and CA Sanitation Risk Management Authority Award announcement</td>
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<td># safety strategy reviews conducted by ET and EHSPM</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>Reviews of prior and drafted strategies in Q1, current strategy in Q2; two ET reviews in Q3</td>
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<td>Increase employee awareness</td>
<td># of major safety training events offered</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>Hazmat Handler in Q1; Forklift, Excavation, Construction Flagger, Earthquake Hazards I the Workplace in Q2; multiple teams missed Confined Space practical in Q3</td>
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<td>Educate employees in safe work practices</td>
<td>% of targeted employees trained</td>
<td>78%</td>
<td>≥90%</td>
<td>91.8%</td>
<td>96.6%</td>
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<td>Positive Responses on Employee Safety survey</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>≥75%</td>
<td>83%</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>Not issued yet</td>
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**Green** = met or exceeded target; or projected to meet annual target  
**Yellow** = will not meet annual target if trend continues; needs attention  
**Red** = Will not meet annual target by >10%; corrective action needed
Operational Excellence

The District is meeting targets for most operational excellence measures YTD. Exceptions are explained below.

The % Budget expended-Operating Expenditures measure was slightly below target value at 68%, which is just 3% below targeted range at the end of Q3; however, this is not a material concern per the Principal Financial Analyst.

Although there were no new adverse environmental impacts during Q3, the annual target has been exceeded (one incident YTD against the goal of zero).

The % Timeline projects on schedule measure is at 67% YTD, just 0.5% below the target value (not projected to be a material concern).

The target number of individual competency assessments for the Collections Services team was raised significantly from 27 in FY 14 to 52 in FY 15; however, only 21 total have been completed as of the end of Q3, which is of concern (40.4% of planned annual total). Management and team changes throughout the year have impacted this measure. Projected annual totals will likely not make target; however, there will be a significant effort made in Q4 to close the gap.

On a related note, it has been identified that new, journey-level modules for the current CS staff are needed and will add more value (most training was generated for entry-level). That material was in development in Q3 and will continue until completed.

The percentage of the District staff participating in the redesigned Alternate Compensation Goals Program in FY15 will be calculated in at the end of Q4.

See Table 2, Operational Excellence Objectives and Measures, for District performance against all operational measures through Q3.

See Table 3 for a list of public relations activities completed to date in FY 15.
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<td><strong>Stewardship:</strong> Demonstrate responsible stewardship of assets and the environment</td>
<td>Progress meeting public relation program goals: % quarterly milestones met</td>
<td>67%</td>
<td>≥90%</td>
<td>98%</td>
<td>111%</td>
<td>90% of planned activities completed in Q3; YTD total is at 67%</td>
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<td># emergency preparedness drills or training events</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>All teams trained on Earthquake Preparedness in Q2; annual goal already achieved</td>
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<td><strong>Service:</strong> Provide reliable, high quality service</td>
<td>Total number of adverse impacts USD activities have on external customers</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>≤10</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>Q1-Misinformation leading to financial loss and new claim pending; Q2- sewer not</td>
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<td>Response to Contact USD messages: % within 3 days</td>
<td>95.8%</td>
<td>≥90%</td>
<td>95%</td>
<td>95%</td>
<td>48/50 in Q1; 22/23 in Q2; 46/48 in Q3</td>
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<td>Response time to service calls: % within 1 hour</td>
<td>97.5%</td>
<td>&gt;95%</td>
<td>97.1%</td>
<td>98%</td>
<td>83 call outs in Q1; 115 in Q2 (Q1 value updated ); 80 in Q3</td>
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<td><strong>Fiscal responsibility:</strong> Ensure funding for critical programs and projects, while maintaining comparable rates</td>
<td>Operating (previously ECB) Expenditures, % of Board approved budgeted</td>
<td>68%</td>
<td>95-103%</td>
<td>95%</td>
<td>97%</td>
<td>Not a concern- only 3% off target range by end of Q3</td>
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<td>Priority 1 Special Projects Expenditures (previously Priority Non-ECB), % of budgeted</td>
<td>63%</td>
<td>80-110%</td>
<td>84%</td>
<td>95%</td>
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<td>Residential Sewer Service Charges</td>
<td>15.3%</td>
<td>&lt;33rd</td>
<td>11.5th</td>
<td>12th</td>
<td>Survey from 1/15/15</td>
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<td><strong>Asset Management:</strong> Manage and maintain assets and infrastructure</td>
<td># regional projects with financial benefit</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>≥3</td>
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<td># critical asset failures; no negative impact</td>
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<td># priority CIP projects completed</td>
<td>96%</td>
<td>85% of planned</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>FY 15 Target changed from 100% to 85%; 9/9 planned in Q1; 8/9 in Q2- Cogen remains</td>
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<td>Environmental Protection:</td>
<td># adverse impacts on environment</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>10/28/14 incident in Fremont on Palm Avenue; 445 of 495 gals captured and 5 gals (est.) made it to State waters; roots were causal factor; no issues in Q3</td>
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<td>Maintain our ability to meet current and future regulations</td>
<td># Category 2/3 overflows</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>≤10</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>Q1-Cedar Street event on 9/2/14; Q2- 10/1/15 and 10/10/15 in Fremont; both Cat 3 events and all material captured; structural failures were causal; no issues in Q3</td>
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<td>Implement projects and programs that benefit the environment</td>
<td># Regional projects with environmental benefit</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>≥3</td>
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<td>Target changed to ≥3 for FY 15; BAPPG Pollution Prevention Program activities, ACWD Water Conservation Program; Green Business Certifications Program</td>
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<td>Efficiency: Optimize processes; use technology effectively</td>
<td>See Timeline and Team Scorecards</td>
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<td>Planning: Plan for long-term financial, project and staffing needs</td>
<td>% of Timeline projects on schedule</td>
<td>67%</td>
<td>&gt;90%</td>
<td>55%</td>
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<td>13/26 on track or completed in Q1; 15/26 in Q2; 16/24 in Q3- only 0.5% behind based on equal distribution across quarters</td>
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<td>Employees: Maintain a highly competent, flexible workforce</td>
<td>% of planned competency-based training milestones completed</td>
<td>85.00%</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>66%</td>
<td>155%</td>
<td>Updated all quarters with new info from teams</td>
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<td># CS Assessments completed</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>52</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>38</td>
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<td>Target increased from 27 to 52 in FY15; 4 assessments in Q1; 6 in Q2; 11 in Q3; corrective actions underway</td>
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<td>Labor Relations: Foster a collaborative employee-management relationship that encourages new ideas and continuous improvement</td>
<td>Total % of employees participating in District taskforces or committees</td>
<td>54.78%</td>
<td>45%-55%</td>
<td>51%</td>
<td>52%</td>
<td>Reported 2nd and 4th qtrs. Q2- 63/115 non-management EE’s involved</td>
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**Green** = met or exceeded target; or projected to meet annual target  
**Yellow** = will not meet annual target if trend continues; needs attention  
**Red** = Will not meet annual target by >10%; corrective action needed  
**White** = No target identified
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<td>USD website</td>
<td>Update once a month; Progress on upgrade project</td>
<td>Behind</td>
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<td>Press Releases</td>
<td>4 per year; post on web- Welcome Paul Eldredge in Q1; Ring Recovery and Safe Meds Disposal in Q2; Co-Gen Ribbon Cutting</td>
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<td>Newsletter</td>
<td>Twice a year (change for FY15); Format changed; “Spring 2015” newsletter issued; 2nd pending</td>
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<td>Community Outreach: 3-4 events/year (items listed are examples only)</td>
<td>Earth Day Fair (4th qtr)</td>
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<td>Newark Days Fair</td>
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<td>Plant Tours as requested- no target, but did 3 in Q1</td>
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<td>Outreach to 5th grade teachers</td>
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<td>5th grade presentations, 35+/year- normal to have none in Q1; 13 presentations in Q2; 43 in Q3</td>
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<td>Alameda County Science &amp; Engineering Fair Judge (District usually has a rep participate as a Judge)</td>
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<td>Career Outreach/Fairs in Jr High or High School; BACWA event in March</td>
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<td>Career outreach to colleges or other groups: BAYWORK, CWEA- Chabot College presentation in Q1 by TPO/CIP (Pipkin and Pachmeyer)</td>
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<td>ROP/Solano College/BACWWE support</td>
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<td>Business Outreach</td>
<td>Industrial Advisory Council meetings; December 2014, subject- Emergency Preparedness</td>
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<td>Green Business certification outreach ; as needed/requested</td>
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<td>Certificate of Merit Presentations (4th qtr)</td>
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<td>Civic Outreach</td>
<td>Annual Presentations to Fremont &amp; Newark City Councils; League of Women Voters joint presentation with ACWD by GM and Lion’s Club presentation also in Q2</td>
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<td>CIP Public Meetings</td>
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Check mark above means on target for the year
DATE: May 4, 2015

MEMO TO: Board of Directors – Union Sanitary District

FROM: Paul R. Eldredge, General Manager/District Engineer
       Sami E. Ghossain, Manager of Technical Services

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 5b. - Meeting of May 11, 2015
         Information Item: Balanced Scorecard Report for the Technical Services Work Group

Recommendation:

Information only

Background:

In the past two quarters, the Board has received reports from the Treatment and Disposal Work Group and the Collection Services Work Group on the status of their Balanced Scorecards. These two reports were based on the ‘process scorecards’ developed by the Operating Work Groups.

The Balanced Scorecard for the Technical Services (TS) Work Group has a different look than the Operating Groups Scorecard. Each of the three teams in the TS Workgroup has a different focus, therefore, we have not developed a process scorecard. Instead, each team has developed its strategic objectives represented in their unique scorecards. Each team has selected three to four of its performance measures to present which are most representative of the objectives of that team. The complete scorecard (typically 6-10 measures) is available for the Board’s review. A summary of measures is attached, with those presented being highlighted.

The TS Workgroup consists of three teams. Each team is briefly described below:

Capital Improvements Projects Team (CIP Team): The CIP Team is responsible for the implementation of the 10-year Capital Improvement Program. Some of the team’s responsibilities are to: develop the projects scopes, develop contracts for consulting services; coordinate input from the operating groups; review plans, specifications and reports; hold public information meetings; resolve disputes during construction; monitor
contract status; review, negotiate and approve change orders; and ensure customer satisfaction at the completion of the projects. The team is also responsible for preparing in-house design and for providing construction management services for small projects.

The team measures are focused on internal and external customer satisfaction, management of District funds and successful quality control of capital projects.

**Customer Service Team (CST Team):** This team has a diverse group of responsibilities focused on meeting the needs of the District’s commercial, residential and internal customers. The team’s responsibilities include: conducting plan reviews, issuing permits to individuals and developers; construction inspection of new or repair of existing sewers on private property; administering the Sewer Service Charge billing program; collecting Capacity Fees from new developments; reviewing and responding to tri-city environmental planning documents; and responding to customer inquiries related to these responsibilities.

In addition, the CST Team is responsible for the reception area, mail distribution, maintenance of the workroom equipment, dispatching trouble calls received from customers; and assisting other work groups in providing public information via newsletters and press releases.

The team measures are focused on timely completion of plan reviews, dispatching trouble calls and collection of fees, providing quality construction inspection of sewer facilities and providing high-quality customer service to both external and internal customers.

**Environmental Compliance Team (EC Team):** This team is responsible for the implementation of the District’s Industrial Pretreatment, Pollution Prevention, and Public Outreach Programs required as a part of our NPDES Permit, as well as for the $309,100 contract with the City of Fremont for the Clean Water Program. Day-to-day duties of the team include semi-annual site inspections of the 81 permitted Class I and Class II industries; sampling of industrial discharges for compliance with user permit conditions; review of permit applications of new industries; education and training on industrial production and treatment processes; issuing groundwater discharge permits for site clean-up operations; enforcement of Ordinance 36 and other regulations; collection and preparation of information for capacity and sewer service charge fees; inspection of non-industrial commercial businesses; the restaurant FOG program; and a school outreach program.

The EC Team’s measures are related to the protection of District workers, facilities and plant from potentially harmful discharges, compliance with Local, State, and Federal regulations and requirements, and developing constructive and professional relationships with our Industrial and Commercial customers.
Attached is an organizational chart of the TS Workgroup.

The balanced scorecards are presented in a format that shows each team’s mission statement and three to four objectives, measures and conclusions. Staff will be available at the Board meeting and committee meetings to answer questions about the team scorecards.

PRE/SEG:ks

Attachments:  TS Organizational Chart
             TS Teams’ BSC Graphs
             TS Teams’ BSC Measures
Technical Services

Work Group Manager
Sami Ghossain
34

Capital Improvement
Projects Team
Raymond Chau
Coach
8

Andrew Baile
Curtis Bosick
Derek Chiu
Chris Elliott
Mohammad Ghoury
Thomas Lam
Chris Pachmayer
Kristina Silva

Customer Service Team
Rollie Arbolante
Coach
12

Al Bunyi
Lilly DeMelo
Tiffany Douglas (Casual EE)
Mariela Espinosa
Glen Ginochio
John Hwang
Regina McEvoy
Michelle Powell
Carol Rice (Temp. EE)
Andy Trinh
Nancy Walker
*Receptionist
(1 vacancy)

Environmental Compliance Team
Michael Dunning
Coach
11

Doug Dattawalker
Edda Marasigan
Joe Mendoza
Victor Padilla
Alex Paredes
Aaron Robles
Jose Soto
Ariel Teixeira
Audrey Villanueva
Jason Yeates
*EC Inspector I/II/III
(1 vacancy)
**Mission Statement:** The Capital Projects Team is committed to providing effective project management, engineering services, and administrative support for CIP projects and to our customers.

**Objective:** Deliver quality engineering projects by maximizing customer satisfaction on CIP projects

**Measure:** Individual project customer survey (operating groups and agencies) regarding communication and responsiveness of project managers (all projects)

**Customer Perspective Surveys**

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<td>Lift Station No. 1 Improvements</td>
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<td>Sodium Hypochlorite Tank A &amp; B</td>
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Target: 90% min

**Conclusion:** This feedback assists the team in understanding and meeting the expectations of both its internal and external customers.
Mission Statement: The Capital Projects Team is committed to providing effective project management, engineering services, and administrative support for CIP projects and our customers.

**Objective:** Control cost through effective management of consultants and construction projects

**Measure:** % of design and construction management costs (final amounts) to construction cost (base bid amount plus change orders and claims)

Conclusion: This data will help project managers better understand and control the effort required by consultants to design and manage the construction of CIP projects.
Mission Statement: The Capital Projects Team is committed to providing effective project management, engineering services, and administrative support for CIP projects and to our customers.

Objective: Control cost through effective management of consultants and construction projects

Measure: % of total contract change order amounts (Target is 5% max. for new const., 10% for retrofit) to construction cost (base bid amount)

Conclusion: This data will assist staff in minimizing errors and omissions costs by improving quality control and by identifying potential problems during design.

Notes:

Lift Station No. 1 Improvements - Unforeseen CO% exceeded target by 3.3%. This was due to the installation of additional structural anchors to each of the lift pump supports, additional repair of corroded concrete in the launder of Primary Clarifier No. 6, and replacement of support beams in one of the lift pump bays.

Boyce Road Lift Station Ph 2 – The E&O CO% exceeded the 1% target due to the underground vault not initially classified as explosion-proof during design. The actuators and conduits in the vault had to be changed to explosion-proof type during construction. The two change orders associated with this issue totaled $7,272.37.

Primary Digester 5 Rehab. – The unforeseen CO% exceeded the target due to the repair of the digester dome steel skirt. It was anticipated during design that only spot repairs of the skirt would be needed but during construction, staff discovered corrosion over significant portions of the skirt that required repair.

Cogeneration – The E&O and unforeseen CO% exceeded their targets due to the complicated nature of the project. A couple of the larger change orders were related to the BAAQMD air permit (lower carbon monoxide emissions limit) and PG&E interconnection agreement (main switchgear protective devices). There were many coordination issues relating to the various sub-systems of the cogeneration equipment that required clarification from the design consultant and often resulted in changes to the field work. In addition, there was extensive underground work associated with the building foundation construction and various connections to the existing digester gas, natural gas, hot water loop, and electrical underground utilities, which resulted in unforeseen change orders.
**Mission Statement:** To provide high quality service to customers in a courteous and efficient manner; to enforce the District’s ordinances and specifications for sewer construction and repairs; to process sewer service charges for properties served by the District; and to provide reception, communication and resource services.

**Objective:** Timely and accurate collection of fees (SSC, Capacity, and Permit Fees)

**Measure:** Number and amount of refunds and invoices needed due to administrative oversight

**Conclusion:** The Sewer Service Charge (SSC) database continues to be updated as information is received. Team members are meeting and exceeding the goal which is maximum of five refunds per year.

**Objective:** Timely plan checking

**Measure:** % plans checked within 10 working days

**Conclusion:** Team members met and exceeded the plan checking goals
Mission Statement: To provide high quality service to customers in a courteous and efficient manner. To enforce the District’s ordinances and specifications for sewer construction and repairs. To process sewer service charges for properties served by the District, and to provide reception, communication and resource services.

Objective: Timely dispatch of trouble calls and relay service requests

Measure: % of calls relayed within 10 minutes

Conclusion: Front desk staff is continuing to dispatch trouble calls within 10 minutes of receiving a call.
Mission Statement: To effectively and efficiently implement environmental protection and compliance programs; to protect District personnel and facilities, public safety, and the environment from deleterious discharges; to preserve resources for beneficial use and reuse; to be responsive to the needs of the District, business community, and the general public; and to provide innovation and leadership in the areas of pollution prevention and industrial and commercial environmental compliance.

