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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
VICTOR VALLEY WASTEWATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY
VICTORVILLE CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM D
14343 CIVIC DRIVE, VICTORVILLE CA 92392

Thursday, July 18, 2024

Open Session 8:00 a.m. NO CLOSED SESSION

VVWRA is committed to protecting public health and the environment in the Victor Valley by providing effective and fiscally responsible wastewater collection, treatment, and recycling.

Call to Order

Jones

Roll Call

Casteel

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Jones

Public Comment (Government Code Section 54954.3)

Jones

Opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Board on items of public interest within its jurisdiction. The public may also address the Board on items being considered on this agenda. VVWRA requests that all public speakers complete a speaker's card and provide it to the Secretary. Persons desiring to submit paperwork to the Board of Commissioners shall provide a copy of any paperwork to the Board Secretary for the official record. We request that remarks be limited to five minutes or less. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3, if speaker is utilizing a translator, the total allotted time will be doubled.

Possible Conflicts of Interest

Jones

Consent Calendar

Jones

All matters placed on the Consent Calendar are considered as not requiring discussion or further explanation and unless any particular item is requested to be removed from the Consent Calendar by a Commissioner, staff member or member of the public in attendance, there will be no separate discussion of these items. All items on the Consent Calendar will be enacted by one action approving all motions and casting a unanimous ballot for resolutions included on the consent calendar. All items removed from the Consent Calendar shall be considered in the regular order of business.

Item 1. Receive, Approve and File Minutes

Poulsen

- Regular Board Meeting 06/20/24

Item 2. Receive, Approve and File June 2024 Disbursement

- Warrant Summary Disbursements

Board Action Required

Staff Recommendation: Approve as presented

Action Item

The Executive Leadership Team will provide brief updates on existing matters under their purview and will be available to respond to any questions thereof.

Item 3. Recommendation to Adopt Resolution 2024-09: Amend and Adopt 2024 Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Casteel

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners adopt Resolution 2024-09 to amend and adopt 2024 local guidelines for implementing the California Environmental Quality Act

Board Action Required

Staff Recommendation: Approve as presented

Item 4. Recommendation to Digester Repairs Adams

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners

Board Action Required

Staff Recommendation: Approve as Presented

Staff Reports

<u>Item 10.</u>	General Managers Report - New Rate Study	Poulsen
Report Range	Board Meeting Date (Thursday)	
1st Quarter January 2024-March 2024	May 16, 2024	
2 nd Quarter April 2024-June 2024	August 15, 2024	
3 rd Quarter July 2024- September 2024	November 21, 2024	
4 th Quarter October 2023- December 2023	February Board 2025	

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Government Code Section 54954.2(a)



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Government Code Section 54954.2

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Items Not Posted

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Items Continued

Government Section 54954.2(b)(3)

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Meeting Adjournment

This meeting may be adjourned to a later time and items of business from this agenda may be considered at the later meeting by Order of Adjournment and Notice

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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VICTOR VALLEY WASTEWATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY (VWRA)
June 20, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Scott Nassif called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM; in Conference Room D at Victorville City Hall, located at 14343 Civic Drive, Victorville California, with the following members present:

TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY	Scott Nassif, Chair
CITY OF VICTORVILLE	Debra Jones, Vice-Chair
CITY OF HESPERIA	Larry Bird, Secretary
ORO GRANDE (CSA 42) AND SPRING VALLEY LAKE (CSA 64)	Dakota Higgins, Treasurer

VWRA Staff and Legal Counsel:

Darron Poulsen, General Manager
Kristi Casteel, Executive Assistant
Piero Dallarda, Legal Counsel (BB&K)
Robert Coromina, Director of Administration
David Wylie, Safety & Communications Officer
Xiwei Wang, Accounting Supervisor
Hillary Chavez, Admin Aide

Guests

Freddy Bonilla, City of Victorville
Janele Davidson, City of Victorville
Casey Brooksher, City of Hesperia

REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Nassif called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

NONE

POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST

NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 1. Receive, Approve and File Minutes, May 16, 2024 Regular Meeting**
- 2. Receive, Approve and File May 2024 Disbursement**

Moved: Commissioner Bird **Second: Commissioner Jones**
Approval of the Consent Calendar Items 1 and 2.

