

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, August 15, 2024
1:30 p.m.

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) Board of Directors was called to order in person, by teleconference, and remotely - Conference Access Information: Phone Number: (669) 444-9171, Code: 82512742661#, <https://dcdca-org.zoom.us/j/82512742661?from=addon> at 1:30 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Board members in attendance from the DCA Boardroom were John Weed, Martin Milobar, Miguel Luna, and Robert Cheng. Tony Estremera participated from Valley Water Headquarters Boardroom, Adnan Anabtawi participated from Mojave Water Agency and Gary Martin participated from Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency.

Alternate Director in attendance from the DCA Boardroom was Michael Plinski. Alternate Directors Sarah Palmer, Dan Flory and Dennis LaMoreaux participated remotely.

DCA staff members in attendance were Graham Bradner, Valerie Martinez and Josh Nelson.

Department of Water Resources (DWR) member in attendance was Carrie Buckman.

3. CLOSED SESSION

a) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2):

- i. *Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District v. DWR*, Sacramento Superior Court, Case No. 24WM000006 (and related cases Nos. 24WM000008, 09, 10, 11, 12, 14, 17, 62, 76)

4. OPEN REGULAR MEETING & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- At Approximately 2:20 p.m.

President Milobar announced that there was no reportable action from closed session.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 20, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.

Recommendation: Approve the June 20, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve Minutes from June 20, 2024, as

Noted: Cheng
Second: Luna
Yeas: Milobar, Martin, Luna, Estremera, Cheng, Anabtawi
Nays: None
Abstains: Weed
Recusals: None
Absent: None
Summary: 6 Yeas; 0 Nays; 1 Abstain; 0 Absent. (Motion passed as MO 24-08-01).

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a) August DCA Monthly Report

Information Item

DCA Executive Director, Graham Bradner, presented to the Board the Monthly Report for July 2024. Mr. Bradner started with Section 1, highlighting that at this time the DCA is focused on financial and controls related topics, closing out the financials from the last fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2024. The DCA is working on new task orders and contracts based on the budget approved by the board in June. He stated that the board approved the sustainability policy last year and there have been efforts to advance the policy into a programmatic sustainability management plan. The strategy development allows DCA to develop the sustainability goals, metrics, reporting requirements and other parts to capture the programmatic plan.

Mr. Bradner also mentioned that the DCA has been working on several quality, health and safety items through internal audits with program team members. Also connected to quality, we have also been performing a process optimization review. Looking at our internal processes and in cooperation with our partners to that we have a well-founded basis.

In addition, Mr. Bradner stated that the administrative team continues to support directors, assist with tours and improve the audio issues in the boardroom.

Mr. Bradner continued to the engineering team activities, our primary efforts continue to be supporting the DWR permitting efforts. We have also continued with the public roll out of the updated total program cost estimate through presentations. These activities will continue through the Fall and help acquaint individuals with the new information, as well

as make sure there is an opportunity for people to hear from us how the information was developed. Coupled with presentations from the department's consultants on the economic analysis that was performed using the cost information as one of the principal inputs. Currently, there is a preferred project engineers reports that is being worked on. This allows for engineering documentation to be available to support the EIR (Environmental Impact Report). Some of the information was supplemented through an additional addenda and various memos that were prepared to support the environmental analysis. He stated that now that there is a preferred project selected by the department through the FEIR (Final Environmental Impact Report) for further study, much of the information has now been removed related to the other alignments that are no longer being considered. This allows for one cohesive engineering document that includes all the engineering bases for the project as it's described in the EIR. This is an internal document for starters but will be a key foundational document for future procurements.

Mr. Bradner stated that as part of the cost estimate work, there has been development of potential design innovations which could reduce cost, schedule and risk. DCA will continue to work on the innovations captured. There have been several reasonable credible innovations as part of the secondary estimate with the cost release.

Mr. Bradner continued to the fieldwork activities, the team completed the spring program. There is still laboratory testing and documentation work that is taking place. The current status of the preliminary injunction, the field teams are dormant for the time being however working to ensure that the final data is documented, into the databases and incorporated into the models. This will be available for the engineering team to use.