Objective: Deliver quality public outreach programs
Measure: % positive responses from teacher surveys

Conclusion: The team continues to provide quality public outreach programs in a professional manner with 100% positive feedback.

Objective: To stay within the line item budget negotiated with the COF for the 5-year contract
Measure: % of budget spent and invoiced

Target: to stay within 90% to 100% of annual budget

Conclusion: Projecting 90% of annual budget to be used in FY 15
Mission Statement: To effectively and efficiently implement environmental protection and compliance programs; to protect District personnel and facilities, public safety, and the environment from deleterious discharges; to preserve resources for beneficial use and reuse; to be responsive to the needs of the District, business community, and the general public; and to provide innovation and leadership in the areas of pollution prevention and industrial and commercial environmental compliance.

Objective: Monitor compliance of Commercial Businesses

Measure: Inspection reports based on COF Business Plan (# of Industrial/Commercial & Restaurant inspections completed vs. goal)

Conclusion: The team is projected to meet or exceed the targeted goal for COF contract.

Objective: Monitor compliance of Industrial Businesses

Measure: Sampling events completed based on sampling plan

Conclusion: The team will continue to exceed goals for conducting sampling of industrial sites.
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| **CIP**         | **Customer Perspective**                                                 | Individual project customer survey (operating groups and agencies) regarding communication and responsiveness of project managers (all projects).  
|                 | Deliver quality engineering projects by maximizing customer satisfaction on CIP Projects | **Target: 90% min.**                                                                                                                       |
|                 |                                                                           | Track number and nature of complaints from our external customers, track response time of complaints directed to USD.                      |
|                 | **Financial Perspective**                                                | % of design and construction management costs (final amounts) to construction cost (base bid amount plus change orders and claims).  
|                 | Control cost through effective management of consultants and construction projects | **Target: 20%**                                                                                                                             |
|                 |                                                                           | % of total contract change order amounts  
|                 |                                                                           | **Target is 5% max. for new const., 10% for retrofit** to construction cost (base bid amount). Percentage of Change Orders shall be separated by the following three categories:  
|                 |                                                                           | - Errors and omissions – Target 1% max. for new const. and retrofit,  
|                 |                                                                           | - Unforeseen field conditions – Target 3% max. for new const.7% for retrofit,  
|                 |                                                                           | - Owner requested changes – Target 1% max. for new const.2% for retrofit.                                                          |
|                 | **Internal Processes**                                                   | Internal customers survey (operating groups) regarding communication and responsiveness of project managers (all projects) **Target: 90% min.** |
|                 | Maintain communication and education so that there are clearer and more realistic project expectations between Operating Groups and CIP |                                                                                                                                               |
|                 | Quality review and coordination of studies, master plans, and construction documents | Percentage of construction cost (base bid amount) attributable to Contract Change Order amounts due to errors and omissions **Target 1%**          |
|                 | **Employee Growth and Development Perspective**                          | # of ideas (training, informational, educational, technological) shared at team meetings – **Target 6 ideas shared/year.**                     |
## Technical Support and Customer Service Work Group
### Team Performance Measures Summary
#### Fiscal Year 2015

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<td>Customer Service</td>
<td><strong>Customer Perspective</strong>&lt;br&gt;Provide professional, courteous and timely services to internal and external customers</td>
<td>% positive responses on customer feedback surveys</td>
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<td><strong>Financial Perspective</strong>&lt;br&gt;Timely and accurate collection of fees (SSC, Capacity, and Permit Fees)</td>
<td>Number and amount of refunds and invoices issued due to administrative oversight</td>
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<td><strong>Internal Processes</strong>&lt;br&gt;Timely Plan Checking</td>
<td>% plans checked within 10 working days</td>
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<td>Accurate Plan checking and inspection</td>
<td># of problems reported within one year of approval</td>
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<td>Timely dispatch of trouble calls</td>
<td>% calls relayed within 10 minutes (SLA)</td>
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<td><strong>Employee Growth and Development Perspective</strong>&lt;br&gt;Enhance employee skills (computer, new technology, updated regulations, cross-training, etc.)</td>
<td>Number of team members who have attended at least one outside training event (not including mandatory training)</td>
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### Technical Support and Customer Service Work Group
#### Team Performance Measures Summary
##### Fiscal Year 2015

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<td><strong>Customer Perspective</strong>&lt;br&gt;Provide services in a professional manner with appropriate level of policy enforcement balanced by providing technical information, advice and regulatory requirements.</td>
<td>% of comments from customers during annual evaluation process that indicate fair and professional behavior and responsiveness&lt;br&gt;% positive responses to customer service survey</td>
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<td><strong>Deliver quality Public Outreach Programs</strong></td>
<td>Achieve the P2 Report Goal (40% of 119 classrooms = 48 presentations)&lt;br&gt;% of positive comments from teachers</td>
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<td><strong>Financial Perspective</strong>&lt;br&gt;Invoice appropriate fees for recovery of cost from enforcement actions.</td>
<td>% of violating industrial users invoiced</td>
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<td><strong>Stay within City of Fremont contract line item budget</strong></td>
<td>% of budget spent and invoiced</td>
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<td><strong>Internal Processes</strong>&lt;br&gt;Ensure Industrial and Commercial violations are appropriately addressed</td>
<td>% of violations addressed with corrective measures to achieve compliance with all ordinances.</td>
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<td><strong>Monitor compliance of industrial and commercial businesses</strong>&lt;br&gt;Sampling events completed based on sampling plan</td>
<td>% of inspection reports based on COF business plan</td>
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<td><strong>Employee Growth and Development Perspective</strong>&lt;br&gt;Complete mandatory training</td>
<td>Average percentage of training completed</td>
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<td><strong>Transfer knowledge from external committees and conferences</strong></td>
<td>% of info shared based on number of committees and conferences (info, materials)</td>
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DATE: May 11, 2015
MEMO TO: Board of Directors - Union Sanitary District
FROM: Paul R. Eldredge, General Manager/District Engineer
       Rich Cortes, Business Services Work Group Manager
       Judi Berzon, Human Resources Administrator
SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8 - Meeting of May 11, 2015
        APPROVE THE REVISED CLASS DESCRIPTION FOR BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER/CHIEF
        FINANCIAL OFFICER

Recommendation:
Approve the revised class description, Business Services Manager/Chief Financial Officer.

Background:

With the upcoming retirement of Richard A. Cortes, Business Services Manager, the District will begin an executive search for an outstanding candidate to replace this key position.

Based on previous Board direction, staff has revised the existing class description to clearly express the key financial responsibilities of this classification. The requirements of the current class description permitted qualifying experience in a non-financial background. The revised class description requires a four-year degree in finance, accounting, or public or business administration and seven years of increasingly responsible experience in public financing and accounting, and stipulates that certification as a Certified Public Account (CPA) is highly desirable.

Attachments
Reporting to the General Manager and under administrative direction, the Business Services Manager/Chief Financial Officer (BS Manager/CFO) manages the Business Services Work Group, including the development and implementation of work group and team goals, objectives, and priorities for each service area; and manages the District-wide administrative functions of financial analyses; centralized purchasing, central stores, and inventory control; safety; risk management; organizational performance; training; and information technology. Human Resources resides within the Business Services Work Group; however, the Human Resources Administrator works directly with the General Manager to strategically manage the District’s Human Resources Program. Oversees a wide variety of District-wide support functions, including budgeting, accounting, internal audit, investments, and financial analyses; centralized purchasing, central stores, and inventory control; risk management; human resources; quality; training; and information systems. The Business Services Manager monitors legal, economic, and business developments in finance, public purchasing, information technology, risk management, and human resources; and recommends and initiates improved work methods and procedures.

The BS Manager/CFO works directly with the General Manager, Board of Directors, and Executive Team to develop, implement, and manage District-wide goals, objectives and strategic planning as well as financing plans set forth by policy, ordinance, and Board approval.

This position manages all accounting and finance functions, including but not limited to financial reporting, short- and long-range economic forecasts and analyses, budgets, management of unfunded liabilities, audits, investment management, contracts, long-term debt issuance, revenue, cash flow, and rate setting.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Technical Responsibilities

Safety
- Develops, promotes, supports, and ensures compliance with District-wide, work group, and team safety policies, procedures, work practices, and safety initiatives.
- Participates in investigations of serious accidents.

Financial Operations
- Ensures compliance with IRS, PERS, ICMA and other legal requirements relating to sound financial and administrative operations.
- Ensures the District’s financial operations are consistent with principles of good stewardship of public funds and consistent with the District’s Mission and values.
- Prepares or directs others in preparing the budget and forecasting of cash flows for the operating and capital expenditures and revenues and identifies impacts on the current and future rate structure.
- Annually reviews the District’s investment policy and recommends revisions to the Board of Directors.
- Directs the District’s investments on an ongoing basis.
- Oversees establishment of financial controls and review of expenditures for conformance with approved budgets.
- This classification ensures compliance with regulatory and governmental accounting and financial reporting standards, including IRS, SCO, GASB, GAAP, PERS, ICMA and other legal requirements relating to sound financial and administrative operations and consistency of financial operations with principles of good stewardship of public funds and the District’s strategic objectives.
- Oversees and participates in preparation of the District’s O&M and CIP budgets and forecasting of cash flows for the operating budget and capital expenditures and revenues; identifies impacts on the current and future rate structure; oversees establishment of financial controls and review of expenditures for conformance with approved budgets; and presents budget recommendations to the Board of Directors for their approval.
- Serves as the District’s Board-appointed Treasurer; manages the District’s investments and portfolio, maximizing income and safety through daily and long-range investment policies; administers bond programs and secures tax-exempt and other types of financing; coordinates, reviews, evaluates, and recommends improvements to administrative and financial internal control systems and procedures to ensure audit compliance; and annually review the District’s investment policy and recommends revisions to the Board of Directors.
- Ensures conformance with Proposition 218 legal notification for rate changes.
- Directs and participates in the preparation of a variety of records and reports ensuring timeliness, accuracy, and compliance with appropriate laws, ordinances, regulations, and prudent fiscal transparency.
- Presents budget recommendations to the Board of Directors for their approval.

Information Technology

- Oversees implementation of the IT Master Plan.
- Ensures that District employees receive timely and effective assistance through an automated Help Desk function; and periodically evaluates the cost effectiveness of existing software to meet user needs.
- Oversees and approves IT renewal and replacement expenditures and oversees periodic external security audit.
- Oversees periodic external security audit and ensures that recommendations deemed appropriate by the Executive Team are implemented.
- Periodically evaluates the cost effectiveness of existing software to meet user needs.

Purchasing and Risk Management

- Oversees the District’s general liability, property damage, vehicular physical damage, catastrophe insurance, loss recovery, and crime insurance programs.
- Coordinates annual application to CSRMA for liability and property insurance. Periodically reviews District insurance coverage.
- Assists the Purchasing Agent to resolve contract law issues or interpretation of the District’s purchasing policy with regard to specific situations and reviews recommended changes to the District’s Purchasing policy.
- Reviews recommended changes to the District’s purchasing policy and procedures.
• Oversees the administration of claims against the District to ensure timely response, appropriate referral to legal counsel, timely communication with the General Manager and Board of Directors, and resolution or settlement of claims consistent with the Mission and values of the District.

**Human Resources and Training**

- Provides advice to Human Resources staff on matters affecting interpretation and implementation of HR policies.
- Oversees coordination of the development and implementation of the Training Module Program.
- Provides strategic direction in developing the tracking and reporting of training through computerized systems; oversees development of procedures for tracking training.

**Quality Organizational Performance**

- Supports the Quality Coordinator/Organizational Performance Program Manager in the development and implementation of quality initiatives at the team, work group, and District levels.
- Works with the OPPM and Executive Team to develop and implement Balanced Scorecard District-wide initiatives, goals, measures, and implementation plans.

**Management Responsibilities**

The Business Services Manager/Chief Financial Officer is a resource to the Board of Directors on technical and management issues. This class represents the District at state, regional, and local meetings as well as on District task forces and committees.

The incumbent participates as a member of the USD Executive Team in District-wide policy and planning activities, including development of the District's Balanced Scorecard and other strategic planning activities; provides advice and counsel regarding strategic policy and problem solving issues related to assigned workgroup and the District overall; develops performance measures and implements objectives to meet District goals; supports district-wide programs and initiatives; ensures that team plans are in alignment with District-wide and work group strategic plans.

The BS Manager/CFO Business Services Manager coordinates staff and resources to implement plans, including technical and organizational activities; develops and administers the annual budget; manages and carries out technical and administrative projects; and occasionally performs the duties of General Manager on an interim basis in the General Manager's absence.

The BS Manager/CFO develops, promotes, supports and ensures compliance with District-wide, work group, and team safety policies, procedures, and safety initiatives and participates in investigations of serious accidents.

The BS Manager/CFO establishes appropriate service and staffing levels; monitors and evaluates the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery methods and procedures; and works with staff to allocate resources accordingly.
This position oversees and participates in the development and administration of the Business Services Work Group; approves the forecast of funds needed for staffing, equipment, materials, and supplies; and approves expenditures and implements budgetary adjustments as needed.

This position monitors legal, economic, and business developments in finance and portfolio management, public purchasing, information technology, risk management, and human resources; and recommends and initiates improved work methods and procedures as appropriate.

The BS Manager/CFO serves as liaison with federal, state, regional, county, city, and other agencies as necessary.

Leadership

The Business Services Manager/Chief Financial Officer carries out recruitment and selection, employee relations, performance management, and recognition activities. The BS Manager/CFO supervises and also mentors the BS Coach and provides general management and mentoring (as required) of the Human Resources Administrator Coaches in carrying out their responsibilities in each of the areas stated above and assists Coaches to work effectively with individual employees and teams.

The Business Services Manager/Chief Financial Officer may directly supervise one of the BS teams depending on their knowledge, skills, and abilities.

The incumbent supports the Business Services Coach in working with the Quality Coordinator/Organizational Performance Program Manager (OPPM) and BS teams to apply the principles of total quality to day-to-day operations, including the development and application of benchmarking data, other work group metrics, and process improvements; and supports the Star Point and Team Coordinator Programs, as well as other District-wide programs and initiatives.

Interpersonal Abilities

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Qualifications

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**Education and Experience:** A typical way to have gained the qualifications to perform the duties of Business Services Manager/Chief Financial Officer is:

- Bachelor's degree with major course work in finance, accounting, public or business administration, or a closely related field. Certification as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) is highly desirable.
- Seven years' increasingly responsible experience in a minimum of one of the functional areas managed by this position and exposure to two other functional
areas

public financing and accounting; a working knowledge of other functional areas is desired; three years' experience must have been in a supervisory or management capacity.

Knowledge of: Local governmental financial management principles and practices, including financial planning, accounting, budgeting, investment, debt financing, purchasing, information technology, economic analysis, and forecasting procedures; principles and practices of general, fund, cost, governmental accounting, auditing, Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and financial control; pertinent federal, state, and local laws, codes, and regulations including those related to investments, purchasing; office procedures, methods and equipment including computers and applicable software applications such as word processing, spreadsheets, and databases; training; safety; and risk management.

Ability to: Manage and direct a comprehensive public agency finance program; prepare and administer large and complex budgets; analyze financial data and prepare findings; analyze financial and accounting reports; prepare clear and concise administrative and financial reports; prepare complex short and long range economic forecasts and analyses; interpret complex statutory regulations and requirements; communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing in English; be skilled at making presentations to the Board of Directors, professional and community groups, and other District staff; plan, organize, direct and coordinate the work of others; select, supervise, train, and evaluate staff; and interpret and apply applicable federal, state, and local policies, laws, and regulations.

The Business Services Manager must have knowledge, skill, and abilities to perform the technical duties of this classification.

The Business Services Manager/Chief Financial Officer must have a clear understanding of the District's goals and be able to communicate these goals; be able to conceptualize and translate concepts into programs; and use excellent judgment in carrying out both technical and management responsibilities, addressing issues with integrity, fairness, and flexibility. The incumbent must effectively delegate work; identify and mitigate potential problems; learn from mistakes and allow subordinates to do the same.

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Other Requirements: Must affirm a loyalty oath as a Disaster Service Worker under California Government Code Section 3100-3109, complete related training, and return to work as ordered in the event of an emergency. Must file a conflict of interest statement. Must possess the physical characteristics to perform the critical and important duties of the job.
Disaster Service Worker

Employees of Union Sanitary District are, by State and Federal law, Disaster Service Workers. In the event of a declaration of emergency, an employee may be assigned activities that promote the protection of public health and safety or the preservation of lives and property, either at the District or within the local, or their own community.

Approved by the Board of Directors: 1997
Revised: October, 2008
Position status: Unclassified, Exempt (Adm/Mgr/Sup)
DEFINITION

Reporting to the General Manager and under administrative direction, the Business Services Manager/Chief Financial Officer (BS Manager/CFO) manages the Business Services Work Group, including the development and implementation of work group and team goals, objectives, and priorities for each service area; and manages the District-wide administrative functions of finance, budgeting, accounting, internal audit, investments, and financial analyses; centralized purchasing, central stores, and inventory control; safety; risk management; organizational performance; training; and information technology. Human Resources resides within the Business Services Work Group; however, the Human Resources Administrator works directly with the General Manager to strategically manage the District’s Human Resources Program.

