

**PINOLE / HERCULES
Wastewater Subcommittee**

**Minutes prepared by: Anita Tucci-Smith
May 14, 2015
8:30 A.M.**

The regular meeting was hosted by the City of Hercules in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sherry McCoy, Hercules Mayor serving as Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:35 A.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Subcommittee Members Present:

Sherry McCoy, Mayor, City of Hercules
Bill Kelly, Councilmember, Alternate for Dan Romero, City of Hercules
Debbie Long, Councilmember, City of Pinole
Pete Murray, Mayor, Alternate for Tim Banuelos, City of Pinole

Subcommittee Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

David Biggs, City Manager, Hercules
Dean Allison, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Pinole
Ron Tobey, Plant Operations Manager, Pinole

Members of the Public:

Anthony Gutierrez, Pinole
Jim Tillman, Wastewater Advocate, Pinole

3. INTRODUCTIONS

4. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES FROM MARCH 26, 2015 AND APRIL 15, 2015 MEETINGS

Action: Motion by Pinole Councilmember Long, seconded by Hercules Councilmember Kelly to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2015 and April 15, 2015 meetings, as submitted, carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Kelly, Long, Murray, McCoy
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

5. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD – FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Jim Tillman, Pinole, expressed concern for leakage from East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) lines affecting the Wastewater Treatment Plant; asked if recycled water from the plant could be offered to residential customers for use in residential landscaping; and urged both cities to contact Legislators in Sacramento to see if recycled water from the plant could be used to help the cities during the drought, and whether a State program related to the drought might be able to help in that regard.

David Biggs, City Manager, Hercules, reported that the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District was providing up to 50 gallons of recycled water both for district customers and those who were not customers of the district.

Dean Allison, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Pinole, advised that Ron Tobey, Plant Operations Manager, was currently working on the issue of recycled water.

- It was recommended that the use of recycled water be discussed as a future agenda item.

Anthony Gutierrez, Pinole, noted that there had been space allocated to bring the water at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to a tertiary level, and he asked of the cost to do that as opposed to sending the water out through the deep water outfall during drought conditions. He also expressed dismay that negotiations for the Project Labor Agreement (PLR) had broken down and referred to a project in Seattle which had utilized a Compromised PLA, which he described at this time.

- It was recommended that the cost of tertiary treated water be identified.

6. DRAFT FY 2015 – 2016 OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

Mr. Allison reported that the Draft FY 2015-2016 Operational and Capital Budgets were still in process and would be submitted at the next meeting in June.

7. PROJECT UPDATE (STATUS OF PLAN REVIEW, SCHEDULE, BUDGET)

Mr. Allison provided a project update and reported that HDR Engineering's 90 percent plans had been plan checked by Carrollo Engineers; HDR was reviewing Carrollo's comments and was on schedule to submit final plans early next month; and HDR had presented an updated Engineer's Estimate. As to project schedule, the path to construction continued to track with the schedule released in March; and one of the elements to be completed prior to the award of construction was the prequalification process, which was underway.

Mr. Allison added that the PLA still needed to be negotiated so that it could be integrated into the advertised specs and the prequalification agreement would identify who would get the specs to build; the PLA would modify the general specs to identify what was desired, and the process would then proceed to advertisement and award of construction. The plan was expected to be advertised on September 8, with award of construction early in 2016. He added that the bids would have to be good for a longer period to allow time for State Revolving Loan Fund approval.

As to project update, **Mr. Allison** reported that the duration of the project, in two phases, would likely take 32 months which would require extended construction management time for an estimated additional cost of \$400,000. There was also a new Engineer's Estimate; a one percent increase from the 65 percent plans that would translate to an additional \$400,000. He noted that the restrooms were now estimated at \$150,000 instead of \$300,000, and the off-site public building replacement estimate of \$500,000 would likely come in lower. Park mitigation plans had not been finalized, street mitigation was unknown, and the contingency had been reduced given the additional information.

Overall, **Mr. Allison** reported that total project costs were now \$800,000 higher than previously reported. He added that \$3.4 million had been spent to date, and the perspective project cost was reported to be \$42,001,800, which would relate to the State Revolving Loan Fund.

Mr. Allison described the current activities and process working to establish a list of qualified bidders; the permit from the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) had been issued with conditions; the Engineer's Estimate for the off-site storage building had come in at \$175,000 with an expected award of construction in August 2015; staff was coordinating with the Contra Costa County Flood Control District over a property exchange; and there was ongoing communication with the State Water Resources Control Board. He reported that the project remained on schedule, and a 6 percent contingency had been included.

When asked, **Mr. Allison** advised that there was some flexibility in how much the State Revolving Loan Fund would fund; highlighted the elements of the prequalification agreement; summarized the bonding; and explained that the warranty bond could be extended. There was also a desire to see if there was some way to verify contractor claims related to safety and the litigation record, and a desire to have subs demonstrate some bonding capacity. He expressed a willingness to speak to the city attorneys in that regard.

Jim Tillman, Pinole, expressed concern for plant related construction traffic on Pinole Valley Road to Tenant Avenue and asked if there had been a traffic study to consider alternate traffic plans.

Anthony Gutierrez, Pinole, asked about the PLA and whether the costs associated with the PLA had been included in the total costs for the plant.

In response, **Mr. Allison** stated that the cost to negotiate the PLA had not been included in the estimated cost nor had the cost for Carrollo Engineers to manage some of the elements of the PLA. With respect to a traffic study, he reported that Pinole Valley Road was not an approved truck route and vehicles delivering to the plant during the construction process would likely use San Pablo Avenue from the freeway. As to a surge wall, in discussions with the BCDC, it had indicated if a barrier related to global warming or sea level rise was required, BCDC would prefer to have trails graded higher to be out of harm's way. The cost of a structural wall had been estimated at \$1.5 million, although those costs would be addressed with BCDC at some time in the future.

8. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION ON SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE AND TIME

Action: Motion by Pinole Councilmember Long, seconded by Hercules Councilmember Kelly to change the meeting date to the first Thursday of each month, carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Kelly, Long, Murray, McCoy
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 A.M. to a regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 8:30 A.M. in the City of Pinole.