Mr. Bradner continued to Section 3: Budget, DCA has an approved budget of \$44.0M, this has been established within the program control system with a committed amount of \$33.6M. There is an underrun of about \$6.4M. The underrun is due to the investigative work that is currently suspended for the Summer and Fall programs. DCA has incurred to date \$351K Prepayments typically come out early, the rest of the contractor invoices are working their way through the process.

Mr. Bradner continued on to Fiscal Year (FY) 23/24, due to DCA continuing to close invoices that are coming in from June or anytime during the last FY. The FY usually closes with all invoices processed by October-November, during this time frame the financial from the previous FY will be added to the monthly report to provide transparency of the project. FY 23/24 has an approved budget of \$40.44M with an incurred at \$31.23M and an estimate at completion at \$32.56M. DCA is forecasting an underrun of \$8.8M. Mr. Bradner stated that there is nothing that we should have done that we didn't do last FY. There were a number of items we anticipated and budgeted at the beginning of the year that we elected not to engage in or fully implement. He went on to mention, we tend to carry a reasonable unallocated reserve which was not tapped in to last year, and he is content with the performance of the year.

Mr. Bradner continued to Section 5: Program Schedule and stated that schedule is broken into phases including the program management phase, program implementation, pre-design and pre-implementation elements of program delivery. DCA is showing within the program delivery the Geotech sub schedule activities that would include a summer 24 program, a Fall 2024 program and Spring 2025 program. This was part of the plan when DCA developed the budget and believe that it is the right thing to do to acknowledge that plan and acknowledge those activities even though they're currently in joined. The plans will be tracked throughout the year. In addition, there are various other activities that have begun and will report to the board if any of them appear to lag or need attention during the monthly report.

Director Cheng stated that there are large amounts of funds in the Executive Office and Engineering section of the budget. Director Cheng understands that the underrun of the engineering part is due to activities but would like clarification on the Executive Office portion.

Mr. Bradner stated to the board that most of the funds in the Executive Office section are from the unallocated reserve. In table 2A of the report, there is more detail of the items within the Executive Office section and there is an undefined allowance as a surplus variance of \$1.85M

President Milobar stated if the refinements are saving money to be used for the following FY of 25/26.

Mr. Bradner stated that that is a correct statement.

No further comments or questions were received from the Board, nor were any public comment requests received.

b) Adopt Resolution Approving the Second Amendment to the AECOM Technical Services, Inc. Agreement for Geotechnical and Fieldwork Services

Approve Resolution

DCA Chief Contracting Officer, Adrian Brown explained to the board that AECOM is requesting to extend their contract. AECOM provides geotechnical exploration reporting services. AECOM received their contract through formal public competitive solicitation conducted in late 2021. The contract expires January 2025. Mr. Brown stated that since they are heavily involved in providing geological services to the DCA and its operational and management requirements. Staff would like to recommend a 23-month extension to continue their services at this juncture.

Director Cheng stated that he is supportive of the continuity of the services and would like to know if DCA is following the Metropolitan contracting process or best practice.

Mr. Brown stated that DCA adopted their own purchasing and procurement policy and follows that policy including a request for qualifications from AECOM.

DCA General Counsel, Josh Nelson stated that under DCA's Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) DCA does follow the procurement rules applicable to Metropolitan Water District except as modified by the Joint Exercise of Power Agreement (JEPA). There are additional requirements that DCA agreed to in that contract with DWR.

Director Cheng stated that it possibly would be more disruptive if DCA were to do a procurement instead of extending the contract with AECOM.

Mr. Bradner stated that DCA did consider the status of the geotechnical program and the data collection program. At the time the contract was reprocedured we were thinking about the conclusion of the planning and permitting phase. Mr. Bradner went on to mention that that the DCA revisited the JEPA and acknowledged the planning and permitting phase does not stop with conclusion of the California Quality Environmental Act (CEQA) process. There are several other major permit activities that are ongoing and the scope of the Geotech contract was intended to align with the planning and permitting phase which will likely extend through the end of 2026. Mr. Bradner stated that there would be a need to procure a larger scale geotechnical contract associated with the implementation phase, at this time DCA is not there yet and the work that we are intending for the next couple of years is in line with the work we have been doing the last couple of years.

President Milobar stated if there was a request for additional funding.

Mr. Bradner stated that that was correct, and the request is to increase the contract total from \$30M to \$65M. This amount is reflective of the level of work that has been scoped out for the next couple of years, through the end of 2026.

