

Director Questions Sept-Oct – D’Ambrosio

Disbursements September:

1. Page 27 -- Ck.3409 -- what is a stroke tool?

This is a hydraulic lift set – application is for pushing, pulling, lifting, pressing, and clamping. Where it refers to “stroke” that really means the amount of travel the piston rod can move in and out (or how far it will lift or move something). It is found by subtracting the maximum extended length of the hydraulic cylinder from its minimum compressed length.

The description “stroke tool” is incomplete. The invoice reads “Maintenance Set 2.5 ton, 5” stroke”

2. Page 28/32 -- Cks. #3445/3556 -- two bills for Hatton Canyon revegetation, each different charges. What services are we paying for and why the difference of \$1000 +?

#3445 \$4,395.62 July 2022 (total): is Maintenance of revegetation, (\$480) 8% complete plus three subcontract charges for \$1,400 (watering) and \$865.62 (assorted plants) and \$1,650 (planting, watering, weeding, rope fence, project management).

#3556 \$5,458.44 August 2022 (total): is Maintenance of revegetation (\$1,440) 32% complete plus two subcontract charges for \$1,050.17 (watering) and \$2,968.27 (seed collection, watering, rope fence)

3. Page 29/33 -- Ck. #3464 -- CRFREE legal services \$7,202.50 and Stamp/Erickson CRFREE legal services \$12,510? Is one for the County grant funding agreement, the other for State? Please expand and how close are we?

How close are we? That’s an excellent question. Right now, we are waiting to hear from FEMA if funding is approved. You might think we would have an agreement in place by now, but that is not quite how the County rolls.

The County was afraid they were about to lose some of their funding so they asked us if we would agree to allow them to work on the east side of Hwy 1. CAWD is nothing if not accommodating so we said yes as long as they stayed on the east side and did not notch the levy. The problem was that the EIR did not address changing the conditions to accommodate County financing concerns. So, the County was just going to write in a Memo of Understanding that we changed the conditions. Molly Erickson said that would eliminate all the protections we had (recall that she worked on the original EIR). To protect the District’s interests, we called Molly in to work on the amendment to the EIR portion.

The legal services with Murphy Austin Adams Schoenfeld is to work on the agreement between the County and CAWD for operations and funding. Are we making progress? Let’s just say that Mr. Austin is entirely professional, but I sense he is not impressed with progress to date.

I recognize we’re spending a fair amount on legal services, but we need to protect the District’s interests. There is much the County seem unaware of as it relates to both CEQA and funding arrangements. Plus, we are now working with our 3rd attorney from the County. Each one retires and we are assigned a new one. The County’s procedure is to let staff write the agreement then staff calls counsel in to the negotiations. It is not efficient because staff does not know how to write a legal

document. Needless to say, we are still working with the County. We have an agreement that allows them to commence work on the east side of Hwy 1 while protecting CAWD. We anticipate a funding decision by FEMA around Jan-Feb. If all goes well, we should be in construction in 2024.

Disbursements October:

4. Page 33 -- Ck. #3640 -- Sea level rise study -- Briefly describe where we are at this point.

Patrick Treanor - The study is about 75% complete. I have reviewed two drafts of the main technical memo and it is looking good.

5. Page 34 -- Ck. #3667 -- What are these chemicals \$17, 587 used for?

Polymer – used as flocculants to aid solid/liquid separation. Increase the speed and efficiency of solid/liquid separation and help dewater sludge

6. Page 68 -- Construction activities -- is this the total number of manholes to be rehabbed or will there be more next fiscal year and if so what is the total number?

Daryl Lauer - There is a total of 52 manholes that are being rehabilitated this year. There are 264 manhole that are poor shape and 918 in fair shape. The plan is to rehabilitate the manholes in poor shape at 50 manholes per year until there are no more poor manholes.

7. Page 68 -- The odor barriers described are used to control odors which is a good thing but when installing these does it eliminate a way in which to troubleshoot blockages?

Daryl Lauer - There are two types of odor barriers we us the first work most of the time, it is a simple sheet of 3 mil plastic usually doubled up. The second is a molded insert that works very well but is much more costly. Neither of these odor barriers impact staff from troubleshooting blockages or for routine maintenance

8. Page 81 -- Mark's report covering the Districts tailgate training on Covid and other respiratory illnesses and "stay at home" policies and procedures is excellent.

Thank you

9. Page 81 -- I applaud the staff and District annual two-week training programs. It's not often we see public or private organizations proactively investing in this kind of training regime. Great stuff!

Thank you

10. Page 94 -- Congratulations to Fanny Mui successfully completing her CWEA Environmental Compliance Inspector Grade II exam. Perfect timing with the restaurant grease inspections program focus.

Absolutely, congrats to Fanny!

11. Page 102 -- Plant fencing project -- In anticipation of the coming installation of a new security fence I'd like to suggest considering relocation of the east fence line to be placed as close to the driveway curb as possible so that space is available outside the fence for a future pathway connection from a "new pedestrian bridge" to CAWD's old access road. This would negate any issues of a path being located on Carmel Mission property adjacent to CAWD.

We should bring this before the full Board for their approval.

Patrick Treanor – It would be feasible to do this.

12. Page 117 -- Real Estate -- Rob suggested the board have a primer on property condemnation. Is that in the works?

Yes, January 2023

13. Page 232 -- Are any of these programs scheduled to provide Zoom access vs. personal attendance?

I believe they are all in person only. I equivocate only because that may change.

14. Page 235 -- Considering the letters received from residents from the two project areas (Carmel Meadows/Pescadero) this proposal doesn't seem timely.

Probably should have been completed a couple of years ago!