The BS Manager/CFO works directly with the General Manager, Board of Directors, and Executive Team to develop, implement, and manage District-wide goals, objectives and strategic planning as well as financing plans set forth by policy, ordinance, and Board approval.

This position manages all accounting and finance functions, including but not limited to financial reporting, short- and long-range economic forecasts and analyses, budgets, management of unfunded liabilities, audits, investment management, contracts, long-term debt issuance, revenue, cash flow, and rate setting.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Financial Operations

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- Serves as the District’s Board-appointed Treasurer; manages the District’s investments and portfolio, maximizing income and safety through daily and long-range investment policies; administers bond programs and secures tax-exempt and other types of financing; coordinates, reviews, evaluates, and recommends improvements to administrative and financial internal control systems and procedures to ensure audit compliance; and annually review the District's investment policy and recommends revisions to the Board of Directors.
- Ensures conformance with Proposition 218 legal notification for rate changes.
• Directs and participates in the preparation of a variety of records and reports ensuring
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prudent fiscal transparency.

Information Technology

• Oversees implementation of the IT Master Plan.
• Ensures that District employees receive timely and effective assistance through an automated
Help Desk function; and periodically evaluates the cost effectiveness of existing software to
meet user needs.
• Oversees and approves IT renewal and replacement expenditures and oversees periodic
external security audit.
• Ensures that recommendations deemed appropriate by the Executive Team are implemented.

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• Oversees the District’s general liability, property damage, vehicular physical damage,
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• Assists the Purchasing Agent to resolve contract law issues or interpretation of the District’s
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appropriate referral to legal counsel, timely communication with the General Manager and
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Approved by the Board of Directors: 1997
Revised: October, 2008
Position status: Unclassified, Exempt (Adm/Mgr/Sup)
DATE: May 5, 2015

MEMO TO: Board of Directors - Union Sanitary District

FROM: Paul R. Eldredge, General Manager/District Engineer

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 9 - Meeting of May 11, 2015
SELECT BOARD MEMBERS TO REPRESENT USD ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES
FOR FY16

Recommendation

Select Board Members to serve the FY16 term as USD representatives on the East Bay Dischargers Authority (EBDA) Commission, Alameda County Chapter of California Special District Association (CSDA), and the Southern Alameda County Geographic Information System (SACGIS) Joint Powers Authority.

Background

Policy No. 3070.2 calls for the Board to select representatives and alternates for three External Committees no later than the first meeting in June so that representatives may be seated for the first meeting of the new fiscal year. EBDA Commissioners often make plans early for selection of officers for the following year.

Currently, the representatives and alternates for the external committees are:

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Policy calls for members to make their wishes known to the Board and for the Board to vote for each representative position and alternate position by secret ballot. Past practice has been to waive the secret ballot and make selections by voice vote, an option provided within the policy.

Internal committee assignments for FY 16 will be announced in July following the election of officers.
DATE: May 2, 2015

MEMO TO: Board of Directors – Union Sanitary District

FROM: Paul R. Eldredge, General Manager/District Engineer
David M. O’Hara, Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 10 – Meeting of May 11, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. ___, AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH NEW LEGAL COUNSEL

Recommendation:

Staff recommend the Board of Directors approve this Resolution.

Background:

In preparation for Mr. O’Hara’s 2015 retirement, a succession plan was developed in consultation with the Board of Directors in the fall of 2014. As part of that plan, and in line with the schedule, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was developed. The RFP was distributed in January 2015 to 11 law firms having experience with public agency law, particularly sanitation agencies. Eight very well qualified law firms submitted detailed proposals. Mr. Eldredge (USD General Manager), Mr. O’Hara (USD existing legal Counsel), and Mr. Ghossain (USD Technical Services Work Group Manager) narrowed the list to three finalists. Two representatives from each firm were interviewed by the Board on April 21, 2015. Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP of Oakland was unanimously selected, with Karen W. Murphy to act as primary legal counsel and Leah Castella as assistant legal counsel. A contract for the Burke, Williams & Sorensen firm has been negotiated and is attached to this staff report for reference.

Mr. O’Hara has indicated he will be available until the end of the year to provide a comprehensive opportunity for transfer of knowledge, and a thorough examination of the files which will be available to the new legal counsel. In conjunction with the knowledge transfer, new legal counsel will be provided a history of the District and a review of past and present facilities by Mr. O’Hara and Mr. Eldredge.

Some of the more notable attributes in the proposed contract presented for Board consideration include the following:
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• Travel time for Basic Services will not be billable.
• The District can cancel the contract at any time by written notice. Burke can cancel the contract at any time upon 60 days prior written notice.
• Customary insurance and indemnification provisions that have been reviewed and approved by Mr. O’Hara.
• Attorneys will attend the Annual CASA meetings at their expense.

Attachments
Resolution
Proposed Contract
RESOLUTION NO. ______

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH
BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN LLP FOR LEGAL COUNSEL SERVICES

WHEREAS, David O'Hara has provided legal services to Union Sanitary District for over 35 years; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for Mr. O'Hara’s 2015 retirement, a succession plan was developed in consultation with the Board of Directors in the fall of 2014; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals for legal counsel services was developed and distributed in January 2015 to 11 law firms having experience with public agency law; and

WHEREAS, eight very well qualified law firms submitted detailed proposals; and

WHEREAS, General Manager Eldredge, Mr. O'Hara, and Technical Services Manager Ghossain reviewed the proposals and selected three firms to be interviewed; and

WHEREAS, two representatives from each firm were interviewed by the Board on April 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP of Oakland was unanimously selected, with Karen W. Murphy to act as primary legal counsel and Leah Castella as assistant legal counsel; and

WHEREAS, a contract for the Burke, Williams & Sorensen firm has been negotiated and presented to the Board for consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Union Sanitary District that the General Manager is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP for legal counsel services.
AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL COUNSEL SERVICES

This Agreement for General Counsel Services ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of the _____ day of ___________, 2015, by and between the Union Sanitary District, an independent special district of the State of California ("District") and Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP, a California limited liability partnership ("Burke") (collectively, the "Parties").

RECITALS

A. District requires the professional legal services of attorneys to serve as the District's General Counsel.

B. Burke has the necessary experience and history in providing professional legal services and advice related to areas of law referenced above and is able and willing to provide General Counsel services to the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these recitals and the mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Legal Services.

   1.1 Burke’s duties shall be that of General Counsel to the District, and Burke shall perform any and all basic General Counsel duties and functions entrusted to it by the District including, without limitation, those services described in Exhibit A ("Services"). In performing the Services, Burke’s attorneys shall be available for advice or consultation as needed by phone or email, with follow-up written advice as requested by District. Burke shall not prepare any writing on District stationary without the consent of the District and shall exercise good faith efforts to obtain consent of the General Manager prior to engaging with the media regarding any events, persons or policies of the District, or shall immediately notify the General Manager after any such engagement. Further, Burke shall keep informed of the operation, management, personnel and projects of the District, as well as the industry of sanitary agencies by attending CASA conferences, including the annual conferences and attorney sessions.

   1.2 Karen W. Murphy shall be designated the General Counsel and J. Leah Castella shall be designated the Assistant General Counsel and they will be the coordinator of services provided to the District with other attorneys of the firm as necessary.

   1.3 District and its members recognize that the firm of Burke provides legal representation to public entities throughout California. The Services will not include matters in which Burke has a conflict of interest that precludes Burke from representing the District, members of the District Board, or officers or employees of District. If Burke has a conflict of interest or lacks expertise to handle a particular assignment, Burke shall provide the District with a recommendation to hire outside counsel. District also agrees to exercise reasonable discretion in providing waivers for any potential or perceived conflicts that might
arise out of representation of Burke’s other clients, which representation does not directly involve Burke's representation of District.

2. **Standard of Performance.** While performing the Services, Burke will exercise the reasonable professional care and skill customarily exercised by reputable members of the California State Bar practicing in the Metropolitan Northern California Area, and will use reasonable diligence and best judgment while exercising its professional skill and expertise.

3. **Term.** Unless earlier terminated or extended, the term of this Agreement will be for a period of one year with automatic annual extensions.

4. **Compensation.** In consideration for the rendition of the Services, District shall compensate Burke as follows:

   4.1 For basic General Counsel services which shall include attendance at two District Board meetings per month, committee meetings as requested, rendition of routine legal advice, preparation of ordinances, resolutions, contracts and other standard legal documents, and preparation of formal written opinions, and legal advice provided with respect to local government, enterprise funds, real estate matters, and construction matters (“Basic Services”), District shall pay to Burke on an hourly basis $275 per hour for Basic Services. Compensation rates to be reviewed in January of odd numbered years for adjustment but shall not be greater than the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) for the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose area for the previous year.

   4.2 For other additional services rendered in connection with legal advice provided on non-routine matters, including but not limited to, personnel matters, specialized construction issues (such as complex bid disputes or protests), preparation, prosecution and defense of litigation and/or adjudicative or investigative proceedings and complex transactional matters, District shall pay to Burke on an hourly basis $315 per hour. Prior to applying this rate to any matter covered by this paragraph, Burke shall consult with the General Manager.

   4.3 Travel time will not be compensated for Basic Services or those legal services specified in Section 4.1 herein.

5. **Payment for Services.**

   5.1 Burke shall bill the District on a monthly basis. Each bill shall indicate the date of the work done, the work that was accomplished, the attorney or paralegal that performed the work, and the fee for the work. To each bill, Burke shall add an administrative charge of 4% of legal fees in lieu of separately itemizing general overhead costs, which are generally chargeable to a client, including long distance telephone service, facsimile charges, regular postage, and routine copying of documents. Burke shall regularly monitor its actual administrative expenses to ensure that the administrative charge is a fair and reasonable approximation of actual expenses.
5.2 The following out-of-pocket expenses will be separately itemized and included in bills to the District: (1) extraordinary operating expenses, including items such as messenger services, overnight mail charges, and extraordinary copying; (2) necessary travel and subsistence expenses, with the exception of CASA and other industry related sessions or conferences; (3) court costs, including filing fees, witness fees, and deposition and discovery costs not paid directly by the District.

5.3 The District shall review and approve Burke’s monthly statements and pay Burke for services rendered and expenses incurred at the rates and in the amounts provided in this Agreement on a monthly basis in accordance with the approved monthly statements.

6. General Compliance with Laws. Burke will keep informed of federal, state and local laws and ordinances and regulations which in any manner affect Burke, or in any way affect the performance of the Services by Burke. Burke will at all times observe and comply with these laws, ordinances, and regulations and will be responsible for the compliance of the Services with all applicable laws, ordinances and regulations.

7. Status of Burke. Burke will perform the Services in Burke’s own way as an independent contractor and in pursuit of Burke’s independent calling, and not as an employee of District. The persons used by Burke to provide the Services under this Agreement will not be considered employees of District for any purposes. The payment made to Burke pursuant to the Agreement will be the full and complete compensation to which Burke is entitled. District will not be required to pay any Workers’ Compensation insurance or unemployment contributions on behalf of Burke or its employees or subcontractors.

8. Indemnification. Burke will indemnify and hold harmless District and its officers, agents, employees and volunteers from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses including attorney fees arising out of the performance of the Services to the extent they are caused by the willful misconduct or negligent act or omission of Burke, any subcontractor, anyone employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable.

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11. Ownership of Documents. Upon termination of this Agreement, all reports, plans, documents, records, and data or certified copies of same prepared by Burke pursuant to this Agreement shall become the property of District, excluding Burke’s internal accounting records and other documents not reasonably necessary to District’s representation, subject to Burke’s right to make copies of any files withdrawn by District. Once a matter is concluded, Burke will close the file and District will receive notice of any District materials that remain in Burke’s possession. District will be invited to retrieve these District materials within a reasonable time as set forth in the notice or District may direct Burke to forward the District materials to District at District’s expense. If District does not retrieve the materials or request that they be forwarded, District authorizes Burke to destroy the materials in accordance with applicable rules of professional conduct and document retention. Under Burke’s document retention policy, Burke would normally destroy files five (5) years after a matter is closed, unless other arrangements are made with District. All District-supplied materials and all attorney end product (referred to generally as “District material”) are the property of District. Attorney end product includes, for example, finalized contracts, pleadings, and trust documents. Attorney work product is the property of Burke. Attorney work product includes, for example, drafts, notes, internal memoranda and electronic files, and attorney representation and administration materials, including attorney-District correspondence and conflicts materials.
12. Notices. The name of the persons who are authorized to give written notices or to receive written notice on behalf of District and on behalf of Burke under this Agreement are:

For District: For Burke:

Union Sanitary District Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP
Attn: General Manager Attn: Karen W. Murphy
5072 Benson Road 1901 Harrison St., 9th Floor
Union District, CA 94587 Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 477-7503 (510) 273-8780

Except as otherwise stated, all notices to be provided or that may be provided under this Agreement must be in writing and delivered by regular or certified mail. Each party will notify the other immediately of any changes of address that would require any notice or delivery to be directed to another address.


13.1 District may terminate Services at any time by written notice. After receiving such notice, Burke will cease providing the Services. Burke will cooperate with District in the orderly transfer of all related files and records to District’s new counsel.

13.2 Burke may terminate the Services at any time upon sixty (60) days prior written notice. If Burke terminates the Services, District agrees to execute a substitution of attorneys promptly and otherwise cooperate in effecting that termination.

13.3 Termination of the Services, whether by District or by Burke, will not relieve the obligation to pay for the Services rendered and costs incurred before the Services formally ceased.

14. Entire Agreement. This Agreement embodies the entire Agreement and understanding between the Parties relating to the subject matter of it. In case of conflict, the terms of this Agreement supersede any and all prior written or oral agreement, order or understanding. Neither this Agreement nor any of its provisions may be amended, modified, waived or discharged except in writing signed by both Parties.

[signatures follow on next page]
IN WITNESS HEREOF, the Parties hereby execute this Agreement as of the date set forth above.

BURKE:

BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN, LLP

By: ____________________________
John J. Welsh, Managing Partner

DISTRICT:

UNION SANITARY DISTRICT, an Independent Special District of the State of California

By: ____________________________
Manny Fernandez, President, Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: ____________________________
David M. O'Hara, Attorney
EXHIBIT A

SERVICES

- Attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and committee meetings as requested to, among other things, explain legal requirements and disclosure needs where necessary
- Review agenda materials of the Board of Directors and prepare agenda material and memoranda as necessary
- Participate in meetings at the District offices or other locations as requested
- Consult with Special Legal Counsel regarding employment issues or other issues requiring Special Counsel services
- Assist in drafting agreements, ordinances, resolutions, policies and other legal documents, including review of District’s template agreements and updates as requested
- Review District’s purchasing policies for conformance with law and regulations as requested and provide recommendations if necessary
- Keep informed of statutes, regulations, case decisions or other legal matters that affect the District and provide such information to District
- Provide service consistent with the District’s adopted policies and standards for providing excellent customer service and transparency in governance
DATE: May 4, 2015

MEMO TO: Board of Directors - Union Sanitary District

FROM: Paul R. Eldredge, General Manager / District Engineer
Sami E. Ghossain, Manager of Technical Services
Raymond Chau, CIP Coach
Chris Pachmayer, Associate Engineer
Derek Chiu, Assistant Engineer

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11 - Meeting of May 11, 2015
Resolution No. _______, Accept the Construction of the Primary Digester No. 5 Rehabilitation Project from D.W. Nicholson Corporation and Authorize the Attorney for the District to Record a Notice of Completion

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board accept the construction of the Primary Digester No. 5 Rehabilitation Project from D.W. Nicholson Corporation by resolution, and authorize the Attorney for the District to record a Notice of Completion at the Alameda County Recorder’s Office.

Background

Primary Digester No. 5 was originally constructed during the 1985 plant upgrade project. In June 2014, Primary Digester No. 5 was taken out of service and cleaned as part of the District’s ongoing maintenance program. A condition assessment of the digester and its appurtenances was conducted by V&A Consulting Engineers, Inc. (V&A) after the digester was cleaned. V&A’s assessment revealed that the interior epoxy coating of the digester’s dome and the polyurethane foam insulation on the exterior of the dome were compromised and in need of replacement. The assessment also showed some areas of the dome’s steel side skirt were corroded and needed reinforcement.
On July 28, 2014, the Board awarded the construction contract for the Primary Digester No. 5 Rehabilitation Project (Project) in the amount of $779,600 to D.W. Nicholson Corporation (DWN). The purpose of the Project was to inspect and repair Primary Digester No. 5’s steel dome and side skirt, replace the existing foam insulation on the dome, and recoat the dome and various digester appurtenances.

Water Works Engineers completed the design of the Project in July 2014. The scope of work for the Project consisted of the following:

- Lifting the Primary Digester No. 5 steel dome to inspect and repair the exterior side of the dome’s steel side skirt.
- Repairing the existing dome steel and tank concrete.
- Replacing all foam insulation on the exterior of the digester dome.
- Blasting and recoating the interior of the digester dome.
- Blasting and recoating the 30-inch diameter suction line, the 6-inch diameter sludge sample lines, and the 20-inch diameter discharge nozzles located inside the digester.
- Pressure washing the interior walls of the digester tank to remove struvite deposits. Struvite is a crystalline material that forms from magnesium, ammonium, and phosphate present in wastewater under a high pH environment.

**Construction Contract**

Staff issued the Notice to Proceed to DWN on August 28, 2014 with a scheduled completion date of December 25, 2014. DWN substantially completed the Project on February 27, 2015. The delay in substantial completion is primarily attributed to the repairs to the steel dome side skirt that were more extensive than anticipated. Overall, Staff granted time extensions of sixty-four (64) calendar days to account for contractor delays.