President Milobar stated if the additional amount is now due to being able to define all the geotechnical information that is needed for the new alignment.

Mr. Bradner stated that prior to selecting a preferred project, there was investigative work spread out through the Delta. Now that there is a preferred project, work must be completed along the selected alignment. Mr. Bradner stated that at this time, the information provided now does not replace what will need to be done for the implementation phase of the design level investigative work.

Director Milobar asked how DCA determined the extent of the increased expenditure that is being requested.

Mr. Bradner stated that DCA reviewed the existing alignment and all the information that was collected and pulled from other sources in the database. This allows the ability to

identify gaps within the system of subsurface information along the tunnel alignment. In some cases, there are miles between existing data points. This limits what DCA can understand of the conditions along the tunnel profile. Mr. Bradner stated that filling in the gaps will provide context that will inform and refine the project, consider potential innovations in the future and position the project for consideration at the implementation phase.

President Milobar stated if there could be adjustments to cost made to the increase request.

Mr. Bradner stated that there would be no anticipation of an adjustment. The requested amount would extend through the end of calendar year 2026. If there was a change, DCA would advise the board of the basis of any change to the amount.

President Milobar stated that it would be inefficient to start over with a different contract. Also, if DCA is content with the work that has been performed with AECOM.

Mr. Bradner stated that AECOM is performing well and would be inefficient to start a new contract at this moment.

Director Cheng stated that with the approved budget for FY 24/25 how much is going towards the FY 24/25 versus the FY 25/26.

Mr. Bradner stated that the current approved budget is \$43M and this includes costs for geotechnical exploration. This is sufficiently covered by the current budget contract. The issues are that there is not enough time coverage for the full FY and there needs to be an amendment to do any work in the second half of the FY. There is consideration for potential additional contract capacity.

Recommendation: Adopt by motion to Approve the Second Amendment to the AECOM Technical Services, Inc. Agreement for Geotechnical and Fieldwork Services

Motion to Approve the Second Amendment to the AECOM Technical Services, Inc. Agreement for Geotechnical and Fieldwork Services

Noted: Estremera
Second: Luna
Yeas: Milobar, Martin, Luna, Estremera, Cheng, Anabtawi, Weed
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Recusals: None
Absent: None
Summary: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent. (Motion passed as Resolution 24-09).

No comments or questions were received from the Board, nor were any public comment requests received.

c) **Adopt Resolution Approving the Second Amendment to the Launch Consulting, LLC Agreement for Information Technology Services**

Approve Resolution

DCA Chief Contracting Officer, Adrian Brown presented to the board the company Launch that provides DCA with services. In 2019 a formal competitive solicitation was conducted and Launch's predecessor in interest was selected to provide the services. It was determined that this provider would provide the services through the length of the project. The contract stated that it would allow DCA to approve a series of 5-year extensions and this is the first of the 5-year extension. Staff recommend adding an additional \$2.97M to the contract to get through the next 5 years.

President Milobar stated what the cost would be of the total contract.

Mr. Brown stated that the total max compensation would be \$5.27M.

President Milobar stated if there would be other extensions.

Mr. Brown stated that yes, there would be other extensions as that is how the original contract was set up to allow 5-year extensions for the life of the project.

President Milobar stated if they are satisfied with the current service provider.

Mr. Bradner stated that they are satisfied with the services provided and feel that it is in DCA's best interest to continue with the current service provider.

Director Anabtawi asked if the rates are in line with what is expected with inflation and Consumer Price Index (CPI) and what would trigger interest to recompute this type of work. Mr. Brown stated that the contract manager reached an amount that would allow the contract amount to reach the next 5 years. Mr. Brown stated that the performance would have a large impact and as stated in the clause, that the DCA can terminate the contract at any time with Launch. This would then juncture a new competitive solicitation.

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution Approving the Second Amendment to Launch Consulting LLC, dba Launch Consulting., Agreement for IT Services.

Motion to Adopt Resolution Approving the Second Amendment to Launch Consulting LLC, dba Launch Consulting., Agreement for IT Services

Noted: Luna
Second: Anabtawi
Yeas: Milobar, Martin, Luna, Estremera, Cheng, Anabtawi, Weed
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Recusals: None
Absent: None
Summary: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent. (Motion passed as Resolution 24-10).

