

**MEMORANDUM
CITY OF LANCASTER, CA**

TO: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

FROM: Councilmember Ken Mann

DATE: February 12, 2013

SUBJECT: **Report on the Activities of the Board of Directors for District No. 14 of the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County**

Recommendation:

Receive a report of the proceedings and issues discussed at the January 17, 2013, District No. 14 Board of Directors meeting of the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County.

Background:

District No. 14 of the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County is organized to receive through their trunk sewers the wastewater from all of the City of Lancaster, a small region of the westerly portion of the City of Palmdale, and a smaller region of the unincorporated County of Los Angeles. A Board of Directors comprised of a representative from each city and the County generally meets monthly to review and decide upon the business of the District.

The Board of Directors considered the following agenda items at the January 17, 2013, meeting:

- Approved minutes of meeting held November 15, 2012.
- Approved warrants in the amount of \$526,526.09 for the months of October and November 2012. The warrants issued by the District are for costs incurred for operation and maintenance, such as electricity, water, telephone, and chemicals, and for relatively small capital projects. Expenditures are made in accordance with the guidelines established by the budget procedure and the purchasing policy that has been adopted by the Board.
- Approved a departmental invoice in the amount of \$3,089,152.92. The invoice is an internal document that transfers each District's proportionate share of expenditures made by District No. 2, the administrative District, on behalf of the participating Districts in accordance with the authority granted through the approved annual budget and applicable joint powers agreement.
- Accepted Contract No. 4553 and ordered final payment to GSE Construction, Inc. for construction of Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant (LWRP) Stage Five – Phase 1 Dewatering Facilities, resulting in a total contract amount of \$4,031,837.23.

- Authorized issuance of a Purchase Order to Tamco Chemical, Inc., for professional services and water treatment supplies for Lancaster and Palmdale Water Reclamation Plants in a total amount of \$158,400 for a two year period.
- Staff made a presentation to the Board on emerging technologies for biosolids management, specifically, Super Critical Water Oxidation (SCWO). Aquacritox is a SCWO method undergoing testing in which high pressure and high temperature oxidize the biosolids to produce an inert ash, carbon dioxide, oxygen and nitrogen. The initial capital costs are high and the cost per ton exceeds LWRP's current treatment method. Staff will continue to monitor this and other emerging technologies.