

## WWTP Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Summary Report

**Meeting Date:** June 5, 2026

**Committee Members Present:** Director Carter Ohlmann, Director Rock Rockenbach

**Staff Present:** General Manager Weigold; Stephen Williams from Administration; and Bryce Swetek from Engineering, who attended remotely.

**Contractors Present:** Representatives from Southland and Ardurra, including managers and engineers.

**Duration:** Approximately 2.0 hours

### Overview

The WWTP Ad Hoc Committee (hereafter “Ad Hoc”) attended a meeting with Southland, Ardurra, and District staff concerning the planned approach for completing Technical Memorandum 2 (TM2) under the MSD/Southland/Ardurra contract.

Technical Memorandum 2 concerns the Constraints Analysis associated with a potential connection to the City of Santa Barbara’s El Estero Water Resource Center. As discussed, TM-2 is intended to provide information for future Board decision-making regarding the potential City connection alternative. It is not, by itself, a recommendation to proceed with that alternative.

The discussion addressed the anticipated scope and approach for TM-2, including:

- Project management, quality control, and meetings;
- Data review and coordination with the City of Santa Barbara;
- Treatment capacity evaluation;
- Design criteria for a pump station and force main;
- Institutional and regulatory constraints;
- Major work efforts and schedule; and
- Preparation of draft and final technical memoranda.

The discussion also focused on several broader decision-making issues, including the difficulty of completing a fully definitive evaluation at this stage, the likelihood that future

decisions will need to be made with imperfect information, and the importance of identifying unknowns related to City operations, maintenance, capital costs, regulatory obligations, and future infrastructure requirements.

### **Board-Level Summary**

The principal takeaway is that TM-2 is intended to help frame the City connection alternative by identifying technical, regulatory, institutional, schedule, and cost-related constraints. The information developed through TM-2 should assist future Board analysis, but the weight given to different factors will likely vary by decision maker.

The Committee did not take action, make decisions, or develop a recommendation for Board action.

### **Action Items Taken**

None.

### **Recommendations to Board**

None at this time.