No comments or questions were received from the Board and no public comment requests received.

d) **DCA Board Appointments for Office of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer**

Appoint Board Officers by Motion

DCA Board Director, Miguel Luna proposed that board move forward as a slate and nominated Director Milobar as President, Director Estremera to be Vice President, Director Martin to continue as secretary and to re-appoint Katano Kasaine as Treasurer for FY 24/25-FY 25/26.

Board members agreed with the nominations, no further discussion on the appointment of officers.

Recommendation: DCA Board Appointments for Office of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer

Motion to Appoint for Officer of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer

Noted: Luna
Second: Martin
Yeas: Milobar, Martin, Luna, Estremera, Cheng, Anabtawi, Weed
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Recusals: None
Absent: None
Summary: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent. (Motion passed as MO 24-08 02).

No comments or questions were received from the Board, nor were any public comment requests received.

e) **DCA Internship Program Update**

Information Item

DCA Human Resources Manager, Marcie Scott presented to the board the DCA 2024 Summer internship program. The program has 4 interns, 1 graduate student from UC Davis who is now studying to environmental policy and management, 2 undergraduate civil engineering students that attend UC Irvine and UC Davis and 1 undergraduate student studying environmental and economics with a minor in statistics attending UC Santa Cruz. The 4 students completed their finals on June 14, 2024, and went straight to DCA and started on Monday, June 17, 2024, which demonstrates their enthusiasm and commitment to learning. Ms. Scott stated to the board that DCA holds these internship programs because students learn about statewide water resource issues. UC Davis has an excellent curriculum with a lot of interesting water classes. The interns enter the internship program with some base knowledge of water and expand their resources and understanding of the dynamics that go on around water resource issues statewide. The program is also a great tool for the interns to learn about public sector work and the impact of the public sector on large difficult and complex projects. Ms. Scott stated that the interns can connect and work with technical experts, colleagues at Delta Conveyance Office (DCO) and others at DWR. On the first day of the internship, DCA takes the interns to the Sacramento Municipal Utility District Museum, this museum has an excellent display on water and water resources. DCA Chief of Staff, Claudia Rodriguez, gave the students a tour of the museum.

Ms. Scott presented to the board a graph that showed a wide variation of water content in the mountains through snow and is a great tool for the interns to see. The interns had a social luncheon with the DCA board members prior to the June board meeting. This gave the interns the opportunity to learn about the members, their background and understand experience and knowledge of water the members have. They also had the chance to attend the board meeting and learn the protocols and the project's transparency process.

Ms. Scott stated to the board that the interns had the opportunity to explore parts of the project including doing a Delta Tour, tour the ISI Fish Screen facility and visited the Geotech lab and see the different types of soil testing. The interns also had the opportunity to meet with DCA staff members and learn about the tunnel boring machine and how it works, sustainability and the concepts used and lunches to learn about the different career opportunities and options when choosing a career path.

Ms. Scott stated to the board that now that there is a more defined project and the cost benefit analysis was released, this provided valuable information to the interns. One intern worked on a mock Geotech investigation plan and created her own plan. This plan consisted of the interns using Gantt charts, excel sheets and ARCGIS. The interns had to give a presentation on their last day regarding information they had learned and how that information had paved a path forward for them. Ms. Scott stated that this internship allowed them to understand the complexity around resource management in California, understand long-term planning as well as understand how public and private sectors work together and how they work differently. The interns learned how important communication skills and good writing are due to learning about technical writing and

being able to speak about engineering concepts in a way that people can understand. This internship program has helped the interns see a means to achieve their goals and how to enact positive environmental change.

Ms. Scott stated that Chaves and Associates is the employer that supports this project.

Director Luna asked how many interns have gone through the program.

Ms. Scott stated that 13 interns have gone through the internship program.

Director Luna stated if DCA reaches out to the students, or the students reach out to DCA.

Ms. Scott stated that students reach out to DCA and DCA does their own reaching out.

Director Luna stated that it was a pleasure meeting the interns and happy to see their intelligence and their inquiry about the work that the board does and how the interns will use that to their own personal stuff.

President Milobar stated that he received a letter from on the of the interns and appreciated their thoughts.

Director Weed stated that he is a strong supporter of the internship programs and water education foundation also has an active program. The DCA internship program would complement the program.