**Change Order Summary**

The Project construction included eleven (11) change orders at a total cost of $88,862, which is approximately 11% of the original contract amount. A summary of the change orders is shown in Table 1:
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Change Order Summary

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<td>Fabricate Thirty-Three New Digester Dome Anchors</td>
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<td>Replacement of Additional Piping under the Overflow Box</td>
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<td>Credit for Coating of Manway Covers and for the Deletion of New Viewport Nozzle</td>
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<td>Repair of Digester Steel Dome and Side Skirt</td>
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<td>Install Locknuts for Digester Dome Walkways</td>
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Two of the more significant change orders are described in detail below:

Change Order No. 4 was for the fabrication of thirty-three (33) new dome anchors. The existing dome anchors were originally required to be removed, cleaned, and recoated as part of the Project. During construction, it was discovered that all of the dome anchors were significantly corroded and bonded to the tube steel supports of the dome. In order to remove the dome anchors, the contractor was forced to cut them off and thus preventing their reuse. During design, staff estimated that up to five (5) dome anchors may need replacement and it was included as a separate bid item. The contractor’s original bid price was $900 per dome anchor. Due to the increased number of dome anchors, Staff was able to negotiate a lower unit price of $690 per anchor.

Change Order No. 7 was for the repair of the steel dome and side skirt of Primary Digester No. 5. During construction and after the steel dome was lifted, V&A performed a condition assessment of the exposed side skirt of the steel dome and the concrete wall concealed by the side skirt. Significant corrosion was discovered around the perimeter of the dome and on the side skirt. In some locations holes were discovered in the side skirt. DWN welded two bands of steel plate around the entire skirt to repair the corrosion damage. During design, staff had anticipated that some spot repairs would be needed after V&A completed their condition assessment. Staff had allocated $30,000 in bid allowances to account for the repair of the steel dome, side skirt, and concrete tank wall. After taking into account the allowances, the net cost of Change Order No. 7 was $54,498. Change Order No. 7 took place during the major rain storms in December 2014 which complicated the repair and extended the time to complete the work.
The District has assumed beneficial occupancy of Primary Digester No. 5 and the digester was placed back into operation on March 5, 2015. The Project punchlist was issued on March 5, 2015 to DWN and all field punchlist work has been successfully completed. A couple of administrative punchlist items remain and staff anticipates their completion by mid-May 2015.

Staff recommends the Board accept the construction of the Primary Digester No. 5 Rehabilitation Project from D.W. Nicholson Corporation by resolution, and authorize the Attorney for the District to record a Notice of Completion with the Alameda County Recorder’s Office.

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Attachments: Resolution
Notice of Completion
Figure 1 – Site Map
Figure 2 – Plan and Section Views
Photos
RESOLUTION NO. _____

ACCEPT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PRIMARY DIGESTER NO. 5 REHABILITATION PROJECT LOCATED IN UNION CITY, CALIFORNIA

RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors of the UNION SANITARY DISTRICT hereby accepts the Primary Digester No. 5 Rehabilitation Project from D.W. Nicholson Corporation, effective May 11, 2015; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the attorney for the District is authorized to record a “Notice of Completion” for the project.

On motion duly made and seconded, this resolution was adopted by the following vote on May 11, 2015:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MANNY FERNANDEZ
President, Board of Directors
Union Sanitary District

Attest:

TOM HANDLEY
Secretary, Board of Directors
Union Sanitary District
NOTICE OF COMPLETION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY UNION SANITARY DISTRICT, Alameda County, California, that the work hereinafter described, the contract for the construction of which was entered into on August 2, 2014, by said District and D.W. NICHOLSON CORPORATION 24747 Clawiter Road, Hayward, CA, 94545 Contractor for the Project, “PRIMARY DIGESTER NO. 5 REHABILITATION PROJECT”, was substantially completed on February 27, 2015 and accepted by said District on May 11, 2015.

The name and address of the owner is UNION SANITARY DISTRICT, at 5072 Benson Road, Union City, CA 94587.

The estate or interest of the owner is: FEE SIMPLE ABSOLUTE.

The description of the site where said work was performed and completed is Union Sanitary District’s Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at 5072 Benson Road, Union City, CA 94587, County of Alameda, State of California.

The undersigned declares under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on ____________________________ at UNION CITY, CALIFORNIA.

_________________________
DAVID M. O’HARA,
Agent of UNION SANITARY DISTRICT
70-foot Diameter Dome

Digester dome skirt extends 2'-6" below top of digester tank wall

Primary Digester No. 5 Plan View

Primary Digester No. 5 Section View

Primary Digester No. 5 Plan and Section Views – Figure No. 2
Steel Dome Side Skirt – Note the holes present due to corrosion damage. Similar damage is also present in other locations of the side skirt.
Primary Digester No. 5 Rehabilitation Project Photos

Steel Dome Side Skirt – View from inside the digester and note the daylight coming through various holes present due to corrosion damage.
Welded steel bands to reinforce the side skirt
Struvite on the Surface of the Center Column inside Digester 5 – Center column was cleaned and recoated
Primary Digester No. 5 – Recoated Dome Interior
Primary Digester No. 5 Rehabilitation Project Photos

Primary Digester No. 5 - Completed New Foam Insulation System
DATE: May 4, 2015

MEMO TO: Board of Directors - Union Sanitary District

FROM: Paul R. Eldredge, General Manager
       Sami E. Ghossain, Manager of Technical Services
       Rollie Arbolante, Customer Service Team Coach

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 12 - Meeting of May 11, 2015
         Authorize the General Manager to Execute Task Order No. 6 with
         West Yost Associates for the Design of the Newark Backyard
         Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project – Phase 3

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board authorize the General Manager to execute Task Order No. 6 with West Yost Associates in the amount of $159,760 for the design of the Newark Backyard Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project - Phase 3.

Funds for the Project are expected to be budgeted for in the FY’16 Capacity and Renewal/Replacement Funds.

Background

The purpose of the Newark Backyard Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project is to improve the existing gravity sewer system within the residential neighborhood located northerly of the intersection of Dairy Avenue and Cherry Street in the city of Newark. A map of the project is attached. The existing sewers have very flat slopes and require frequent and expensive maintenance of the sewers. The sewers are also located in backyard easements and are very difficult to access for maintenance and inspection. The goal of the project is to relocate the existing backyard sewer mains and laterals to the public streets fronting the homes.

Phase 1 of the project included the relocation of 33 sewer laterals from the backyard of homes on Dairy Avenue and Cherry Street in the project area. West Yost and
Associates completed the design of Phase 1 and the Board awarded the construction contract to Ranger Pipelines, Inc. on April 28, 2014. Construction was completed in August 2014.

Phase 2 of the project will include the construction of approximately 3,800 feet of new sewer mains to replace existing sewer mains located in backyard easements; and include the relocation of approximately 95 sewer laterals from the backyard to the public street fronting the homes. The Board awarded the construction contract for Phase 2 to Ranger Pipelines, Inc. on April 13, 2015. Construction is about to begin on the project and it is estimated to be complete in early October 2015.

The final phase of the project, Phase 3, will complete the relocation of backyard sewer mains and sewer laterals for the neighborhood. The design of Phase 3 will include the construction of approximately 3,000 feet of new sewer mains located in backyard easements; and include the relocation of approximately 80 sewer laterals from the backyard to the public street fronting the homes.

**Task Order No. 6**

The scope of services for Task Order No. 6 includes:

- **Project Management** such as day-to-day administration, progress meetings and technical reviews
- **Public Outreach** including contact with property owners, backyard investigations, development of individual lateral plans for each property, and one public meeting early in design
- **Drafting of legal descriptions and plats for easements to be quitclaimed**
- **Design of approximately 3,000 feet of new 8-inch sewer mains and 80 relocated sewer laterals**
- **Bid Support Services**

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The preliminary construction cost estimate for Phase 3 is $2.5 million. The total cost of Task Order No. 6 represents 6.4% of the construction cost estimate. The expected percentage for a project of this size is 6-8%.
A summary of West Yost Associates’ Task Orders to the Agreement is as follows:

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Design of the Newark Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project - Phase 3 is scheduled for completion in February 2016, with construction to follow in Spring 2016.

Staff recommends the Board authorize the General Manager to execute Task Order No. 6 with West Yost Associates in the amount of $159,760 for the design of the Newark Backyard Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project - Phase 3.

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Attachments: Exhibit A - Project Map
Task Order No. 6
NEWARK BACKYARD SANITARY SEWER RELOCATION PROJECT – PHASE 3

(USD Project No. 800-____)

TASK ORDER NO. 6
TO

AGREEMENT DATED JULY 18, 2012
BETWEEN UNION SANITARY DISTRICT AND
WEST YOST ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of Task Order No. 6 is to authorize the final design of Phase 3 of the Newark Backyard Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project (Project). Phase 3 of the Project will relocate existing backyard sewer mains and sewer laterals for approximately 80 homes and connect them to new sewer mains on Bonnie Street, Noel Avenue, Wilma Avenue, Zulmida Avenue, and Christine Court as shown on Exhibit A. The new sewer mains consist of approximately 3,075 linear feet of 8-inch diameter sewer installed by open-cut construction.

The scope of work includes project management, public outreach, supplemental surveying, mapping, utility coordination, design, and bid support services.

2. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The task numbers in this Scope of Services relate directly to the costs presented in Item 5, Payment to the Engineer, and the schedule presented in Item 6, Time of Completion. Deliverables to be received by Union Sanitary District (District) are described in Item 3, Deliverables. Optional tasks shown shall not be performed without authorization from the District.

Task 1. Project Management

This task will include project management activities, including day-to-day administration, progress meetings and technical reviews.

Subtask 1.01—Project Administration. Monitor progress of individual tasks and coordinate completion of work products. Monitor task budgets and project schedule. Schedule changes, if required, will be provided.

Subtask 1.02—Progress Meetings. Attend a project kick-off meeting and up to two progress meetings (during the design phase) with District staff to discuss and review progress and significant action items. Engineer will prepare and submit meeting agendas and minutes.

Subtask 1.03—Technical Reviews. Technical reviews shall be conducted by the Principal-in-Charge, Project Manager, and a senior staff member not directly involved in the project.
Task 2. Public Outreach

This task includes services for public outreach support.

**Subtask 2.01—Preliminary Property Figures.** West Yost shall prepare a preliminary figure (8-1/2” x 11”) for each property to take along during backyard investigations to assist in recording information and collecting data. West Yost has assumed up to 18 hours to prepare preliminary figures for 80 properties.

**Subtask 2.02—Backyard Investigations.** Working with District staff, West Yost shall attempt to obtain approval of each resident prior to entering backyard to collect data. West Yost shall provide a liaison to meet with each property owner/resident to document existing information, take photographic records of properties and identify the most likely alignment of the lateral relocation. West Yost shall make up to three separate visits for each property. West Yost shall not enter backyards without receiving the permission of the resident. A Spanish speaking interpreter shall be provided during site visits. West Yost has assumed up to 80 hours of investigation time each for an engineer and Spanish interpreter.

**Subtask 2.03—Private Lateral Construction Figures.** West Yost shall prepare proposed construction figures (two 8-1/2” x 11” pages) for each property generally showing hardscape features (fences, driveways, sidewalks, patios) along the proposed private lateral alignment. The figure shall be drawn in AutoCAD and will include features, proposed lateral location, site photographs, and proposed lateral relocation. The figures will be included with the Bid Documents as an appendix. West Yost has assumed up to 140 hours to prepare the Proposed Construction Figures for 80 properties.

**Subtask 2.04—Review Proposed Lateral Construction with Residents.** The District will conduct a second meeting with each resident to review the proposed construction for each owner/resident and will obtain their written approval of a construction license (form provided by District) authorizing the work. West Yost has assumed that it is not necessary for West Yost staff to accompany the District for the second meeting. West Yost has assumed up to 16 hours to revise Proposed Construction Figures as requested by the District.

**Subtask 2.05—Public Meeting.** The District will prepare a presentation and conduct one public meeting for local residents. The presentation will identify the project boundaries, purpose and reason for the project, description of the proposed construction, and impacts and benefits to the business, property owner, and resident. West Yost shall attend the public meeting. West Yost has assumed 2 hours of each staff member’s time for attendance at the meeting.

Task 3. Surveying

This task includes surveying and preparing plat and legal descriptions by our subconsultant, Wilsey-Ham.

**Subtask 3.01—Surveying.** To verify utility potential utility conflicts, surveying shall be completed by our subcontractor, Wilsey-Ham. West Yost has assumed a total of one day of surveying.

**Subtask 3.02—Plats and Legal Descriptions.** It is assumed that the District will prepare and file a quitclaim document for sewer easements that will be quitclaimed. The Engineer shall prepare up to
two plats and legal descriptions for each easement to be quitclaimed. Plats and legal descriptions shall be prepared based on record information only; no boundary survey is included.

**Task 4. Utility Coordination**

This task includes services for utility coordination, potholing, permitting, and agency coordination.

**Subtask 4.01—Review Existing Information.** Review existing information including block book information, record drawings, TV inspection logs and tapes, previous studies, and general site reconnaissance of the area.

**Subtask 4.02—Utility Coordination.** At the beginning of the design phase, utility coordination letters shall be mailed to all known utility companies within the project area for courtesy notification and to identify utility locations and receive utility comments. Preliminary drawings shall also be mailed to the utility companies following the 75 and 90 percent design submittal. Review responses from agencies and update drawings as required.

**Subtask 4.03—Utility Potholing (Optional).** If it is determined during preliminary design that utility potholing is necessary, potholing will be completed by the District. West Yost will prepare potholing plan and up to two utility relocation figures as requested by the District. West Yost has assumed a total of 16 hours to prepare potholing plan and relocation figures.

**Subtask 4.04—Permits and Agency Coordination.** Engineer will coordinate with City of Newark. Preliminary drawings shall also be mailed to the City of Newark following the 75 and 90 percent design submittal. The Engineer shall review responses from the City and update drawings as required.

**Task 5. Design**

This task will prepare a final design to relocate sewer mains and private laterals from the backyard to the front using a combination of open cut construction (for connections and where necessary) and horizontal directional drilling (HDD).

**Subtask 5.01—Design Drawings.** Drawings shall be prepared using AutoCAD conforming to USD digital submittal guidelines. The design shall be plotted at a scale of 1”=40’ horizontal and 1”=4’ vertical plan and profiles and appropriately scaled details. Approximately 15 drawing sheets are anticipated. The backyard figures developed in Subtask 2.04 shall be included in the Bid Documents as an appendix.

**Subtask 5.02—Specifications.** Specifications shall be prepared in Microsoft Word format. Engineer shall prepare technical specifications, notice inviting bids, instructions to bidders, bid schedule and supplementary general conditions in CSI format and based on District Standards. District will provide contract documents, general conditions and general requirements in Microsoft Word Format.

**Subtask 5.03—Construction Cost Estimate.** Engineer shall develop a construction cost estimate at the 75, 90 and 100 percent design completion levels.
Task 6. Bid Support Services

The purpose of this task is to assist the District during the bidding of the Project. The District will advertise and distribute bid documents.

Subtask 6.01—Prebid Meeting. West Yost shall conduct the pre-bid meeting, attend site walk, and prepare minutes for distribution.

Subtask 6.02—Bidder Inquiries and Bid Evaluation. West Yost shall assist in answering bidders' technical questions during the bid period. Engineer will assist District in bid evaluation.

Subtask 6.03—Addenda. West Yost shall prepare addenda during the bid period to be distributed by the District.

3. DELIVERABLES

Project deliverables are listed below:

- Meeting agendas, meeting minutes, and project schedule updates.
- Five sets of draft plans and specifications at 75 and 90 percent completion levels.
- One set of 100 percent completion level plans and specifications in Word and PDF format for printing and bid advertisement.
- Cost estimate at 75, 90 and 100 percent completion levels.
- Drawing files in AutoCAD 2013 format stored in disc.
- Addenda and email documentation of phone conversations with bidders.

4. PROJECT COORDINATION

All work related to this task order shall be coordinated through the District’s Project Manager, Rollie Arbolante.

5. PAYMENT TO THE ENGINEER

Compensation shall be on a time and materials cost basis for services provided under Article 2 of this Agreement in accordance with the Billing Rate Schedule contained in Exhibit B (updated annually) except that subconsultants will be billed at actual cost plus 5%, outside services will be billed at actual cost, and mileage will be billed at prevailing IRS standard mileage rate. The billing rate schedule is generally comparable to a labor multiplier of approximately 3.22.

The estimated costs for Tasks 1 through 6 are presented in Exhibit C. Total charges to the District shall not exceed the cost ceiling of $159,760.

The following table summarizes all task orders and amendments, if any, including those previously executed under the Agreement, ending with this Task Order:
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### 6. TIME OF COMPLETION

All work defined in Item 2 shall be completed in accordance with the project schedule shown in Exhibit D.

### 7. KEY PERSONNEL

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Key personnel shall not change except in accordance with Article 8 of the Agreement.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have made and executed this Task Order No. 6 as of _________________ and therewith incorporated it as part of the Agreement.

