



MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Responsible for matters of stewardship of the District's property including: Urban Water Management Plans; Water Conservation Programs; Classis Watershed Education Grants; Watershed Management; Resource Management and other environmental related matter.

Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the Operations Building, 13057 Highway 9, Boulder Creek, California.

MINUTES:

1. Convene Meeting 9:37
Roll Call: Farris, Fultz, Fresco, O'Connor, Supp
Staff: R. Rogers-District Manager, J. Michelsen-Environmental Programs Manager, H. Hossack-District Manager.
2. Oral Communications:

L. Ford-Felton, said he is concerned about Fire Protection in the valley.
Discussion by Committee and staff in response to L. Ford.
3. Old Business:
 - A. RFP FOR HYDROGEOLOGIST

J. Michelsen introduced the item. Explained the reason for a need for a hydrogeologist.
Discussion by Committee and staff regarding evaluations.
J. Michelsen's analysis of the proposals #1. EKI #2. Stetson also very good, locally known. #3. LSCE recommended by N. Johnson.
J. Supp analysis ranking for EKI he liked their local experience and he thought they had a better approach to the problem. LSCE looked very generic with no clear approach, but talented. Stetson had the best explanation of what they thought we're confronting.
Kevin agreed with John's analysis. EKI, he liked their local experience. LSCE while the skill is there, they haven't worked in similar region. Stetson has knowledge of area.
E. Fresco said she preferred Stetson. They are the most local and a smaller company.
L. Farris struggled with the evaluation. #1 EKI, #2 Stetson, #3 LSCE Size matters EKI never had a customer complaint.
B. Fultz mostly concerned about technical requirements. The fact that Nick Johnson recommended LSCE interested him.
R. Rogers said that EKI was his choice. Martin Feeney is an engineer with EKI that the District has worked with quite a bit.
Discussion by Committee and staff regarding cost.
L. Farris impressed with Stetson's client list.
Discussion by Committee and staff. J. Michelsen was directed to research the customer testimonials.

L. Ford said that the rates are all reasonable. He prefers smaller firms. Said he would go with Stetson.

L. Farris clarified his understanding.

B. Fultz explained his thoughts. Also prefers smaller firms. He prefers to let the staff decide.

J. Supp questioned surface water expertise. Do they all have an understanding of surface water?

R. Rogers responded that EKI stood out more.

Discussion with Committee and staff.

L. Farris brought up the resume for John Theo. He was very impressed.

J. Michelsen likes the way John's mind works. He's a highly technical person but he can explain a very technical explanation in an accessible communication that the general public can understand.

B. Fultz made a motion to recommend to the Board EKI as the hydrogeologist and to direct staff to negotiate and execute a contract between the District and EKI for as needed hydrogeological consultation.

L. Farris seconded.

J. Michelsen said that she has one day to check references. If a red flag comes up for EKI, how would you like it handled?

B. Fultz said to just bring it to the Board.

Discussion by the Committee and staff.

All present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

4. New Business: None

5. Informational Material: None

6. E. Fresco would like to schedule an August meeting to discuss Larry Ford's concern.
Discussion by Committee and staff regarding meeting schedule and fire prevention.

Adjournment 11:01