Director Martin thanked Ms. Scott and DCA for creating such a comprehensive and meaningful experience for the interns. This program could help decide whether the students proceed with their career in water or make a change.

President Milobar stated that it is a great program and asked what the largest group of interns has been.

Ms. Scott stated that the largest group of interns was five and that was the first year of the program and continue to make the program better.

President Milobar stated that he would like to know where the students end up in 2-3 years.

Director Cheng stated that he supports the internship program and believes that it is a very robust program that benefits the industry. Companies allowing the mentors to spend time with the interns is a great opportunity and believes the mentors that were listed are great. Director Cheng also mentioned that communication is very important.

Director Estremera believes that the internship program is a great thing and mentioned that Valley Water also has year-round programs that the interns can participate in.

Director Anabtawi stated that this is a great program that leaves a lasting impression on the interns. This is good for them to learn about the complexity of the program and the careers in the business, challenges and the way things are communicated.

No further comments or questions were received from the Board, nor were any public comment requests received.

7. STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Milobar stated that members of the public may address the Authority on matters pertaining to the Reports at this time.

No public comment requests were received.

a. General Counsel's Report

DCA General Counsel, Josh Nelson, informed the Board that he continues to provide legal assistance as requested. This includes assisting with the procurement and other action items on the agenda. Mr. Nelson provided one noteworthy update. The Attorney General recently determined that there is a requirement for local agencies to provide accommodation for qualifying directors to attend meetings remotely under the ADA. The directors can attend from a private remote meeting location if they use a 2-way video, audio streaming and disclose anyone over the age of 18 in their room. These are similar to requirements under AB 2449 except there is no on the number of qualifying meetings. Mr. Nelson stated that we will work with any affected director if this is available.

President Milobar stated that they had been following that procedure for several years.

Mr. Nelson stated that the statement was correct except that if a director needed to attend from a private meeting location more than the maximum number of times permitted in the Brown Act, there may be an ability to do so now.

President Milobar stated what the maximum number of times to do that was.

Mr. Nelson stated that it was twice a year for the DCA.

Director Anabtawi stated that without having to post one's particular location or have it been made available for access by the public yet disclosing those adults within the room is required.

Mr. Nelson confirmed that that was correct. If a director needed to attend from a private home without making that location public or listed on the agenda, this could be an opportunity to do so.

No further comments or questions were received from the Board, nor were any public comment requests received.

b. Treasurer's Report

Bernadette Robertson, DCA Controller, presented on behalf of DCA Treasurer, Katano Kasaine. Ms. Robertson informed the Board that the beginning cash balance for the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority (Authority) as of June 1, 2024, was \$2,052,064. Receipts for June 2024 totaled \$237,658 representing contributions from the Department of Water Resources, Delta Conveyance Office (DCO), for payment of the Authority's obligations. During the same period, disbursements totaled \$1,536,858 resulting in an ending cash balance of \$752,864 as of June 30, 2024.

Ms. Robertson stated that as of June 30, 2024, the Authority's outstanding receivables amounted to \$5,254,815 consisting of 20 invoices issued to the DCO. Deposits, comprising of office lease security and court ordered entry permit reserves, and prepaid expenses were \$1,023,073 and \$76,331, respectively, as of June 30, 2024. For the same period, balances for accounts payable and advances were \$5,181,717 and \$800,000, respectively. The net position as of June 30, 2024, was \$1,125,366, which included \$1,023,073 of restricted net position from deposits and \$102,293 of unrestricted net position. for payment of the Authority's obligations. During the same period, disbursements totaled \$6,771,373 resulting in an ending cash balance of \$2,052,064 as of May 31, 2024.

Ms. Robertson stated that this is preliminary due to the authority's financial statement being under audit.

No comments or questions were received from the Board, nor were any public comment requests received.

c. DCP Communications Report

DCA Communications Manager, Valerie Martinez informed the Board that Graham Bradner, Carrie Buckman and DR. David Sunding completed a podcast with What Matters Water TV with Charlie Wilson who is with the Southern California Water Coalition. This podcast should be ready in a couple of weeks. Ms. Martinez stated that the current goal is to continue to push out information about the project, the cost estimate and the benefit cost analysis to several different audiences using several different platforms. DCA has a new Instagram page and encourages everyone to follow the page. This includes following DCA's Facebook page, you tube and X (formerly known as Twitter). DCA will also be moving forward with a LinkedIn page. Ms. Martinez continued to present to the board that there

are a few new fact sheets that have been posted on the website in English, Spanish and Chinese regarding the Bethany Alignment.

