



**MINUTES**  
**of the "Special" Meeting**  
**Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency**  
**Board of Directors**  
**December 9, 2002**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency was Called to Order by Chair Shirrel at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2002, in the Board Room of the Administrative Offices at 5 Harris Court, Building D, in Ryan Ranch.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Peggy Shirrel, Chair	Moss Landing County Sanitation District
Morrie Fisher, Vice-Chair [6:05 p.m.]	Pacific Grove
Ramiro Cortez	Boronda County Sanitation District
Carlo Cortopassi	Castroville Service Area 14
Jack D. Barlich	Del Rey Oaks
Theresa Canepa	Monterey
Judy Pennycook [6:05 p.m.]	Monterey County
Gloria De La Rosa	Salinas
David Pendergrass	Sand City
Darryl Choates	Seaside
Dewey J. Baird [6:04 p.m.]	U.S. Army - Ex-Officio

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Tom Moore	Marina Coast Water District
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**STAFF PRESENT:**

Keith Israel	General Manager
Robert Wellington	Legal Counsel
Dan Mizerski	Director of Wastewater Facilities

Bob Jaques	Director of Engineering Planning and Technology
John Tiernan	Director of Administrative Services
Deborah Fortune	Executive Assistant
Mark Malanka	Operations and Maintenance Program Coordinator
Ed Oyama	Special Projects Engineer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bjorn Lundergard - City of Seaside - Public Works Department  
Les Turnbeaugh - City of Monterey

**AUDIENCE:** 0

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

[At 6:03 p.m., with no comments received, Chair Shirrel opened and closed Public Comments.]

#### **5. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **A. Approve Award of the Construction Contract to Blocka Construction, Inc. for the Salinas Pump Station Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) Project**

Mr. Oyama summarized the award of the construction contract to the low bidder of Blocka Construction, Inc. following receipt of nine bids. Blocka's bid was \$1 million less than the engineer's estimate, and \$500,000 lower than the second low bidder. Staff was pleased with the bid and found no irregularities. A review of the bid and discussions with the contractor confirmed there are no mistakes that were made. Mr. Bob Blocka, the firm's president is very certain of their bid, and is looking forward to performing this contract.

Mr. Oyama requested a revised motion by the Board, to add that the award of this contract would be subject to a preliminary review of major equipment proposed by the contractor. That preliminary review will be for staff to take a look at the equipment to insure it will meet the requirements of the specifications. This would normally be done through the course of the contract during the submittal review process, but he would like to do that review prior to award to get some of the initial review out of the way and not take up time during the contract. It's a very short, fast-track contract, so staff would prefer to do this before award. Staff feels it will not take any more than ten days to complete this process.

To an inquiry from Mr. Choates, Mr. Oyama indicated that Blocka Construction is out of Fremont, CA. In the aggressive bidding environment now, there isn't enough work to go around. Blocka Construction is an electrical contractor that will be performing most of the work themselves, eliminating extra costs of a general contractor. Staff feels confident Blocka will be able to perform the contract. The construction management services will be performed by MRWPCA staff, and engineering services

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will be performed by the design consultant, HDR Engineering, Inc. (if approved in the next agenda item).

Mr. Oyama confirmed that the VFD building is only a minor portion of the project. Most of the cost will be in the eight drives, motors, and transformers. Prevailing wages and all other specifications will be met.

To an inquiry by Mr. Fisher, Mr. Wellington reported that a minority business requirement was not necessary in this contract because the project is not state or federally funded, as was the SVRP project.

To an inquiry by Mr. Cortopassi, Mr. Oyama confirmed that there were equipment specifications that Blocka met or exceeded. HDR performed the design and will perform the engineering services to be sure that the completed project meets the specifications of the project.

**ACTION TAKEN:** On a motion by Mrs. Canepa, seconded by Mrs. Pennycook, the Board unanimously approved award of the bid to Block Construction, Inc., at the low bid amount of \$2,542,000, subject to staff's preliminary review of major equipment, not to exceed ten (10) days, before final award to the low-bid contractor.

**B. Approve Award of the Engineering Services Contract to HDR Engineering, Inc. for the Salinas Pump Station Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) Project**

**ACTION TAKEN:** On a motion by Mrs. Canepa, seconded by Mr. Choates, the Board unanimously approved award of the engineering services contract during construction of the Salinas Pump Station VFD Project to HDR Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$143,000.

**C. Approve Resolution No. 2002-23, A Resolution of Appreciation from the MRWPCA to Judy Pennycook**

**ACTION TAKEN:** On a motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mrs. Canepa, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2002-23, A Resolution of Appreciation from the MRWPCA to Judy Pennycook for her service on the Board of Directors from 1996 through 2002.

Chair Shirrel requested Mrs. Pennycook come forward, whereupon she read the resolution aloud, then presented Judy with the framed resolution and a bouquet of flowers, and thanked Judy for the years of service on the Board of Directors.

**6. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. General Manager/Legal Counsel**

There were no further reports

**B. Department Head(s)**

There were no further reports.

**7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mrs. Canepa wished everyone "Happy Holidays."

To a request from Mr. Choates, Mr. Wellington stated that a plan for development of a policy regarding requiring minority hiring for Agency projects will be placed on the next agenda. Mr. Fisher stated that if the federal government requires it, it should be a policy that the Agency also considers using on its projects.

To a question from Mr. Barlich, Mr. Wellington confirmed that no one was excluded from the bid process on the Salinas Pump Station VFD Project.

Chair Shirrel wished everyone a wonderful, "Happy Holiday Season."

Mrs. Pennycook thanked everyone for their kindness. She stated that it was a privilege to have served on this Board and looks forward to all the good things it will be doing in the years to come.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting on Monday, January 27, 2003, at 7:00 p.m.

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Keith E. Israel  
General Manager/Secretary to the Board

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Peggy Shirrel, Ph.D.  
Chair of the Board of Directors

Date Passed: January 27, 2003