

Pure Water North City Phase I Construction Projects Bay Park/Morena and Clairemont Working Group Meeting #5 Summary

City of San Diego Virtual Zoom Meeting Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2020, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

This document is not intended to capture verbatim comments from the meeting or function as meeting minutes. It is a summary of the questions posed by the Working Group members and the answers provided by City staff and consultants. The questions and answers are unattributed.

Bay Park/Morena Working Group Members Present

Carol Baker, Resident Bernadette Butkiewicz, Resident Paul Kosen, Resident Trey McDonald, USD Office of Sustainability Morris Nuspl, Deft Brewing

Clairemont Working Group Members Present

Jeff Baughn, Resident David Curtis, Resident Michael Dwyer, Resident Kelly Johnson, Clairemont Town Square Jonathan Layton, Resident/UTC Aerospace Systems

Bay Park/Morena Working Group Members Absent

Kenneth Brooks, Resident David Burpeau, Resident Delana Hardacre, Clairemont Planning Group

Clairemont Working Group Members Absent

Stephanie Fullerton, Diocese of San Diego Connor Munson, Brady Engineering Morteza Rahimi, Clairemont Town Council

Project Team Members Present

Andrea Demich, City of San Diego Megan Drummy, Katz & Associates Dylan Grise, Katz & Associates Steve Lindsay, City of San Diego Sean McCarty, Consultant, City of San Diego John Stufflebean, City of San Diego Patricia Tennyson, Katz & Associates

Other Attendees

Carrie Munson, Council District 2 Jon Shiner, Council District 6

Welcome

John Stufflebean, Assistant Director for the Public Utilities Department, introduced himself, welcomed the Bay Park/Morena and Clairemont Working Groups (WG) to their fifth meeting and thanked them for their continued commitment, participation and feedback. Andrea Demich then explained her role as the new Pure Water Program Manager.

Agenda, Meeting Participation Guidelines and Introductions

Patricia Tennyson, meeting facilitator, reviewed the agenda and objectives. She reviewed highlights from the WG Mission and Principles of Participation, the previously established ground rules and the additional ground rules for the virtual meeting. She reminded the WGs that their local insights are essential to mitigating issues related to the project, because they know things the project team does not know about their community.

Other members of the project team, the members of the two WGs and the Council representatives then introduced themselves.

WG members received the latest versions of the Clairemont and Bay Park/Morena WG recommendations matrices and the Meeting #5 presentation via email prior to the meeting. To view the new and previous meeting materials, visit the Pure Water San Diego website at phase1.purewatersd.org.

Program Update and Phase I Overview & Schedule

A. Demich explained that the Phase I construction bidding process is now back on track following several lawsuits, and that the City has negotiated a project labor agreement (PLA) that satisfied all parties. She provided an update on some of the elements of the PLA, as well as a brief description of the early grading work already taking place at the North City Water Reclamation Plant and North City Pure Water Facility site.

A. Demich then provided a presentation about the Phase I Projects that included an overview of the construction packages, including the Morena Pipelines, the North City Pure Water Facility & Pump Station, the North City Pure Water Pipeline, the Morena Pump Station, the North City Water Reclamation Plant Expansion and the Metropolitan Biosolids Center Improvements. A final slide noted the anticipated advertisement dates for contractors to bid on the construction packages, including some actual dates for August 2020, and when construction is anticipated to begin.

The following are comments or questions from the WG members:

WG Member: What does the project labor agreement (PLA) mean for contractors; do they have to belong to a union?

Project Team: The PLA allows both union and non-union laborers to bid for the job.

WG Member: What is the estimated construction time for the Morena Central pipeline?

Project Team: The construction is scheduled to begin in December 2021 and be completed in spring 2024.

Overview of Constructability Reviews & Working Group Matrix Updates

Sean McCarty discussed the criteria included in the project constructability reviews and then reviewed the recommendations matrices from both the Bay Park/Morena and Clairemont Working Groups. Only the Bay Park/Morena matrix included updates since the last meeting—both still include recommendations that are pending evaluation.

The following are comments or questions from the WG members:

WG Member: Are there any updates about the bicycle lanes the Pure Water team said would be created after resurfacing is complete on Clairemont Drive?