ENGINEER:  
WEST YOST & ASSOCIATES  
By: _________________________________  
  John D. Goodwin  
  Vice President

DISTRICT:  
UNION SANITARY DISTRICT  
By:  ________________________________  
  Paul R. Eldredge, P.E.  
  General Manager / District Engineer
2015 Billing Rate Schedule  
(Effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015)*

**ENGINEERING**

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- Hourly rates include Technology and Communication charges such as general and CAD computer, software, telephone, routine in-house copies/prints, postage, miscellaneous supplies, and other incidental project expenses.
- Outside Services such as vendor reproductions, prints, shipping, and major West Yost reproduction efforts, as well as Engineering Supplies, Travel, etc. will be billed at actual cost.
- Mileage will be billed at the current Federal Rate.
- Subconsultants will be billed at actual cost plus 5%.
- Expert witness, research, technical review, analysis, preparation and meetings billed at 150% of standard hourly rates. Expert witness testimony and depositions billed at 200% of standard hourly rates.
- A Finance Charge of 1.5% per month (an Annual Rate of 18%) on the unpaid balance will be added to invoice amounts if not paid within 45 days from the date of the invoice.

*This schedule is updated annually

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Meeting Confirmation

Mr. Tom Handley  
Director  
Union Sanitary District  
5072 Benson Road  
Union City, CA  94587

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Webinar: Must Have Communication Protocols-Board & Staff  
Tuesday, December 09, 2014  
Webinar

For more information, please contact the Education Department at 916-442-7887 or sharonf@csda.net.

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Protecting our water environment through education and certification
Union Sanitary District hosts Open House

SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE POWELL

Union Sanitary District (USD) is holding an Open House, and everyone in the Tri-Cities is invited! On Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the District (USD) will offer family-friendly activities, plant tours, interactive demonstrations, refreshments and more at its Union City treatment plant and headquarters.

"USD is a big part of daily life in the Tri-Cities, but many of our customers aren't aware of the work we do to protect public health and the environment," says General Manager Paul Eldredge. "This event is a fun way for people to find out about the District. They'll have the opportunity to tour our plant, view our green energy projects, and get an up-close look at the specialized equipment and interactive demonstrations we'll have on display."

The event is a good opportunity for students to explore careers. "We encourage students of all ages to come and talk to our engineers, plant operation, chemists, collection, treatment and disposal services to the Tri-City area.

Union Sanitary District's Open House
Saturday, May 9
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Union Sanitary District
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'Water tech’ finally ready to rise amid California’s drought

By David R. Baker and Greta Kaul | April 21, 2015 | Updated: April 21, 2015 4:35pm

Cambrian systems operator Andrew Goodman tests waste water samples from the new system that will clean up the waste water from the Lagunitas Brewing Company brewing process and generate electricity in Petaluma, California, on Tuesday, April 14, 2015.
In a tech-obsessed state that’s part desert, creating new technologies to save or clean water should be a no-brainer.

But even though water technology helps preserve the most precious resource on Earth, startups in the field have struggled for years to attract the level of investment and attention showered upon social media, solar power and sharing economy companies.

California’s four-year drought may change that. As water agencies scramble to make deep cuts after another dry winter, water tech may finally get its moment.

“I’ve been running around saying, 'Hey, let’s not waste a drought of this magnitude,’” said Sheeraz Haji, CEO of the Cleantech Group consulting firm, which has tracked and encouraged water-tech investment for years. “We have a unique opportunity here to bring capital to innovation.”

Investors have been slow to dive in. Worldwide venture funding for water startups totaled just under $1.5 billion in the last five years, according to the Cleantech Group’s i3 information service. Companies that help save energy, in contrast, raised $1.6 billion in 2014 alone.

Investors have been scared off by the fragmented nature of the American water market. Water is delivered by a patchwork of small, risk-averse utility companies and public agencies that tend to buy...
only the equipment they absolutely need. They make every effort to keep water prices low, so big users often don’t have much financial incentive to conserve. Government regulations vary from state to state.

And while the federal government has made a concerted push to encourage other types of clean technology, such as electric cars and renewable power, that hasn’t happened with water.

“For whatever reason, it just hasn’t had the political attention,” Haji said.

Now, Gov. Jerry Brown has ordered a 25 percent overall drop in the state’s urban water use, with mandatory cuts of up to 36 percent for the state’s 400 largest water agencies. Water-tech startups that can help agencies make those cuts suddenly find their products in demand.

“We’re definitely getting a lot more inquiries,” said Robin Gilthorpe, CEO of WaterSmart Software in San Francisco. “We’re cranking pretty hard on the sales side. This (drought) is a very unusual situation, and it turns out we have something that can be part of the solution.”
WaterSmart employs big-data analytics — computer programs that quickly crunch huge amounts of information — to root out water waste. Utilities hire the company to help individual customers track and analyze their water use via computer, tablet or phone.

**Measure consumption**

The system lets people compare their home’s water usage with other households of similar size, turning conservation into a kind of game. And it seems to work. In the four years since WaterSmart began its service, its 6 million users have saved more than 1.4 billion gallons.

WaterSmart boasts that its service can trim water use up to 5 percent in a year. The service can be deployed in 45 days — far faster than a utility can build a reservoir or a water treatment plant.

“Making plans for a new (desalination) plant?” Gilthorpe said. “That’s really nice for 2025, but it’s useless for this summer.”

WaterSmart, which raised $7 million in financing this month, represents a kind of water startup venture capitalists can appreciate. It employs technologies they already tend to understand — software and cloud computing. And unlike water-treatment hardware, it can save water without getting snared in regulations.

“A technology that’s touching drinking water gets a lot more scrutiny than a technology that’s monitoring a utility,” said David Henderson, a managing director at XPV Capital Corp.

Henderson insists there is money in water. His Toronto venture firm invests exclusively in water companies. Since XPV was founded in 2006, the number of large companies acquiring water technology startups has only increased, from about 40 then to around 100 now, Henderson said.
But the water-tech industry doesn’t rely solely on software. It also brims with companies that have developed better, cheaper ways to clean and reuse water.

**Reusing water**

Nexus eWater has a system that collects the “gray water” from a home’s showers and bathroom sinks, purifies it and sends it to the toilets and sprinklers. The system is designed to be installed during a home’s construction, adding about $5,000 to the overall cost. It also recycles some of the heat from the gray water, cutting electricity bills.

“You should not put drinking water on lawns, especially during a drought,” said Ralph Petroff, chairman of Nexus. “It’s not the sensible thing to do. It’s not the moral thing to do.”

The company was born in Australia, which recently endured more than a decade of drought. Now Nexus eWater has opened a Los Angeles office, raised a $2.1 million funding round this spring, installed its system in two high-tech demo houses with builder KB Home and is preparing for full-scale launch.

**Industrial-scale reuse**

Cambrian Innovation, meanwhile, can clean wastewater at an industrial scale. The company’s first targets: wineries and breweries.

Cambrian’s EcoVolt system, installed on-site in a series of shipping containers, uses bacteria to treat wastewater and generate methane gas. The gas then fires a turbine to generate power. The water is clean enough to be reused for washing equipment. It does not, however, end up in the beer or wine.
“You get clean water and clean energy,” said Matthew Silver, co-founder and CEO. “It’s a way for companies to radically cut their carbon footprint, radically cut their water footprint and get a return on their investment.”

Lagunitas Brewing Co. recently installed an EcoVolt system to process the millions of gallons of wastewater the fast-growing Petaluma brewery generates each year. Dealing with that water, until now, has been a headache, said Leon Sharyon, Lagunitas’ chief financial officer.

The water used to hose down brewery tanks ends up high in the nutrients that algae and bacteria love — so high, that many municipal treatment plants can’t handle it. So Lagunitas has had to truck its wastewater to a plant in Oakland, more than 40 miles away. Each trip costs money, burns diesel and adds carbon dioxide to the air, Sharyon said. With 10 truck trips per day, it all adds up.

“Environmentally, it was a disaster,” Sharyon said. “And cost-wise, every time I saw one of those trucks, I thought, ‘There goes $500.’”

Neither he nor Cambrian would disclose the cost of the system. But Sharyon figures the brewery will recoup its investment in two years.

“You’ve got a pain point that you’ve got to solve, and the fact that you can do something that’s environmentally beneficial is awesome,” he said.

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Protecting The Tri-Cities and San Francisco Bay
California drought: Brown administration to stick with strict conservation targets, despite court ruling
By Paul Rogers and Howard Mintz Staff Writers
Updated: 04/22/2015 06:04:19 AM PDT

Gov. Jerry Brown is sticking to his statewide mandatory water conservation targets, his administration said Tuesday, even as a new appeals court ruling limits the ability of cities and water districts to hit people with punishing rates to encourage them to save water.

"The court's decision is bad," said Michael Lauffer, chief counsel at the State Water Resources Control Board in Sacramento of the Monday ruling by an Orange County appellate court. "It's going to frustrate some local agencies' abilities to conserve water. But the sky is not falling."

Until a possible final ruling by the state Supreme Court occurs, Lauffer said, cities and water districts will have to rely more on other tools. Those include more advertising, water audits, rebate programs for low-water appliances, restrictive rules on lawn watering and fines for violators, he said.

"There is still a lot of low-hanging fruit out there that Californians can tackle -- lawns are the best example -- to help get to the targets," Lauffer said.

Three weeks ago, amid the most severe drought in California's 164-year history, Brown ordered urban residents to cut water use by 25 percent statewide.

The state water board plans to vote May 5 on rules that would require cities and water agencies to cut water use between 8 and 36 percent this summer, depending on their per capita use, with fines of up to $10,000 a day for violators.

One key tool that Brown had recommended was for local governments to set rate structures with higher "surcharges, fees and penalties" for people who use large amounts of water.

But that approach -- conserve or pay a much higher water bill -- was thrown into doubt Monday afternoon when the 4th District Court of Appeal ruled that such charges violate Proposition 218, a 1996 ballot measure that barred governments from charging more for a service than it costs to provide it.

The court did not invalidate the use of rate tiers entirely. It said, however, that cities and water agencies can only charge more if they can document that it costs them more to provide the extra water.

"Cities are going to have to show their work," said David Aladjem, a veteran Sacramento water attorney. "This is the difference between doing a 1040-EZ tax form and a longer form."

One of California's top water leaders said the ruling will make it more difficult for cities and water districts to reach conservation targets this summer.
"The court did not declare tiered pricing illegal. But this does impose constraints that make it much harder to do," said Tim Quinn, executive director of the Association of California Water Agencies. "It's a significant blow to conservation pricing."

The ruling does not affect electric or gas rates, or privately owned water companies, like San Jose Water Co., which Proposition 218 exempts.

Water agencies on Tuesday scrambled to interpret the ruling -- and in some cases realized they would have to adapt. In Santa Cruz, which charges a $50 per unit "penalty" for water use over 11 units per house, giving it one of the highest water conservation rates in the state, the city may have to rewrite its rules, said Santa Cruz City Attorney Anthony Condotti.

"We'll have to carefully evaluate our rates to make sure we aren't violating the law," he said.

In Palo Alto, where a new rate structure is going before the City Council in June with a proposed 12 percent water rate increase, city officials are studying the ruling but believe they are in compliance because the increase is to cover the increased costs of buying water and upgrading pipes, said city spokeswoman Catherine Elvert.

Cities that raise rates illegally could be sued, said Jon Coupal, president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, which put Proposition 218 on the ballot.

"I have very little sympathy for some of these districts that just want to take the easy way out, which is to raise revenue -- free money -- to get more money above their cost of service," Coupal said. "They are crying crocodile tears. They have other ways to conserve. If somebody is hosing down his sidewalk, you can still fine him."

In the short term, the court ruling, because it is "published," sets statewide legal precedent that can be used in other court challenges to water district policies and at a minimum forces local water officials and lawyers to reconsider how they can legally enforce water conservation. As of now, there are two similar legal battles unfolding in early stages against the Sweetwater Authority, a San Diego area water district, and the city of Glendale's water district.

San Juan Capistrano city officials can push for an expedited review of the ruling, a move that could prompt the state's high court to temporarily put it on hold. That process could take months or longer.

If city leaders decide not to appeal, the situation becomes murkier, although the Supreme Court could still intervene, particularly if Gov. Jerry Brown and Attorney General Kamala Harris weigh in and argue resolution is critical in light of immediate statewide efforts to address the drought.

Harris' office, which presumably would represent Brown in any legal maneuvering, referred questions Tuesday to the governor. Evan Westrup, the governor's spokesman, would only say that Brown is "evaluating our options."
In addition to any legal action by the state, groups that backed San Juan Capistrano in the case could ask the state Supreme Court to "depublish" the 4th District ruling, which would strip away its statewide effect. Legal experts say they would not be surprised if the state Supreme Court acted because of the statewide policy implications.

"Given the high-profile nature of this opinion and the importance of the issue, it wouldn't shock me if the California Supreme Court gave serious consideration to granting review," said Shaun Martin, a University of San Diego law professor who follows the state's high court.

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April 15 and April 22, 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of Union Sanitary District will consider adoption of revisions to Ordinance No. 36, which provides for the regulation of discharges to the sanitary sewer, including compliance with State and Federal law. The nature of the revision is to modify the name of the Ordinance, to add an Ammonia total limit in response to changes in USD's NPDES Discharge Permit, and to revise language of codified sections pursuant to recent versions of the Code of Federal Regulations. The revised ordinance can be accessed on Union Sanitary District's webpage at www.union sanitary.com, under the "What's New" tab, Ordinance No. 36 Revisions, or to request a hard copy, please call (510) 477-7620.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that on Tuesday, the 26th of May 2015 at the hour of 7:00 P.M., at the Union Sanitary District Boardroom, 5072 Benson Road, Union City, California. In said District, said Board will hear and consider all comments, protests, and objections to said proposed revisions to Ordinance No. 36.

By order of the Board of Directors of Union Sanitary District.

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Water audits help California homeowners meet drought goals

By Kerry Klein kklein@mercurynews.com
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After four years of record drought, Bay Area residents already have made many steps to reduce water use part of their routine, whether it's not watering every other day or leaving their car dirty. So with the governor now calling on residents to up their conservation game after another dry winter, many are left wondering what more they can do.

Enter a new drought-spawned calling: the water auditor. The Santa Clara Valley Water District's free Water Wise House Call Program has a backlog of reservations, said Conservation Specialist Ashley Carter.

"They were booked up a week in advance before," Carter said. "And now it's about three weeks."

The Contra Costa Water District also offers a free home water audit service. The East Bay Municipal Utility District offers free home survey kits for residents to audit their water themselves.

Chris Dundon, a water conservation officer with the Contra Costa Water District, said that automated outdoor watering systems are a good place to squeeze extra water savings. He points out that while a consistent schedule might seem effective for a season at a time, rain showers and drops in temperature drastically reduce the amount of water plants need.

"The biggest problem with controllers is people will set it and forget it," Dundon said.

Concord science teacher and rock musician Randy Monroe took advantage of the water district's home survey offer, even though he already had slashed hundreds of gallons off his daily water use since 2013. When he moved into his neighborhood five years ago, his sunny bungalow came with a lush green lawn, rosebushes, lemon trees and five sprinkler circuits hooked up to a timer. He hadn't changed his water timer settings in half a decade and wanted help optimizing his water use for the drought.

District water conservation technician Dennis Vigil was happy to bring Monroe up to speed. He audited Monroe's outdoor water use, checking for leaks and noting busted sprinkler heads before zeroing in on the timer. With the garage door open, the earthy smell of wet grass wafting in, he walked Monroe through the various functions of the little black controller on the wall. He set it to water Monroe's lawn twice a week, three times a morning in four-minute bursts.

"We recommend less frequent watering ... but deeper watering," says Vigil. "So, shortening the cycle and allowing some time in between."
In California, feeding thirsty lawns accounts for about half of home water use. For many residents, cutting outdoor watering back to two mornings per week could be sufficient to meet the governor’s goals of 25 percent water use reduction. For others, it’ll take a better managed watering schedule.

"If someone actively manages their timer and every few weeks adjusts it, it can be really good," says Dunon. "Most do not."

East Bay Municipal Utility District spokeswoman Nelsy Rodriguez points to the district’s rebates for overhauling lawns with drought-tolerant landscaping.

"Lawns are a high-maintenance option all around," she said.

The city of Santa Cruz, its water sources more constrained than most, restricted outdoor watering to twice a week back in 2009. At the time, said Toby Godcard with the city water district, residents inundated the city with requests to reprogram their timers and inspect their sprinklers. Now, despite the drought, he receives fewer calls because Santa Cruz residents have already done so much to conserve.

Another option is to upgrade controllers to "smart" timers, which calculate how thirsty plants are on the basis of conditions like temperature and soil moisture.

But even then, says Peter Brostrom, water efficiency expert with the Santa Cruz Department of Water Resources, automated programs can still over-water.

"The grass will turn brown," he said, "but the roots will be alive."

For customers who have problems using irrigation timers, Brostrom recommends searching for user’s manuals online. The Department of Water Resources provides links to manuals for over 50 models at http://saveourwater.com.

Even though Monroe never adjusted his timer in five years, technician Vigil says Monroe did something right by turning the timer off and on as weather dictated.

"The schedule that I saw so far is a pretty good schedule," says Vigil, looking over the readout from the water meter. "So if you keep to more or less last year’s watering schedule, you’re going to make it."

Schedule a home water audit
Santa Clara Valley Water District: Water Wise House Calls are available weekdays, evenings during daylight hours and Saturdays. Call 800-548-1882 to set up an appointment, and please have your water bill account number available. San Jose Water Co. customers should call 408-279-7900 to schedule a water audit. Water conservation hotline: 408-630-2554.
Oro Loma Sanitary District Appoints Local Business Owner and Community Leader to the Board

SAN LORENZO, Calif., April 23, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- At its April 21, 2015 public meeting, the Oro Loma Sanitary District Board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Dan Walters to the vacant seat. Director Walters, who took the oath of office and assumed his responsibilities at the meeting, fills the vacancy generated by a recent retirement on the Board. His term in office will expire in December 2016, after the general election.