Chair Nassif- Yes
Commissioner Jones - Yes
Commissioner Bird - Yes
Commissioner Higgins- Yes

Motion passed by a 4-0 roll call vote

PUBLIC HEARING

3. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget

Chair Nassif opened the Public Hearing at 8:03 AM.

The Secretary of the Board confirmed the posting and publication of the Hearing Notice as required by law.

Chair Nassif asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no public comments.

Chair Nassif closed the public hearing at 8:07 am

ACTION ITEMS

4. Recommendation to Adopt Resolution 2024- 06 Adoption of the FY 2024-2025 Budget

The Board will consider approval to adopt Resolution 2024-06: Adoption of the Proposed Budget as presented for the year ending June 30, 2025

Moved: Commissioner Jones **Second: Commissioner Higgins**
Approval to adopt Resolution 2024-06: Adoption of the Proposed Budget as presented for the year ending June 30, 2025

Chair Nassif- Yes
Commissioner Jones - Yes
Commissioner Bird - Yes
Commissioner Higgins- Yes

Motion passed by a 4-0 roll call vote

Commissioner Jones - Yes
Commissioner Bird - Yes
Commissioner Higgins- Yes
Motion passed by a 4-0 roll call vote

8. Election of officers

The Board will consider approval of the Rotation of Officers

Moved: Commissioner Higgins **Second: Chair Nassif**
Approval of the Rotation of Officers

Chair Nassif- Yes
Commissioner Jones - Yes
Commissioner Bird - Yes
Commissioner Higgins- Yes
Motion passed by a 4-0 roll call vote

9. Recommendation to Adopt Resolution 2024-08 Adoption of the Revised Reserve Policy

The Board will consider approval to adopt Resolution 2024-08: Adoption of the Revised Reserve Policy

Moved: Commissioner Higgins **Second: Commissioner Bird**
Approval to adopt Resolution 2024-08: Adoption of the Revised Reserve Policy

Chair Nassif- Yes
Commissioner Jones - Yes
Commissioner Bird - Yes
Commissioner Higgins- Yes
Motion passed by a 4-0 roll call vote



Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority

A Joint Powers Authority and Public Agency of the State of California

Administrative Offices

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DATE: July 18, 2024

TO: Darron Poulsen
General Manager

FROM: Xiwei Wang
Accounting Supervisor

SUBJECT: Cash Disbursements Register

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve the cash disbursements and payroll register for the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority.

BACKGROUND

The Cash Disbursements Register totals represented below are for the month of JUNE 2024, check numbers 125648-125676 and ACH's.

<i>Accounts Payable</i>			
<i>Checks</i>	<i>ACH's and EFT's</i>	<i>Payroll</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>\$181,210.21</i>	<i>\$3,316,749.88</i>	<i>\$392,188.20</i>	<i>\$3,890,148.29</i>

Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority
Cash Disbursement Register
From 06/01/2024 through 06/30/2024