Ms. Martinez stated to the board that the team attended the building industry at the Southern California Water Conference. This was a great place to gather information and listen to the industry itself talk about the project and how people are positive about moving the project forward. The DCA will also be attending the Urban Water Institute conference as this is also a great opportunity to give people the opportunity to ask questions about the project. Ms. Martinez stated that at these conferences, DCA has a booth and has materials, videos and information for people to take.

Ms. Martinez stated that Graham Brander, Carrie Buckman and Dr. David Sunding are presenting at multiple member agencies and informing the community about the project.

Ms. Martinez added that Crestline Lake Arrowhead has a new fact sheet that is available in English, Spanish and Chinese. All the information that is presented is available on the DCA website.

Director Cheng stated that he appreciates all the work that is being done.

Director Luna also appreciates all the work that is being done.

Director Weed would like to know what conferences DCA plans to participate in.

Ms. Martinez stated that that information can be provided.

President Milobar stated that the presentations that Mr. Bradner, Ms. Buckman, and Dr. Sunding gave were excellent and provide valuable information. Having someone as accomplished as Dr. Sunding working on the number was very impressive. President Milobar would like more information regarding the public comment that pushed back on the numbers.

Ms. Buckman stated that Dr. Jeff Michael from the University of the Pacific wrote a paper with a rebuttal to Dr. Sunding's evaluation and Dr. Sunding has responded and is available on the DWR website. Dr. Sunding's response did mention that Dr. Michael's points did not have merit. Ms. Buckman stated that DWR sent out an eblast with a lot of information including the rebuttal.

No further comments or questions were received from the Board, nor were any public comment requests received.

d. DWR Environmental Manager's Report

DWR Environmental Manager, Carrie Buckman presented to the Board the two (2) main focuses are the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the California Endangered Species Act

(CESA) compliance and the water rights process. The ESA and the CESA process are moving forward as the documents are all with the resource agencies for evaluations.

Ms. Buckman stated that the water rights process is gearing up, DWR had their first prehearing conference on Tuesday that was focused on the schedule. The water board has asked their Administrative Hearings Office to preside over the overall hearing and the Administrative Hearings Officer had the first prehearing conference to speak about the schedule. DWR had the opportunity to provide information from their perspective on schedule and the protestants did as well. The Administrative Hearings Officer will consider that to determine if there are any changes she would like to make to the initial schedule she has developed. There are two more prehearing conferences scheduled, one is on October 17, 2024, and one is on December 16, 2024, and they will both cover other administrative and procedural issues before the hearing begins. The hearing is scheduled to begin with policy statements on January 16th and then the beginning of the hearing cases starts on January 30, 2025.

President Milobar stated if the hearings are available online.

Ms. Buckman stated that they are available online. There is a zoom site for the active participants and a YouTube link.

Director Cheng stated that the community benefits program seems to be coming to a draft implementation plan which is great and asked if there would be costs associated with it.

Ms. Buckman stated that the next step towards implementation of the community benefits program is to provide something to respond to as they've been working with communities and asking a lot of questions. It is hard to develop ideas from a blank slate and this will make it clear that this is an initial draft to discuss, edit and revise. Ms. Buckman stated that this is not intended to be the final product but there is information in the budget that the DCA developed this year. The overall cost is \$200M of the community benefits program that will be reflected in the upcoming documentation.

No comments or questions were received from the Board, nor were any public comment requests received.

e. Verbal Reports

Director Weed shared that he recently got married and won another term on the Alameda County Water District Board.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

No future agenda items requested.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

DCA Alternate Director, Sarah Palmer stated that the Special Districts Association of Alameda County is looking for scholarships for interns and scholarships for individuals developing in infrastructure. The DCA program has done a great job in pulling the ideas of both policy and infrastructure.

No further public comment requests.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

President Milobar adjourned the meeting at 3.36 p.m., remotely-Conference Access Information: Phone Number: (669) 444-9171, Code: 82512742661#, <https://dcdca-org.zoom.us/j/82512742661?from=addon>