Director Walters has over 30 years of engineering, innovation and business management experience in the community. He is the owner and founder of Copper Harbor Company, Inc., located in San Leandro. He has dedicated thousands of hours to organizations like the East Bay Regional Park District Public Advisory Committee, the Boy Scouts, various City committees in San Leandro, the Chamber of Commerce, LINKS, and the Alameda County Workforce Investment Board. Director Walters possesses a Bachelor's of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from Michigan Technological University and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Pepperdine University.

"I want to be part of this Board because I would enjoy the work, and I have a strong desire to give back to the community," Director Walters said in his speech to the Board and to the public.

"Our recruitment process brought out several talented community leaders and experienced business people. We ultimately selected Dan Walters because of his community involvement, technical expertise, and proven success in the industry while operating his own local business. His background and professional attributes align well with our philosophy and the challenges we face in the coming years," said President Becker.

About Oro Loma Sanitary District

Oro Loma Sanitary District provides wastewater collection and treatment services, as well as residential and commercial solid waste and recycling services to its customers.

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Tiered water rates under fire

Roseville’s system effective, but court ruling adds doubt

By Christopher Cadelago
Sacramento Bee

Roseville, the sun-splashed suburb of about 125,000 residents, has been among the statewide leaders in saving water. Relying on a tiered pricing plan that charges heavier water users more, the city in recent months has outclassed the region in residential water conservation.

Now, leaders there are taking stock after a state appellate court ruled Monday that San Juan Capistrano’s four-tiered system is unconstitutional. In a unanimous decision, the three-justice 4th District Court of Appeal ruled that the Orange County city’s method violated Proposition 218, a 1996 ballot measure establishing that municipalities cannot impose fees for services that exceed the actual cost.

“We will be evaluating our own rate-setting structure to ensure that we are in compliance,” Roseville spokesman Maurice Chaney said Tuesday. “Without equivocation, we feel our system is adequate and complies with Proposition 218. But it’s an opportunity to look at it given the recent court ruling.”

Other water providers, however, are far less certain.

Chris McKenzie, executive director of the League of California Cities, said the opinion demonstrates how the ballot initiative could prevent government from responding to a crisis such as the current drought, now in its fourth year and showing no signs of abating.

The measure was sold to voters as a way “to protect the people from their government,” he said. “It is now being used to prevent government from protecting the people’s water resources.”

When it passed, the Right to Vote on Taxes Act generated far less public attention than its tax-limiting predecessor Proposition 13. Although it has been cited over the years in dozens of cases brought against cities, California’s drought conditions are generating more attention for the nearly 2-decade-old initiative. With about two-thirds of water providers relying on tiered-rate structures, McKenzie said he’s worried the case could spawn additional lawsuits.

“We here now have a court, as happens from time to time, very clearly saying, ‘Yeah, you can have tiered rates, but only for the purpose of allocating higher costs to the higher consumer, not for the purpose of conservation,’” he said. “That’s a really dramatic pronouncement.”

The decision came after Gov. Jerry Brown this month ordered the State Water Resources Control Board to direct urban water suppliers to develop rate structures that maximize conservation. In response, the state board is requiring districts to significantly curtail their use, in some cases by as much as 36 percent. Brown has said the ruling puts a “straitjacket” on local government’s conservation efforts.

Michael Lauffer, chief counsel at the state water board, said rate structures designed for conservation send the right message to consumers by rewarding good behavior and providing a strong disincentive for them to waste water. Although water districts have other ways to cut back on their use, he said the tiered systems are “the most effective single tool to promote conservation.”

“It may make it more difficult for some agencies to meet their targets,” Lauffer said. A study by researchers at UC Riverside’s School of Public Policy found that that between July 2011 and April 2014, household usage was 10 to 15 percent lower under a tiered structure than it would have been under uniform rates. Kenneth A. Baerklau, one of the authors, said the largest reductions came from households that were less efficient users before the pricing changes.

In the Sacramento region, at least 11 agencies, including Sacramento Suburban, Placer County and Elk Grove, have some form of tiered pricing.

Lauffer said the most frustrating thing about the court decision is it didn’t provide clear goal posts for local agencies. “They are going to need to be much more careful about how they show their work,” he warned.

The state appellate court opinion, written by Justice William Bedsworth, cites a prior case involving the Antelope Valley city of Palmdale, which successfully invoked Proposition 218 to challenge the rates it was paying to the Palmdale Water District. The measure has been at the center of several predrought lawsuits, including cases where cities illegally diverted utility money to cover general fund expenses.

Jon Coupal, president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, said the original purpose of Proposition 218 was to close loopholes in Proposition 13. It does not apply to electrical providers, which Coupal said the authors considered “a bridge too far.” They are regulated by the Public Utilities Commission.

Since 1986, Coupal said, water and other agencies have continued to “gouge” customers and pass off the charges “as the cost of doing business.”

“This has been an endemic problem for a long time,” he said.
Environmental group sues to drain Hetch Hetchy Reservoir

By Paul Rogers progers@mercurynews.com
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Spurned at the ballot box three years ago and facing an even more uphill battle now because of California's historic drought, an environmental group has filed a lawsuit attempting to drain Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a linchpin of the water supply for 2.6 million Bay Area residents from San Francisco to San Jose to southern Alameda County.

The reservoir in Yosemite National Park, built in 1923, violates California's constitution, according to the suit from the nonprofit Restore Hetch Hetchy, based in Oakland.

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Water that flows from the Sierra Nevada, through the Tuolumne River and into the reservoir can be stored in other reservoirs in the Sierra and downstream, the group argues. As a result, it contends, San Francisco, which owns the system, is not following a key provision of the state constitution requiring that water in California "be put to beneficial use to the fullest extent possible" and be used in "reasonable" ways.

"Hetch Hetchy Valley in Yosemite National Park was once one of our nation's most treasured landscapes. Its destruction, allowed a hundred years ago, is widely regarded as a mistake," said Spreck Rosekrans, executive director of Restore Hetch Hetchy. "The time has come to have a conversation about the merits of restoration in a court of law."

The lawsuit, filed Tuesday in Tuolumne County Superior Court, was blasted by business and city leaders in San Francisco.

"Who needs a historic drought when there's a group that wants to tear down one of California's critical water storage and clean energy systems?" said Jim Wunderman, president and CEO of the Bay Area Council, which represents 275 of the Bay Area's largest companies.

"The court should quickly dismiss this."

Hetch Hetchy Valley is a spectacular landscape that rivaled nearby Yosemite Valley before Congress approved construction of O'Shaughnessy Dam in 1913, submerging the valley under 300 feet of water.

The fight to save the valley was the final battle of Sierra Club founder John Muir's life. And the valley's submersion has haunted many environmentalists ever since.

For years, supporters of restoring the valley have said the water could be stored in Don Pedro Reservoir, Cherry Reservoir and other lakes. But Wunderman and other opponents
say the issue is far more complex, involving technical problems and controversies with other water agencies that also have rights to the reservoirs.

In 2012, Restore Hetch Hetchy placed a measure on the San Francisco ballot which would have required the city to conduct an $8 million study of draining the reservoir. It was endorsed by three former Yosemite superintendents. But it was opposed by U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee and Silicon Valley business leaders. It failed in a landslide, 77-23 percent.

"This new lawsuit, like the 2012 initiative, is an unfortunate distraction from our core mission of delivering reliable drinking water to 2.6 million people in the Bay Area," said Tyrone Jue, a spokesman for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

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San Jose, Santa Clara mayors drink recycled sewage to push expanding reclaimed water

By Paul Rogers

Santa Clara Valley Water District Board chair Gary Kremen, San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo and Santa Clara Jamie Mathews, drink purified wastewater at a press event at the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center Monday, April 27, 2015, in Alviso, Calif. (Karl Mondon/Bay Area News Group)

SAN JOSE -- San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo, Santa Clara Mayor Jamie Matthews and other Silicon Valley leaders on Monday took big gulps of recycled water -- filtered, cleaned and disinfected sewage -- to show that it is safe and should be a growing part of Silicon Valley's drinking water future.

"Delicious," said Liccardo, as cameras clicked.
"Good stuff!" said Matthews, as video rolled.
Capitalizing on public interest in water supply issues during California's historic drought, the pair appeared at a public water treatment plant in Alviso to unveil plans for an $800 million expansion of recycled water in Santa Clara County over the next 10 years.
Once derided as "toilet to tap," recycled water has been used in San Jose and other cities in Santa Clara County since 1997, but only for irrigating golf courses, landscaping and other non-drinking uses, such as in industrial cooling.
Under the new proposal, San Jose and the Santa Clara Valley Water District are calling for expanding that use from 20,000 acre-feet a year now to about 55,000 acre-feet a year -- or 20 percent of the county's total water demand -- by 2025. An acre-foot is about 325,851 gallons of water, or the amount that two Bay Area families of five use in a year. And rather than using it only for landscaping, they hope to mix it with existing groundwater and serve it to back the public to drink. That's not commonly done in California, although Orange County residents have been consuming purified wastewater for the past seven years.

To speed along the project, the two mayors said Monday, Sacramento political leaders should allow them to suspend the state's landmark environmental law, the California Environmental Quality Act, which requires builders of large projects to draw up detailed studies of how new construction will affect smog, traffic, noise, wildlife and water quality. Doing an environmental impact report would add two years and $3 million to the project's costs, they said.

"We need the state of California to get the regulations out of the way," said Liccardo. Exactly how, or whether, the law can be suspended for the project, however, was unclear Monday.

Liccardo and other leaders said they are hoping state Sen. Jim Beall, D-San Jose, can help them. But Beall has not introduced a bill, and the deadline for introducing new bills has already passed for this year.

A similar bill last year, AB 2417, by Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian, D-Van Nuys, that would have allowed recycled water pipelines less than 8 miles long to be built without the required environmental, or CEQA, review died in the state Senate over environmental opposition.
Beau Goldie, CEO of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, speaks at a press conference calling for greater reuse of purified wastewater, Monday, April 27, 2015, at the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center in Alviso, Calif. (Karl Mondon/Bay Area News Group)

Environmental groups said Monday that even though they support recycled water, they will probably oppose efforts by Silicon Valley leaders to skirt a thorough review.

"While the project is likely to be very environmentally beneficial, the impacts need to be considered so construction can occur in ways that plan for the protection of air, water quality and human health," said Miriam Gordon, state director of Clean Water Action, an Oakland-based group.

CEQA forces government to share details of projects before they are built, said Kathryn Phillips, director of Sierra Club California.

"The purpose of CEQA is to make sure the public has access to information about large projects that are going into their community so they can feel comfortable that any environmental impacts that might result from that can be mitigated," she said. "It seems like an environmental impact review would be in order here."

The project may be eligible for an exemption from CEQA under an executive order that Gov. Jerry Brown issued April 1. Among its 31 drought actions was one suspending CEQA for some water projects. But Brown's exemption expires May 31, 2016, and because the expanded recycled water project is in its early stages, the board of the water district won't vote on the final project for up to two years, said Jim Fiedler, chief operating officer of the district, so it might not qualify.

On the board's agenda Tuesday is a measure to suspend competitive bidding for engineering studies on the project, in an amount up to $10 million. That could fast track the process, but also raised concerns.

"I'm very interested in expanding our purified water program. However, these single-source agreements are for a large sum of money, and I would like more information before I can authorize our CEO to move forward with them," said water district board member Barbara Keegan.

The full $800 million to expand the plant and pipe its water to percolation ponds in Los Gatos, South San Jose and other locations could be funded with state bond money, federal funds and higher water rates, district officials said. The cost of the water would be about $1,100 to $1,500 an acre-foot, compared to about $400 now for increasingly limited
supplies of water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta and $2,000 to $3,000 for desalination.

In July, San Jose and the water district opened the new $72 million Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center in Alviso, where the mayors and local leaders, including Silicon Valley Leadership Group CEO Carl Guardino, guzzled recycled water from glass beakers on Monday. The facility takes sewage treated to secondary levels at San Jose's wastewater treatment plant and further cleans it with microfilters, reverse osmosis and ultraviolet light. The final product is basically distilled water.

On Monday, water district officials said the water that political leaders drank for Monday's photo op cannot yet be legally served to the public unless it has more state approval. But they said it meets all state health standards to drink.

"It's excellent quality," said Gary Kremen, chairman of the water district's board, who called recycled water "drought proof."

"We've got to consider all of the options on the table, and this is one of them."

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Big water buys to ease East Bay drought shortages
By Denis Cuff dcuff@bayareanewsgroup.com

OAKLAND -- With one emergency water supply already flowing in, the East Bay's largest water district plans to buy three others to bolster its drought defenses.

The East Bay Municipal Utility District board on Tuesday will consider authorizing the purchase of up to 21,000 acre feet of water from three Northern California suppliers with water to spare. The purchase would amount to about a one-month to two-month supply for EBMUD's 1.3 million customers in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. The three purchases before the board Tuesday would cost about $25 million to buy and deliver from a pumping plant on the Sacramento River at Freeport south of Sacramento. "These purchases will help us stretch our supplies," EBMUD spokeswoman Abby Figueroa said. "If we have another dry year (for winter of 2015-2016), we will be facing a dire supply situation."

EBMUD plans to buy 10,000 acre feet from the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District in Willows, 5,000 acre feet from the Sycamore Mutual Water Co. in Colusa and 6,000 acre feet from Reclamation District 1004 in Colusa. The three suppliers along the Upper Sacramento River are in a farming area with so-called senior water rights, a legal designation that makes them less vulnerable to water cuts than most places in California. The Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District has water available to sell to the East Bay because its rice farmers are fallowing some fields this year, said Thad Bettner, the district's general manager. The irrigation district will share a portion of the water sales revenues with farmers who idle their fields, freeing up the water to sell to urban residents, he said.

EBMUD officials say water purchases from outside and conservation from within are cornerstones of the district's strategy to weather this drought year. They hope to line up a total of some 65,000 acre feet of emergency water supplies this year for $55.8 million to provide a four-month supply as drought insurance.

The cost of the extra water would be covered by proposed higher drought water rates that EBMUD directors will discuss in a public hearing at 1:15 p.m. June 9 at district headquarters in Oakland.

Meanwhile, one emergency water supply already has begun flowing into the district's San Pablo Reservoir in Orinda and Upper San Leandro Reservoir near Moraga.

The district plans this year to take up to 33,250 acre feet of Sacramento River water that it has a federal contract to use in dry years.
Even with several emergency supplies, EBMUD officials said they still need to get customers to meet a district goal to cut overall water use by 20 percent from 2013 levels.

On Tuesday, the water board also will hold a public hearing on a proposal to charge excess use penalties to residential customers who consume more than 984 gallons a day.

Tuesday's meeting begins at 1:15 p.m. at EBMUD headquarters, 375 11th St., Oakland.

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if you go
What: East Bay Municipal Utility District board meeting
When: 1:15 p.m. Tuesday
Where: District headquarters, 375 11th St., Oakland
On the scent of a story
in the city’s most pungent place

Jonathan Smith is the tour guide who helps curious, if somewhat wary, visitors get to the bottom of how everything works at the San Francisco Southeast Treatment Sewage Plant.

If you’re preparing to take a tour of San Francisco’s largest sewage treatment plant, you should probably spend some time considering your footwear.

Tour officials said sandals and open-toed shoes were out, which seemed like an unnecessary warning. If there were even a chance that we might step in something — and there was, we were assured — it was definitely an enclosed-shoe kind of tour. But which shoes do you want to subject to the sewer?

It was kind of a metaphor for the whole experience, which is a series of cheerfully blunt replies to icky questions.

Would there be an odor? Oh yeah, an eye-watering, breath-stopping stench.

Would we actually be up close and personal with San Francisco’s poop? You bet. Inches away from locally sourced, 100 percent natural San Francisco-created solid product. More than you ever imagined you’d see in one place.

And finally, would it be fun? Absolutely. Each year 2,000 to 3,000 folks sign up for the free, once-a-month walk through the Southeast Sewage Treatment Plant in the Bayview, where 80 percent of the city’s ... byproduct ... is processed. (You

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Go with the flow: a smelly sojourn

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can sign up at the website www.sfwater.org.

"We limit it to 50 people, and the tours always fill up," said plant communications manager Jean Walsh. "We've had birthday parties. We had one on Valentine's Day and it was all couples."

Loving sewage

On the plant superintendent George Engel put it: "Who needs Disneyland when you have a sewer tour?"

I'm going to go out on a limb and say Engel is the most enthusiastic sewer worker you will ever meet. Our tour was a Saturday morning, and Engel showed up, even though it was technically his day off. He just loves to talk sewage.

"Did you think that last place had a bad smell?" he asked gleefully at one point. "That's nothing compared to where we are going now."

And honestly, once you get past the smell, the "ewwww" views and the random God-only-knows-what-that-is puddles that we were carefully routed around, it is fascinating.

The numbers alone catch your attention. The plant creates 200 tons of treated solid waste a day.

There are 1,000 miles of pipe under the city, enough to stretch from Portland, Ore., to San Diego. The plant can handle 250 million gallons of liquid a day, depending on rainfall.

That's because San Francisco is one of the rare cities that combines its storm drains and sewer lines, so it's all processed. The liquid is skimmed and treated until it is safe to release into the bay or into the sea off of Ocean Beach.