Vendor Name	Payment #	Date	Total
Answering 365	125648	06/05/2024	\$ 186.65
Blaine Tech Services, Inc.	125649	06/05/2024	\$ 3,133.00
Brown Bear Corp	125650	06/05/2024	\$ 4,233.55
Cla-Val Co.	125651	06/05/2024	\$ 3,627.36
Gannett California Localiq	125652	06/05/2024	\$ 390.60
Harrington Industrial Plastics	125653	06/05/2024	\$ 1,416.58
Heritage Environmental Services, L.L.C.	125654	06/05/2024	\$ 8,205.26
High Desert Lock & Safe	125655	06/05/2024	\$ 2,168.55
Konica Minolta Business Solutions	125656	06/05/2024	\$ 401.88
Michael'S Auto Detail	125657	06/05/2024	\$ 350.00
Swains Electric Motor Service	125658	06/05/2024	\$ 14,052.29
Abb Inc	125659	06/18/2024	\$ 3,300.00
Blaine Tech Services, Inc.	125660	06/18/2024	\$ 6,126.00
Brown Bear Corp	125661	06/18/2024	\$ 7,354.94
Harrington Industrial Plastics	125662	06/18/2024	\$ 1,472.35
High Desert Backflow - Aaa Action Backflow, Llc	125663	06/18/2024	\$ 704.65
Hi-Grade Materials	125664	06/18/2024	\$ 1,451.83
Napa Victorville	125665	06/18/2024	\$ 296.88
Sun Valley Technology	125666	06/18/2024	\$ 8,924.19
Vvcvf	125667	06/18/2024	\$ 10,000.00
Big Sky Electric	125668	06/25/2024	\$ 50,000.00
Bird, Larry	125669	06/25/2024	\$ 100.00
Brown Bear Corp	125670	06/25/2024	\$ 480.36
Evans-Hydro	125671	06/25/2024	\$ 34,500.83
Hat Trix	125672	06/25/2024	\$ 7,691.13
Jones, Debra	125673	06/25/2024	\$ 100.00
Nassif, Scott	125674	06/25/2024	\$ 100.00
Southern Counties Lubricants	125675	06/25/2024	\$ 9,325.15
Wang, Xiwei	125676	06/25/2024	\$ 1,116.18
		Total Checks	\$ 181,210.21
2G Energy Inc.	22147	06/06/2024	\$ 13,528.20
Adt Commercial	22148	06/06/2024	\$ 549.11
Beck Oil, Inc.	22149	06/06/2024	\$ 64.47
Blue Ally Technology Sol. (Prev. Virtual Graffiti)	22150	06/06/2024	\$ 11,423.88
Bsk Associates	22151	06/06/2024	\$ 515.25
California School Veba	22152	06/06/2024	\$ 659.07
Caltrol, Inc.	22153	06/06/2024	\$ 5,795.23
Cintas Corporation	22154	06/06/2024	\$ 970.78
Cintas Corporation	22154	06/06/2024	\$ (970.78)
Crane Pro Services	22155	06/06/2024	\$ 1,517.00
Culligan Water Conditioning	22156	06/06/2024	\$ 2,718.00
Cv Strategies	22157	06/06/2024	\$ 12,053.88
Daily Express	22158	06/06/2024	\$ 1,540.00
Desert Pumps & Parts, Inc.	22159	06/06/2024	\$ 137.00
Dudek	22160	06/06/2024	\$ 10,051.25

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From 06/01/2024 through 06/30/2024

Vendor Name	Payment #	Date	Total
Dxp Enterprises	22161	06/06/2024	\$ 6,050.05
Eec Environmental	22162	06/06/2024	\$ 2,995.00
Facilities Engineering	22163	06/06/2024	\$ 6,870.34
Fha Services, Inc.	22164	06/06/2024	\$ 5,600.00
G.A. Osborne Pipe & Supply	22165	06/06/2024	\$ 3,858.77
Grainger	22166	06/06/2024	\$ 2,419.83
Hach Company	22167	06/06/2024	\$ 12,213.72
Hoch Consulting	22168	06/06/2024	\$ 15,125.00
Labor Finders	22169	06/06/2024	\$ 2,204.00
Larry Walker Associates	22170	06/06/2024	\$ 1,596.50
Luhdorff And Scalmanini	22171	06/06/2024	\$ 135.00
Mcmaster-Carr Supply Co.	22172	06/06/2024	\$ 1,393.67
Pacific Parts And Controls Inc.	22173	06/06/2024	\$ 4,331.11
Pro Automation Co.	22174	06/06/2024	\$ 2,400.00
Procurement Consulting Services, Llc.	22175	06/06/2024	\$ 1,867.00
Prudential Overall Supply	22176	06/06/2024	\$ 931.20
Quinn Company	22177	06/06/2024	\$ 407,173.22
Robert D. Niehause, Inc.	22178	06/06/2024	\$ 2,040.00
Scientific Services Plus	22179	06/06/2024	\$ 2,072.52
T-Mobile	22180	06/06/2024	\$ 116.76
Veteran Janitorial, Llc	22181	06/06/2024	\$ 2,730.00
Victor Valley Wastewater Employees Assoc	22182	06/06/2024	\$ 1,075.00
Waxie Sanitary Supply	22183	06/06/2024	\$ 1,100.59
West Yost & Associates, Inc	22184	06/06/2024	\$ 4,511.50
Wp Products Dba Western Pacific Products	22185	06/06/2024	\$ 1,468.13
American Express	22186	06/10/2024	\$ 25,905.30
Anaergia Technologies, Llc	22187	06/13/2024	\$ 817,905.26
A.D.S. Corp.	22188	06/20/2024	\$ 12,865.00
Anthony, Donna	22189	06/20/2024	\$ 229.55
Bargain Byte	22190	06/20/2024	\$ 43,738.01
Billings, Richard	22191	06/20/2024	\$ 414.00
Brenntag Pacific, Inc	22192	06/20/2024	\$ 18,829.46
Bsk Associates	22193	06/20/2024	\$ 6,380.00
Bustos, Johnny	22194	06/20/2024	\$ 954.05
Cdw Government, Inc	22195	06/20/2024	\$ 5,869.16
Correia, Linda	22196	06/20/2024	\$ 414.00
Dagnino, Roy	22197	06/20/2024	\$ 414.00
Davis Electric, Inc	22198	06/20/2024	\$ 1,250.00
Davis, Tim	22199	06/20/2024	\$ 414.00
Fha Services, Inc.	22200	06/20/2024	\$ 600.67
Flint, Terrie Gossard	22201	06/20/2024	\$ 291.15
G.A. Osborne Pipe & Supply	22202	06/20/2024	\$ 330.63
Grainger	22203	06/20/2024	\$ 1,029.61
Gyurcsik, Darline	22204	06/20/2024	\$ 291.15
High Desert Affordable Landscaping	22205	06/20/2024	\$ 5,034.00
Hinojosa, Thomas	22206	06/20/2024	\$ 414.00