Project Team: The City's Transportation and Storm Water Department is working on striping plans to add bicycle lanes on Clairemont Drive. When those plans are completed, they will go out to bid with the Morena Central segment. It will be bid under the same construction package but with different funding sources.

WG Member: What will the construction impacts be in the areas with combined construction projects?

Project Team: Knowing the impacts of multiple projects under construction concurrently, and in close proximity to each other, the City has staggered the release of the construction packages to minimize construction impacts. The excavation and removal of materials from the Morena Pump Station site will occur ahead of the construction of the Morena Southern pipeline alignment, for example. The installation of the pipeline will be linear, meaning there will only be portions of the pipeline being worked on at any given time (ex. block by block). Once those segments have been completed, the construction crew will move to the next segment. The City has planned night work in high traffic areas to minimize construction impacts and delays.

WG Member: Will access to businesses be available throughout construction?

Project Team: Yes, the team is committed to maintaining access to all buildings during construction. The contractor will develop a traffic control plan that accommodates transit through the construction area. If there are issues with the traffic controls, the City will look to make improvements to mitigate the impacts. It is important that the construction crews maintain access to all properties at all times.

WG Member: Do you have a breakdown of the weekly work schedules?

Project Team: The construction teams will provide a three week lookahead schedule for the anticipated construction that will define where the construction will be taking place, what construction is being done, and the time the construction will occur. That information will be shared via e-blasts and on the program website.

WG Member: Is there an opportunity to route the removal of the excavated materials from the Pump Station to Friars Road rather than on Sherman Street?

Project Team: No. Just south of the Pump Station is the 500-year flood levee for the San Diego River, managed by the Army Corps of Engineers. In order to direct traffic to Friars Road the levee would need to be leveled.

WG Member: There is already construction occurring along portions of the alignment. Is that part of the Phase I projects?

Project Team: There are utility companies that may be working to make room for the Pure Water pipeline, but they are not directly tied to the Phase I construction packages. For example, SDG&E is currently beginning work near the Pump Station to prepare for Pure Water related construction. While the utility work being completed is not being done by the City, please feel free to reach out with any construction related issues you may experience.

WG Member: When will the "meet and greet" between the contractors and the WG members take place?

Project Team: Once the contractors have been brought onboard and a superintendent has been identified, the team will come to a future WG meeting to introduce themselves to the community and familiarize themselves with the community members and planning groups. This is a requirement in the contracts being released and the communities will be notified of the "meet and greet" in advance.

WG Member: Will the contractor be referencing the Overall Condition Index (OCI) report that was created prior to construction when resurfacing the streets impacted by construction activities for each of the construction contracts?

Project Team: While an OCI has been referred to for design, the type of repair will vary based on the field condition of the roadways. In some places, a trench repair and seal will be sufficient while other areas may warrant further steps.

Construction Outreach Plan Summary

S. McCarty provided a summary of the goals for the construction outreach plan, the outreach methodology, and the types of notifications and block-by-block outreach that will take place in each community impacted by construction.

The following are comments or questions from the WG members:

WG Member: When will the Pure Water team brief the Clairemont Planning Group on the status of the contracts relevant to Clairemont?

Project Team: The outreach team is currently planning out the schedule for visiting the planning groups for the areas where construction will occur, including the Clairemont Planning Group. We will make sure to share this information once we have scheduled the presentations.

Morena Pump Station Bid Specifications

S. McCarty provided an update on the review and finalization of the bid specifications for the Morena Pump Station. The Morena Pump Station is anticipated to be advertised in late September.

The following are comments or questions from the WG members:

WG Member: The combination of construction activities is a concern for Deft Brewing and other businesses that are adjacent to the Pump Station construction. Is there someone we can speak with about the specifics for our location?

Project Team: Members of the project team will arrange a meeting at the location to review the anticipated construction impacts and discuss any concerns.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Closing & Next Steps/Future Meetings

P. Tennyson closed the meeting by noting that email updates would be provided to WG members as needed and that they would be notified as additional meetings are scheduled. She shared program and staff contact information for any questions that may arise in the meantime.