Using gravity

Much of the design of the system is the result of San Francisco's topography. Because of hills like Twin Peaks and Mount Davidson, most of the flow is gravity-driven. The majority of sewage flows east to the Bayview plant, and the rest, on the west side of the hills, goes to the Oceanside Treatment Plant near the zoo.

But of course the big reveal of the tour is the solid waste. The joke is that the plant uses everything except the stink but that's not completely true. In the course of processing of the solids, the sludge gives off smelly methane gas, which is captured and provides half of the power needed to run the plant.

The solids are separated and thickened, and then run down a conveyor belt. That's where we tour members — there were 34 of us Saturday — were "allowed" to stand on a catwalk a couple of feet away from the flow.

"Once you get a look at the sludge," said tour director Jonathan Smith, "you can step outside and get some air."

Oh yeah. The smell was strong enough that some people pulled their jackets up to cover their faces. An interesting olfactory experience once.

Which makes it all the more remarkable that once the waste is placed in huge "digesters," heated to 95 degrees and allowed to ferment with bacteria that break it down for 15 to 30 days, it comes out odorless, solid and harmless enough to be used as compost, though not for crops humans will eat.

At the end of the tour, Smith brought out a baseball-size sample of "cake," as it is called, although he said he forgot "to bring any spoons." By that time the tour group had gotten into the spirit.

Marketing opportunity

"You should have a gift shop," suggested 11-year-old Travis Baldwin. Good idea. The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission has already capitalized on the inevitable puns with ads that say, "No one deals with more crap than I do," or "Your #2 is our #1." But a tour member came up with a great new idea for a product.

"My parents took me to the sewage treatment plant," she suggested. "And all I got was this crappy T-shirt."
Financial Analyst Claims Alameda Co. Water District Rate Hikes Aren’t Adding Up

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Betty Yu

FREMONT (KPIX 5) – Bay Area residents are facing steep water rate hikes as California’s drought stretches into a fourth year. In one small East Bay water district, a resident said it’s the lavish spending habits of an old boy’s network that is making their bill go up.

Sixteen years of water rate hikes have made Eric Tsai a suspicious man. “I feel like they’ve been misleading us,” he said.

A financial analyst by profession, he decided to take a look at the books of the Alameda County Water District, which supplies water to his city of Fremont, along with Newark and Union City. The numbers he said just don’t add up.

The district said it will bring in $6 million extra needed to cover increased water supply related costs. But when Tsai did the math, he found most of the money isn’t going to water costs, it’s going to labor costs.

“It’s completely different from what they have been telling the public,” he said.

It turns out that district employees have it pretty good. More than 200 people on staff, even meter readers and customer service reps, make six-figures if you include benefits, which are very generous, even by Silicon Valley standards.

Topping the list at more than $377,000 is General Manager Robert Shaver. “We are competing for quality individuals with the likes of Google,” Shaver told KPIX 5.

“How many years have employees received raises?” KPIX 5 asked him.

“They have received raises since I can remember,” Shaver said.

Shaver said the latest rate hike has nothing to do with labor costs. “Actual labor costs will be significantly lower than budget,” he said.

Even water supply costs are projected to go down. KPIX 5 asked Shaver, “How do you explain a rate increase if you pay less?”

“I would have to talk to my finance manager about this,” Shaver responded. Later he confirmed water purchase costs will be lower this year than last.
What’s not expected to change are the perks, especially for board members. Two of them in particular have a habit of attending multiple annual conferences held at expensive reports at Disneyland and Monterey.

“So basically employees participate in the American Water Works Association Conference. So what employees learn is about new advances in water treatment technologies,” said Shaver.

We asked him about one of the board members, John Weed.

KPIX 5: “He has gone to a number of these conferences, stayed at pricey hotels, nice steak dinners, that just doesn’t sit well with ratepayers.”

Shaver: “So John Weed is a director at ACWD, he does attend a number of conferences.”

KPIX 5: “But more than $2,000 for one of these trips? That seems over the top.”

Shaver: “Does it?”

KPIX 5: “Yes, to a ratepayer like myself.”

Shaver: “I believe that our customers receive value out of that.”

Customers like Eric Tsai beg to differ. “I think the process makes it very easy for them to raise rates. And it doesn’t put pressure on them to cut costs, because why cut costs when you can just raise rates,” he said.

The Alameda County Water District’s board has never voted down a rate hike in 16 years, and just approved the latest hike this month.

Last year, the board did vote to spend $280,000 on a book about the agency’s history, in honor of its 100 year anniversary. The author will be paid $60,000, and he’s a former general manager.
Water-wasting fines of $10,000 proposed by Gov. Jerry Brown

By Jessica Calefati and Paul Rogers Staff writers
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SACRAMENTO -- Waste California's water, risk a $10,000 fine.

Residents and businesses could soon face that threat after Gov. Jerry Brown on Tuesday unveiled legislation that would increase potential penalties on the most flagrant water scofflaws and allow cities, counties and water districts to issue fines without having to go to court.

"As this drought stretches on, we'll continue to do whatever is necessary to help communities save more water," Brown said after meeting with California mayors, including San Jose's Sam Liccardo and Oakland's Libby Schaaf.

But whether the proposal -- which would boost maximum fines 20-fold from the current $500 -- will ever take effect was unclear Tuesday.

It must first be approved by the state Legislature, and some top lawmakers, especially Republicans, said Tuesday they oppose the tough fines.

And although local governments have had the power under emergency state rules issued last summer to impose fines for wasting water, almost none have done so.

"The issue is not the size of the fine, but how localities are going to enforce it," said water attorney Leon Szeptycki, director of Stanford University's Water in the West program. "It is a PR move. But it will get people's attention. This is part of a broad effort to get people to reduce their water use. They are trying everything."

Meanwhile, the Brown administration late Tuesday refused to back down from strict conservation mandates it plans to approve May 5 that will force cities and water districts to cut water use from 8 percent to 36 percent this summer, depending on their per capita use, or face fines of $10,000 a day.

Representatives in some cities, particularly in the Sacramento area and Inland Empire of Southern California, where hot summers and large lawns have led to high per-capita use, have said in recent weeks the targets are unfair and should be relaxed to account for differences in weather.

"We understand this is a big deal and a challenge for everyone, but the drought we are in is serious and it calls upon us to rise to the occasion," said Felicia Marcus, chairwoman of the State Water Resources Control Board.
The drought may last for many years, she said, and communities need to dramatically reduce the amount of drinking water that people are putting on lawns to head off severe shortages.

"It's better to be safer than sorrier in the face of uncertainty," she said.

Tuesday's developments represent the state's latest efforts to reduce water use as California heads into the long, hot summer in its fourth year of drought -- the worst in the state's 164-year history.

Under existing state rules, residents and businesses can be fined if they water lawns so much that the water runs into the street, sidewalk or neighboring property. It is also illegal to wash cars without nozzles on the hose, for restaurants to serve water unless upon request and for anyone to irrigate lawns within 48 hours of measurable rain. But enforcement is up to local government.

Speaking Tuesday at a Sacramento news conference, Brown also said he will direct state agencies to streamline environmental review of local water supply projects -- like expanding San Jose's water recycling plant -- that Liccardo has been fighting for.

The $10,000 fines won't be doled out liberally, Brown said, noting that "only the worst offenders" will be penalized this way.

"Fines are a tool, and they're the last tool you use," Marcus said.

Brown's goal with the city-by-city water targets is to cut statewide water use 25 percent this year, compared with 2013.

"We think they're reasonable," he said. "We think they're enforceable."

The threat of steep fines should help cities enforce Brown's order to cut urban water use after a state appeals court last week rejected San Juan Capistrano's policy of charging punitively higher rates to consumers who use the most water.

Under Brown's rules, cities that use little water per capita, such as San Francisco, Hayward and Santa Cruz, must cut water use by only 8 percent. Cities that use much more, like Beverly Hills, Bakersfield, Hillsborough and Atherton, must reduce by up to 36 percent.

Fresno must slash water use by 28 percent, but Mayor Ashley Swearengin said she's confident the city will be able to meet the tough target because it cut 17 percent last year.

"Most everyone has already gotten into compliance," she said. "We have just a few people who are well over the limit. As we work with them to get their water use down, we'll be able to close that gap."

San Jose's three water suppliers will be required to cut water use 20 percent.

When it comes to fines, many water districts so far have not been willing to pull the trigger on offenders.
"We've focused more on education and outreach rather than hitting people on the head with a hefty fine," said Abby Figueroa, spokeswoman for the East Bay Municipal Utility District, which has 1.3 million customers in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, and must cut water use by 16 percent.

"But the drought is getting worse so we may need to do more sticks than carrots for some of the more egregious water wasters."

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Union City: Sanitation agency to hold open house at headquarters

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UNION CITY -- A wastewater treatment agency is inviting southern Alameda County customers to learn more about its services next weekend.

The Union Sanitary District will hold an open house for customers at its headquarters and treatment plant, offering facility tours, equipment demonstrations and refreshments. The free event will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at 5072 Benson Road, Union City.

The district will have chemists, engineers and other employees available at the open house to answer visitors' questions.

"Many of our customers aren't aware of the work we do to protect public health and the environment," said district General Manager Paul Eldredge. "The event is a fun way for people to find out about the district ... and we invite everyone to drop by -- no reservations necessary."

The district treats millions of gallons of wastewater and offers collection and disposal services to customers in Fremont, Newark and Union City.

Call the agency at 510-477-7500 for more information.

Contact Chris De Benedetti at 510-293-2480. Follow him at Twitter.com/cdebenedetti.
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Penalties approved for excess water use

Utility's stiff fines for homes will go into effect July 1

By Denis Cuff
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OAKLAND — Shoring up its drought defenses, the East Bay's largest water agency approved penalties for excess water users Tuesday and stiff fines for water thieves.

Effective July 1, the penalties for East Bay Municipal Utility District households using more than 984 gallons per day will have the biggest impact in hot areas with big yards such as Walnut Creek and Danville.

A household using 1,476 gallons a day would pay $40 extra per month in penalties.

Homes will pay a penalty of $2 per each unit (748 gallons) of use in excess of the 984-gallon unit.

The penalties were approved on a 6-1 vote. Water officials said the penalties will help EBMUD meet a districtwide goal of cutting water use 20 percent. The 984-gallon limit is about four times the use for the average district household.

John Coleman, the one board member opposed, said the penalties are unfair because they fail to recognize geographical differences in water use. People in hot Contra Costa areas with larger lots are more apt to be punished than residents of cool bayside communities with small yards and little landscaping, he said.

"I believe we need to take into account geography and square footage," said Coleman, who represents Central Contra Costa areas and the San Ramon Valley. "We are in a serious drought. The issue is how the penalty is applied."

To encourage saving, EBMUD also has proposed a 25 percent surcharge on water bills for its 1.3 million customers in Contra Costa and Alameda counties.

The district recently mailed out notices telling customers that EBMUD intends to adopt the surcharge unless more than 50 percent of customers protest in writing by 1:15 p.m. June 9 — the time of a public hearing at district headquarters.

In a related move Tuesday, the board unanimously approved its first fines for water thieves who will be charged $1,000 for the first offense, $2,000 for the second and $3,000 for the third.

In the past, the district has given verbal warnings to people who took water from fire hydrants or pipes without paying for it.

District officials said most of the water theft occurs in low-income areas where residents are turned off for lack of payment, but then take it into their own hands to turn the service back on.

EBMUD officials said customers who remove plugs in meters will be assessed the theft penalties plus an additional $2,667 fee to restore water service.

In another conservation move Tuesday, district officials said they are looking at offering cash rebates for customers to convert lawns to artificial turf.

The district is planning a pilot rebate program to pay 50 cents per square foot of lawn converted to artificial turf, up to a maximum of $1,500.

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Sanitary District
hosts Open House

SUBMITTED BY
MICHELLE POWELL

Union Sanitary District (USD) operates a 33 million gallon per day wastewater treatment facility in Union City and provides collection, treatment and disposal services to the Tri-City area. The District has been recognized for 21 consecutive years of outstanding performance by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies. On Saturday, May 9, 2015, the District will offer family-friendly activities, plant tours, interactive demonstrations, refreshments and more at its Union City treatment plant and headquarters; everyone is invited.

"USD is a big part of daily life in the Tri-Cities, but many of our customers aren’t aware of the work we do to protect public health and the environment," says General Manager Paul Eldredge. "This event is a fun way for people to find out about the District. They’ll have the opportunity to tour our plant, view our green energy projects, and get an up-close look at the specialized equipment and interactive demonstrations we’ll have on display."

The event is a good opportunity for students to explore careers. "We encourage students of all ages to come and talk to our engineers, plant operators, chemists, collection systems workers, mechanics, electricians, business services staff and more to find out about careers in our industry," continues Eldredge. "We’ll also have activities that are enjoyable for kids and kids-at-heart."

"I’m proud that our visitors will have the chance to meet the people who work hard to provide award-winning service every day," says Eldredge. "We’re honored to have our customers as our guests, and we invite everyone to drop by — no reservations necessary."

If you’d like to tour the plant during the Open House, wear closed-toed, low-heeled shoes and be prepared for walking and stairs. USD’s Open House display areas are wheelchair-accessible; plant buildings are not.

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DEFINITION

Reporting to the General Manager and under administrative direction, the Business Services Manager/Chief Financial Officer (BS Manager/CFO) manages the Business Services Work Group, including the development and implementation of work group and team goals, objectives, and priorities for each service area; and manages the District-wide administrative functions of finance, budgeting, accounting, internal audit, investments, and financial analyses; centralized purchasing, central stores, and inventory control; safety; risk management; organizational performance; training; and information technology. Human Resources resides within the Business Services Work Group; however, the Human Resources Administrator works directly with the General Manager to strategically manage the District’s Human Resources Program.

The BS Manager/CFO works directly with the General Manager, Board of Directors, and Executive Team to develop, implement, and manage District-wide goals, objectives and strategic planning as well as financing plans set forth by policy, ordinance, and Board approval.

This position manages all accounting and finance functions, including but not limited to financial reporting, short- and long-range economic forecasts and analyses, budgets, management of unfunded liabilities, audits, investment management, contracts, long-term debt issuance, revenue, cash flow, and rate setting.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Financial Operations

- This classification ensures compliance with regulatory and governmental accounting and financial reporting standards, including IRS, SCO, GASB, GAAP PERS, ICMA and other legal requirements relating to sound financial and administrative operations and consistency of financial operations with principles of good stewardship of public funds and the District’s strategic objectives.
- Oversees and participates in preparation of the District’s O & M and CIP budgets and forecasting of cash flows for the operating budget and capital expenditures and revenues; identifies impacts on the current and future rate structure; oversees establishment of financial-controls-and review of expenditures for conformance with approved budgets; and presents budget recommendations to the Board of Directors for their approval.
- Serves as the District’s Board-appointed Treasurer; manages the District’s investments and portfolio, maximizing income and safety through daily and long-range investment policies; administers bond programs and secures tax-exempt and other types of financing; coordinates, reviews, evaluates, and recommends improvements to administrative and financial internal control systems and procedures to ensure audit compliance; and annually reviews the District’s investment policy and recommends revisions to the Board of Directors.
- Ensures conformance with Proposition 218 legal notification for rate changes.
• Directs and participates in the preparation of a variety of records and reports ensuring timeliness, accuracy, and compliance with appropriate laws, ordinances, regulations, and prudent fiscal transparency.

Information Technology

• Oversees implementation of the IT Master Plan.
• Ensures that District employees receive timely and effective assistance through an automated Help Desk function; and periodically evaluates the cost effectiveness of existing software to meet user needs.
• Oversees and approves IT renewal and replacement expenditures and oversees periodic external security audit.
• Ensures that recommendations deemed appropriate by the Executive Team are implemented.

Purchasing and Risk Management

• Oversees the District’s general liability, property damage, vehicular physical damage, catastrophe insurance, loss recovery, and crime insurance programs.
• Coordinates annual application to CSRMA for liability and property insurance. Periodically reviews District insurance coverage.
• Assists the Purchasing Agent to resolve contract law issues or interpretation of the District’s purchasing policy with regard to specific situations and reviews recommended changes to the District’s Purchasing policy.
• Oversees the administration of claims against the District to ensure timely response, appropriate referral to legal counsel, timely communication with the General Manager and Board of Directors, and resolution or settlement of claims consistent with the Mission and values of the District.

Organizational Performance

• Supports the Organizational Performance Program Manager in the development and implementation of quality initiatives at the team, work group, and District levels.
• Works with the OPPM and Executive Team to develop and implement Balanced Scorecard District-wide initiatives, goals, measures, and implementation plans.

Management Responsibilities

The Business Services Manager/Chief Financial Officer is a resource to the Board of Directors on technical and management issues.

The incumbent participates as a member of the USD Executive Team in District-wide policy and planning activities, including development of the District’s Balanced Scorecard and other strategic planning activities; provides advice and counsel regarding strategic policy and problem solving issues related to the assigned workgroup and the District overall; develops performance measures and implements objectives to meet District goals; supports district-wide programs and initiatives; ensures that team plans are in alignment with District-wide and work group strategic plans.

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The BS Manager/CFO develops and administers the annual budget; manages and carries out technical and administrative projects; and occasionally performs the duties of General Manager on an interim basis in the General Manager’s absence.

The BS Manager/CFO develops, promotes, supports, and ensures compliance with District-wide, work group, and team safety policies, procedures, and safety initiatives and participates in investigations of serious accidents.

The BS Manager/CFO establishes appropriate service and staffing levels; monitors and evaluates the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery methods and procedures; and works with staff to allocate resources accordingly.