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From 06/01/2024 through 06/30/2024

Vendor Name	Payment #	Date	Total
Inland Empire Windustrial	22207	06/20/2024	\$ 54.38
Keniston, Olin	22208	06/20/2024	\$ 291.15
Main, Randy	22209	06/20/2024	\$ 414.00
Mcgee, Mark	22210	06/20/2024	\$ 414.00
Mcmaster-Carr Supply Co.	22211	06/20/2024	\$ 112.26
Montgomery, Lillie	22212	06/20/2024	\$ 184.72
Nalian, L. Christina	22213	06/20/2024	\$ 184.72
Nave, Patrick	22214	06/20/2024	\$ 414.00
Ndk Chem, Inc.	22215	06/20/2024	\$ 2,000.00
Performance Contracting, Inc	22216	06/20/2024	\$ 3,100.00
Prudential Overall Supply	22217	06/20/2024	\$ 913.11
Quinn Company	22218	06/20/2024	\$ 1,900.00
Southern California Edison	22219	06/20/2024	\$ 1,045.79
U.S. Bank	22220	06/20/2024	\$ 12,183.17
Westair Gases & Equipment	22221	06/20/2024	\$ 368.40
Westover, Kalin	22222	06/20/2024	\$ 3,810.00
White Cap, L.P.	22223	06/20/2024	\$ 2,173.31
Xylem Water Solutions	22224	06/20/2024	\$ 181.10
Cdw Government, Inc	22225	06/26/2024	\$ 3,895.04
Ecomembrane Llc	22226	06/26/2024	\$ 48,495.06
Ehs International Inc.	22227	06/26/2024	\$ 1,470.00
Graham Equipment	22228	06/26/2024	\$ 7,256.93
Higgins, Dakota	22229	06/26/2024	\$ 100.00
Labor Finders	22230	06/26/2024	\$ 1,149.01
Mcgrath Rentcorp	22231	06/26/2024	\$ 6,743.11
Michael'S Auto Detail	22232	06/26/2024	\$ 860.00
Netgain Networks, Inc	22233	06/26/2024	\$ 281.62
Pacific Construction Pro Finish	22234	06/26/2024	\$ 37,125.00
Prudential Overall Supply	22235	06/26/2024	\$ 913.11
Quinn Company	22236	06/26/2024	\$ 112.52
Ray Joye Machine & Fabrication, Inc	22237	06/26/2024	\$ 437.50
Underground Service Alert Of Southern California	22238	06/26/2024	\$ 55.50
Waxie Sanitary Supply	22239	06/26/2024	\$ 182.18
Xylem Dewatering Solutions	22240	06/26/2024	\$ 117,507.53
State Water Resources Control Board	DFT04473	06/06/2024	\$ 1,027,609.73
State Water Resources Control Board	DFT04474	06/06/2024	\$ 271,632.70
Spectrum (Prev. Charter Communications)	DFT04475	06/06/2024	\$ 4,951.33
Principal Life Ins. Co.	DFT04476	06/06/2024	\$ 4,398.35
Lincoln Financial Group	DFT04477	06/06/2024	\$ 74.66
Lincoln Financial Group	DFT04478	06/06/2024	\$ 6,363.03
Liberty Utilities	DFT04479	06/06/2024	\$ 132.25
Ups	DFT04480	06/06/2024	\$ 83.56
Town Of Apple Valley	DFT04481	06/06/2024	\$ 199.10
Southern California Edison	DFT04482	06/06/2024	\$ 87,028.54
Southern California Edison	DFT04483	06/06/2024	\$ 866.42
Konica Minolta Business Solutions	DFT04484	06/06/2024	\$ 391.50

**Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority
Cash Disbursement Register
From 06/01/2024 through 06/30/2024**

Vendor Name	Payment #	Date	Total
Southwest Gas Company	DFT04487	06/18/2024	\$ 54.53
Southwest Gas Company	DFT04488	06/18/2024	\$ 29.37
Southwest Gas Company	DFT04489	06/18/2024	\$ 51.26
Ups	DFT04490	06/18/2024	\$ 187.76
Southern California Edison	DFT04491	06/18/2024	\$ 26,643.01
Southern California Edison	DFT04492	06/18/2024	\$ 29,111.50
Southern California Edison	DFT04493	06/18/2024	\$ 1,722.88
Quadient Leasing Usa, Inc	DFT04494	06/18/2024	\$ 293.98
Ups	DFT04495	06/18/2024	\$ 581.22
Flyers Energy, Llc	DFT04496	06/18/2024	\$ 2,341.84
At&T Mobility	DFT04497	06/18/2024	\$ 129.72
Southwest Gas Company	DFT04498	06/25/2024	\$ 27,567.43
Southwest Gas Company	DFT04499	06/25/2024	\$ 55,961.97
Sparkletts Drinking Water	DFT04500	06/25/2024	\$ 1,212.10
Enterprise Fm Trust	DFT04501	06/25/2024	\$ 13,426.89
Cintas Corporation	DFT04502	06/06/2024	\$ 157.05
Cintas Corporation	DFT04503	06/06/2024	\$ 239.25
Cintas Corporation	DFT04504	06/06/2024	\$ 574.48
Total EFT's and ACH			<u>\$ 3,316,749.88</u>

Approved



Total Checks	\$ 181,210.21
Total EFT's and ACH	\$ 3,316,749.88
Total Payroll - June 2024	\$ 392,188.20
Total	<u>\$ 3,890,148.29</u>



**VICTOR VALLEY WASTEWATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY
Board of Commissioners Staff Report**

TO: VVWRA Board of Commissioners

FROM: Darron Poulsen, General Manager

SUBMITTED BY: Kristi Casteel, Executive Assistant to the General Manager and Board of Commissioners

DATE: July 18, 2024

SUBJECT: **RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-09: AMEND AND ADOPT 2024 LOCAL GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

For Action **Fiscal Impact** **\$ 0**

Information Only **Account Code: N/A**

Funds Budgeted/ Approved:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners adopt Resolution 2024-09 to amend and adopt 2024 local guidelines for implementing the California Environmental Quality Act.

PREVIOUS ACTION(S)

As required by state law, the Commissions amends and adopts the local guidelines for implementing the California Environmental Quality Act on an annual basis. This item addresses that obligation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), as contained in Public Resources Code sections 21000 et seq., is California's most comprehensive environmental law. It requires all public agencies within the state to evaluate the environmental effects of their actions before they are taken. CEQA also aims to prevent significant environmental effects from occurring as a result of agency actions by requiring agencies to avoid or reduce, when feasible, the significant environmental impacts of their decisions.