This position oversees and participates in the development and administration of the Business Services Work Group; approves the forecast of funds needed for staffing, equipment, materials, and supplies; and approves expenditures and implements budgetary adjustments as needed.

This position monitors legal, economic, and business developments in finance and portfolio management, public purchasing, information technology, risk management, and human resources; and recommends and initiates improved work methods and procedures as appropriate.

The BS Manager/CFO serves as liaison with federal, state, regional, county, city, and other agencies as necessary.

**Leadership**

The Business Services Manager/Chief Financial Officer carries out recruitment and selection, employee relations, performance management, and recognition activities for the work group. The BS Manager/CFO supervises and mentors the BS Coach and provides general management and mentoring (as required) of the Human Resources Administrator in carrying out their responsibilities in each of the areas stated above and assists management staff to work effectively with individual employees and teams.

The Business Services Manager/Chief Financial Officer may directly supervise one of the BS teams depending on their knowledge, skills, and abilities.

The incumbent supports the Business Services Coach in working with the Organizational Performance Program Manager (OPPM) and BS teams to apply the principles of total quality to day-to-day operations, including the development and application of benchmarking data, other work group metrics, and process improvements; and supports the Star Point and Team Coordinator programs, and other District programs and initiatives.

**Interpersonal Abilities**

The Business Services Manager/Chief Financial Officer practices clear, timely, honest communication, promoting openness, mutual respect, and collaborative working relationships; helps create a strong performance ethic within the work group; encourages initiative and risk-taking; and mentors the Business Services Coach and Human Resources Administrator to help their teams work effectively, including managing conflict and change.
QUALIFICATIONS

*Education and Experience:* A typical way to have gained the qualifications to perform the duties of Business Services Manager/Chief Financial Officer is:

- Bachelor’s degree with major coursework in finance, accounting, public or business administration, or a closely related field. Certification as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) is highly desirable.
- Seven years’ increasingly responsible experience in public financing and accounting; a working knowledge of the other functional areas is desired. Three years’ experience must have been in a supervisory or management capacity.

*Knowledge of:* Local governmental financial management principles and practices, including financial planning, accounting, budgeting, investments, debt financing, purchasing, information technology, economic analysis, and forecasting procedures; principles and practices of general, fund, cost, governmental accounting, auditing, Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and financial control; pertinent federal, state, and local laws, codes, and regulations including those related to investments, purchasing; office procedures, methods and equipment including computers and applicable software applications such as word processing, spreadsheets, and databases; training; safety; and risk management.

*Ability to:* Manage and direct a comprehensive public agency finance program; prepare and administer large and complex budgets; analyze financial data and prepare findings; analyze financial and accounting reports; prepare clear and concise administrative and financial reports; prepare complex short and long range economic forecasts and analyses; interpret complex statutory regulations and requirements; communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing in English; be skilled at making presentations to the Board of Directors, professional and community groups, and other District staff; plan, organize, direct and coordinate the work of others; select, supervise, train, and evaluate staff; and interpret and apply applicable federal, state, and local policies, laws, and regulations.

The Business Services Manager/Chief Financial Officer must have a clear understanding of the District's goals and be able to communicate these goals; be able to conceptualize and translate concepts into programs; and use excellent judgment in carrying out both technical and management responsibilities, addressing issues with integrity, fairness, and flexibility. The incumbent must effectively delegate work; identify and mitigate potential problems; learn from mistakes and allow subordinates to do the same.

The BS Manager/CFO must also have outstanding verbal communication and interpersonal skills; understand the interests of others and work collaboratively; promote support by staff for his/her decisions; establish and maintain excellent working relationships with District staff, the Board of Directors, outside agencies, consultants, and the public; positively influence others; be a mentor, coach, and team player; and possess strong written communication skills.

*Licenses, Certificates, or Credentials:* Must possess a valid Class C California driver's license, have and maintain a satisfactory driving record, and be insurable by the District to operate District vehicles.
**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Other Requirements:** Must affirm a loyalty oath as a Disaster Service Worker under California Government Code Section 3100-3109, complete related training, and return to work as ordered in the event of an emergency. Must file a conflict of interest statement. Must possess the physical characteristics to perform the critical and important duties of the job.

**Disaster Service Worker**
Employees of Union Sanitary District are, by State and Federal law, Disaster Service Workers. In the event of a declaration of emergency, any employee may be assigned activities that promote the protection of public health and safety or the preservation of lives and property, either at the District or within the local, or their own community.

Approved by the Board of Directors: 1997
Revised: October, 2008
Position status: Unclassified, Exempt (Adm/Mgr/Sup)
AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL COUNSEL SERVICES

This Agreement for General Counsel Services ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of the _____ day of ______________, 2015, by and between the Union Sanitary District, an independent special district of the State of California ("District") and Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP, a California limited liability partnership ("Burke") (collectively, the "Parties").

RECITALS

A. District requires the professional legal services of attorneys to serve as the District’s General Counsel.

B. Burke has the necessary experience and history in providing professional legal services and advice related to areas of law referenced above and is able and willing to provide General Counsel services to the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these recitals and the mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Legal Services.

1.1 Burke’s duties shall be that of General Counsel to the District, and Burke shall perform any and all basic General Counsel duties and functions entrusted to it by the District including, without limitation, those services described in Exhibit A ("Services"). In performing the Services, Burke’s attorneys shall be available for advice or consultation as needed by phone or email, with follow-up written advice as requested by District. Burke shall not prepare any writing on District stationary without the consent of the District General Manager, or their designee, and shall exercise good faith efforts to obtain consent of the General Manager prior to engaging with the media regarding any events, persons or policies of the District, or shall immediately notify the General Manager after any such engagement. Further, Burke shall keep informed of the operation, management, personnel and projects of the District, as well as the industry of sanitary agencies by attending CASA conferences, including the annual conferences and attorney sessions.

1.2 Karen W. Murphy shall be designated the General Counsel and J. Leah Castella shall be designated the Assistant General Counsel and they will be the coordinator of services provided to the District with other attorneys of the firm as necessary.

1.3 District and its members recognize that the firm of Burke provides legal representation to public entities throughout California. The Services will not include matters in which Burke has a conflict of interest that precludes Burke from representing the District, members of the District Board, or officers or employees of District. If Burke has a conflict of interest or lacks expertise to handle a particular assignment, Burke shall provide the District with a recommendation to hire outside counsel. District also agrees to exercise reasonable discretion in providing waivers for any potential or perceived conflicts that might
arise out of representation of Burke’s other clients, which representation does not directly
involve Burke’s representation of District.

2. **Standard of Performance.** While performing the Services, Burke will
exercise the reasonable professional care and skill customarily exercised by reputable members
of the California State Bar practicing in the Metropolitan Northern California Area, and will use
reasonable diligence and best judgment while exercising its professional skill and expertise.

3. **Term.** Unless earlier terminated or extended, the term of this Agreement
will be for a period of one year with automatic annual extensions.

4. **Compensation.** In consideration for the rendition of the Services, District
shall compensate Burke as follows:

   4.1 For basic General Counsel services which shall include attendance
at two District Board meetings per month, committee meetings as requested, rendition of
routine legal advice, preparation of ordinances, resolutions, contracts and other standard legal
documents, and preparation of formal written opinions, and legal advice provided with respect
to local government, enterprise funds, real estate matters, and construction matters (“Basic
Services”), District shall pay to Burke on an hourly basis $275 per hour for Basic Services.
Compensation rates to be reviewed in January of odd numbered years for adjustment but shall not
be greater than the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) for the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose
area for the previous year.

   4.2 For other additional services rendered in connection with legal
advice provided on non-routine matters, including but not limited to, personnel matters,
specialized construction issues (such as complex bid disputes or protests), preparation,
prosecution and defense of litigation and/or adjudicative or investigatory proceedings and
complex transactional matters, District shall pay to Burke on an hourly basis $315 per hour.
Prior to applying this rate to any matter covered by this paragraph, Burke shall consult with the
General Manager.

   4.3 Travel time will not be compensated for Basic Services or those
legal services specified in Section 4.1 herein.

5. **Payment for Services.**

   5.1 Burke shall bill the District on a monthly basis. Each bill shall
indicate the date of the work done, the **specific and detailed** work that was accomplished, the
attorney or paralegal that performed the work, and the fee for the work. To each bill, Burke
shall add an administrative charge of 4% of legal fees in lieu of separately itemizing general
overhead costs, which are generally chargeable to a client, including long distance telephone
service, facsimile charges, regular postage, and routine copying of documents. Burke shall
regularly monitor its actual administrative expenses to ensure that the administrative charge is
a fair and reasonable approximation of actual expenses.
5.2 The following out-of-pocket expenses will be separately itemized and included in bills to the District: (1) extraordinary operating expenses, including items such as messenger services, overnight mail charges, and extraordinary copying; (2) necessary travel and subsistence expenses, with the exception of CASA and other industry related sessions or conferences; (3) court costs, including filing fees, witness fees, and deposition and discovery costs not paid directly by the District. **Any travel and subsistence expenses or reimbursement amounts shall be in accordance with District policy 2050, “Reimbursement and Travel” for the amounts reimbursed for such items, including but not limited to airfare, meals, parking and rental cars.**

5.3 The District shall review and approve Burke’s monthly statements and pay Burke for services rendered and expenses incurred at the rates and in the amounts provided in this Agreement, **in accordance with Section 4.1 of this agreement**, on a monthly basis in accordance with the approved monthly statements.

6. **General Compliance with Laws.** Burke will keep informed of federal, state and local laws and ordinances and regulations which in any manner affect Burke, or in any way affect the performance of the Services by Burke. Burke will at all times observe and comply with these laws, ordinances, and regulations and will be responsible for the compliance of the Services with all applicable laws, ordinances and regulations.

7. **Status of Burke.** Burke will perform the Services in Burke’s own way as an independent contractor and in pursuit of Burke’s independent calling, and not as an employee of District. The persons used by Burke to provide the Services under this Agreement will not be considered employees of District for any purposes. The payment made to Burke pursuant to the Agreement will be the full and complete compensation to which Burke is entitled. District will not make any federal or state tax withholdings on behalf of Burke or its agents, employees or subcontractors. District will not be required to pay any Workers’ Compensation insurance or unemployment contributions on behalf of Burke or its employees or subcontractors.

8. **Indemnification.** Burke will indemnify and hold harmless District and its officers, agents, employees and volunteers from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses including attorney fees arising out of the performance of the Services to the extent they are caused by the willful misconduct or negligent act or omission of Burke, any subcontractor, anyone employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable.

9. **Insurance.** Burke will obtain and maintain for the duration of the Agreement and any and all amendments, insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damage to property which may arise out of or in connection with performance of the Services by Burke or Burke’s agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. The insurance will be obtained from an insurance carrier admitted and authorized to do business in the State of California. The insurance carrier is required to have a current Best’s Key Rating of not less than “A:VII.”
9.1 **Coverages and Limits.** Burke will maintain the types of coverages and minimum limits indicated below, unless General Manager approves a lower amount. These minimum amounts of coverage will not constitute any limitations or cap on Burke's indemnification obligations under this Agreement. District, its officers, agents, volunteers and employees make no representation that the limits of the insurance specified to be carried by Burke pursuant to this Agreement are adequate to protect Burke. If Burke believes that any required insurance coverage is inadequate, Burke will obtain such additional insurance coverage, as Burke deems adequate, at Burke's sole expense.

9.1.1 **Commercial General Liability Insurance.** $1,000,000 combined single-limit per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. If the submitted policies contain aggregate limits, general aggregate limits will apply separately to the work under this Agreement or the general aggregate will be twice the required per occurrence limit.

9.1.2 **Automobile Liability.** $1,000,000 combined single-limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

9.1.3 **Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability.** Workers' Compensation limits as required by the California Labor Code and Employer's Liability limits of $1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury.

9.1.4 **Professional Liability.** Errors and omissions liability appropriate to Burke's profession with limits of not less than $1,000,000 per claim.

9.2 **Additional Provisions.** Burke will ensure that the policies of insurance required under this Agreement contain, or are endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

9.2.1 For Commercial General Liability Insurance and Automobile Liability Insurance, District and its officers, agents, volunteers and employees will be named as additional insureds.

9.2.2 Burke will obtain occurrence coverage, excluding Professional Liability, which will be written as claims-made coverage.

9.2.3 This insurance will be in force during the life of the Agreement and any extensions of it and will not be canceled without thirty (30) days prior written notice to District sent pursuant to the notice provisions of this Agreement.

9.3 **Providing Certificates of Insurance and Endorsements.** Prior to District's execution of this Agreement, Burke will furnish certificates of insurance and endorsements to District.

9.4 **Failure to Maintain Coverage.** If Burke fails to maintain any of these insurance coverages, then District will have the option to declare Burke in breach, or may
purchase replacement insurance or pay the premiums that are due on existing policies in order to maintain the required coverages. Burke is responsible for any payments made by District to obtain or maintain insurance and District may collect these payments from Burke or deduct the amount paid from any sums due Burke under this Agreement.

9.5 Primary Coverage. For any claims related to the Services and this Agreement, Burke's insurance coverage will be the primary insurance with respect to District and its officers, agents, volunteers and employees. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by District, for itself or its officers, agents, volunteers and employees, will be in excess of Burke's insurance and not contributory with it.

9.6 Reduction in Coverage/Material Changes. Burke will notify District thirty (30) days prior to any reduction in any of the insurance coverage required pursuant to this Agreement or any material changes to the respective insurance policies.

10. Maintenance of Records. Burke will maintain complete and accurate records with respect to costs incurred under this Agreement. All such records will be clearly identifiable. Burke will allow a representative of District during normal business hours to examine, audit, and make transcripts or copies of such records and any other such documents created pursuant to this Agreement. Burke will allow inspection of all work, data, documents, proceedings, and activities related to the Agreement for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment under this Agreement.

11. Ownership of Documents. Upon termination of this Agreement, all reports, plans, documents, records, and data or certified copies of same prepared by Burke pursuant to this Agreement shall become the property of District, excluding Burke’s internal accounting records and other documents not reasonably necessary to District’s representation, subject to Burke’s right to make copies of any files withdrawn by District. Once a matter is concluded, Burke will close the file and District will receive notice of any District materials that remain in Burke’s possession. District will be invited to retrieve these District materials within a reasonable time as set forth in the notice or District may direct Burke to forward the District materials to District at District’s expense. If District does not retrieve the materials or request that they be forwarded, District authorizes Burke to destroy the materials in accordance with applicable rules of professional conduct and document retention. Under Burke’s document retention policy, Burke would normally destroy files five (5) years after a matter is closed, unless other arrangements are made with District. All District-supplied materials and all attorney end product (referred to generally as “District material”) are the property of District. Attorney end product includes, for example, finalized contracts, pleadings, and trust documents. Attorney work product is the property of Burke. Attorney work product includes, for example, drafts, notes, internal memoranda and electronic files, and attorney representation and administration materials, including attorney-District correspondence and conflicts materials.
12. **Notices.** The name of the persons who are authorized to give written notices or to receive written notice on behalf of District and on behalf of Burke under this Agreement are:

For District: Union Sanitary District Attn: General Manager 5072 Benson Road Union District, CA 94587 (510) 477-7503

For Burke: Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP Attn: Karen W. Murphy 1901 Harrison St., 9th Floor Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 273-8780

Except as otherwise stated, all notices to be provided or that may be provided under this Agreement must be in writing and delivered by regular or certified mail. Each party will notify the other immediately of any changes of address that would require any notice or delivery to be directed to another address.

13. **Termination of Services.**

13.1 District may terminate Services at any time by written notice. After receiving such notice, Burke will cease providing the Services. Burke will cooperate with District in the orderly transfer of all related files and records to District’s new counsel.

13.2 Burke may terminate the Services at any time upon sixty (60) days prior written notice. If Burke terminates the Services, District agrees to execute a substitution of attorneys promptly and otherwise cooperate in effecting that termination.

13.3 Termination of the Services, whether by District or by Burke, will not relieve the obligation to pay for the Services rendered and costs incurred before the Services formally ceased.

14. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement embodies the entire Agreement and understanding between the Parties relating to the subject matter of it. In case of conflict, the terms of this Agreement supersede any and all prior written or oral agreement, order or understanding. Neither this Agreement nor any of its provisions may be amended, modified, waived or discharged except in writing signed by both Parties.

[signatures follow on next page]
IN WITNESS HEREOF, the Parties hereby execute this Agreement as of the date set forth above.

BURKE:
BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN, LLP

By: ________________________________
    John J. Welsh, Managing Partner

DISTRICT:
UNION SANITARY DISTRICT, an Independent Special District of the State of California

By: ________________________________
    Manny Fernandez, President, Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: ________________________________
    David M. O'Hara, Attorney
EXHIBIT A

SERVICES

• Attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and committee meetings as requested to, among other things, explain legal requirements and disclosure needs where necessary

• Review agenda materials of the Board of Directors and prepare agenda material and memoranda as necessary

• Participate in meetings at the District offices or other locations as requested

• Consult with Special Legal Counsel regarding employment issues or other issues requiring Special Counsel services

• Assist in drafting agreements, ordinances, resolutions, policies and other legal documents, including review of District’s template agreements and updates as requested

• Review District’s purchasing policies for conformance with law and regulations as requested and provide recommendations if necessary

• Keep informed of statutes, regulations, case decisions or other legal matters that affect the District and provide such information to District

• Provide service consistent with the District’s adopted policies and standards for providing excellent customer service and transparency in governance