To this end, CEQA requires all public agencies to adopt specific objectives, criteria and procedures for evaluating public and private projects that are undertaken or approved by such agencies.

As a result, the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority's Local CEQA Guidelines have been revised and amended to reflect recent changes to the State CEQA Guidelines, the Public Resources Code and relevant court opinions.

Attachment(s):

Exhibit 1- Resolution 2024-09 Amend and Approve the 2024 CEQA Guidelines

EXHIBIT 1

RESOLUTION 2024-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE VICTOR VALLEY WASTEWATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY AMENDING AND ADOPTING LOCAL GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (PUB. RESOURCES CODE §§ 21000 ET SEQ.)

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has amended the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) (Pub. Resources Code §§ 21000 et seq.), the Natural Resources Agency has amended the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15000 et seq.) and the California courts have interpreted specific provisions of CEQA; and

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code section 21082 requires all public agencies to adopt objectives, criteria and procedures for (1) the evaluation of public and private projects undertaken or approved by such public agencies, and (2) the preparation, if required, of environmental impact reports and negative declarations in connection with that evaluation; and

WHEREAS, the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority must revise its local guidelines for implementing CEQA to make them consistent with the current provisions and interpretations of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority (“VWVRA”) hereby resolves as follows:

SECTION 1. The VWVRA adopts the “2024 Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act,” a copy of which is on file at the offices of VWVRA and is available for inspection by the public.

SECTION 2. All prior actions of VWVRA enacting earlier guidelines are hereby repealed.

Adopted and Approved this 18th day of July 2024.

Debra Jones, Chair
VWVRA Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Dakota Higgins, Secretary
VWVRA Board of Commissioners

Piero Dallarda of
Best Best & Krieger LLP, Counsel VWVRA

CERTIFICATION:

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on July 18, 2024.

Kristi Casteel – Clerk of the Board



**VICTOR VALLEY WASTEWATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS STAFF REPORT**

TO: VVWRA Board of Commissioners
FROM: Darron Poulsen, General Manager
SUBMITTED BY: Brad Adams, Director of Operations and Maintenance
DATE: July 18, 2024

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO USE USER FEE RESERVE FUNDS TO PAY SOCAL BIOMETHANE 50% OF THE COST FOR THE DIGESTER ONE DOME REPLACEMENT AND PRESSURE RELIEF VALVE MODIFICATIONS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$140,000

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For Action	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fiscal Impact:	\$140,000.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Information Only	<input type="checkbox"/>	Account Codes:	O&M Reserves
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Funds Budgeted/Approved	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners authorize the general manager to use user fee reserve funds to pay SoCal Biomethane 50% of the cost for the digester one dome replacement and pressure relief valve modification for an amount not to exceed \$140,000.

PREVIOUS ACTION(S)

None

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As previously discussed with the board, on February 28, 2024, the gas storage dome on digester one ruptured after being over-pressurized. Following the failure, VVWRA staff met with the SoCal Biomethane team to discuss options to complete the repairs. It was determined that both organizations had some culpability in the accident that occurred. The necessary funds to make the repairs were allocated in the spring of 2024 with the plan to complete the repairs before the end of the fiscal year. As part of the negotiated terms to make the repairs, VVWRA purchased the new dome last fiscal year.

Repair option discussions identified the root cause of the over-pressurization to be a bad design on the pressure relief valve piping, VVWRA worked with SoCal Biomethane, JR Miller engineers, and W.M. Lyles to redesign the pressure relief valve piping. After finalizing the design, the decision was made to split the material and labor costs between SoCal Biomethane and VVWRA

for this redesign work. This repair was also scheduled to be completed last fiscal year, but design and material lead times did not allow this work to progress as scheduled.

The unused funds were moved into user fee reserves at the end of the fiscal year. Because the fiscal year ended the funds we had allocated for the project are now within the reserve fund and the VVWRA Board must approve the use of those funds. SoCal Biomethane will contract W.M. Lyles to perform the work and VVWRA will reimburse SoCal Biomethane for our 50% share once the work is completed.

It is recommended that the board of commissioners authorize the general manager to use user fee reserve funds to pay So Cal Biomethane 50% of the cost for the digester one dome replacement and pressure relief valve modifications for an amount not to exceed \$140,000.00