

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
SANITATION DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 1

**SUBJECT: ADVERTISE AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR LAKESIDE
SMALL DIAMETER SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (DISTRICT: 2)**

OVERVIEW

The Department of Public Works (DPW) manages a sewer system for communities that are within the jurisdiction of the San Diego County Sanitation District (District). The District's service area encompasses unincorporated communities within Supervisorial Districts 1, and 2 and 4. The District sewer system is comprised of approximately 432 miles of sewer lines, 8,200 maintenance holes, eight pump stations, several pressurized force mains, and three wastewater treatment plants.

The District completed a condition assessment of its entire sewer system in 2021 using closed-circuit television inspections and identified sewer segments that need to be rehabilitated based on consequence and risk of failure. The prioritized list of sewers to be rehabilitated includes various locations in the communities of Lakeside and Alpine. Rehabilitating identified sewer segments will help prevent interruption of sewer service for important daily activities for the community such as taking a shower, flushing toilets, and/or draining a sink. Additionally, it will minimize the likelihood of sewer spills and will allow for efficient transport of wastewater. While rehabilitating sewer segments, sewer service laterals will not be disconnected from the sewer main for more than one workday and the laterals will be monitored to prevent sewage backup. Notices will be sent to property owners in advance for all construction activities. The engineering plans and specifications to rehabilitate identified sewer segments in Lakeside and Alpine are complete and the project is ready to be advertised.

This is a request to approve the advertisement and subsequent award of a construction contract for the Lakeside Small Diameter Sewer Improvements Project. Construction is scheduled to begin fall 2025 and be completed by fall 2026. The estimated construction cost is \$2,800,000 including contingency. Total project costs, which include staff time and design, are estimated to be \$4,400,000. Funding for this project is included in Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan for the District.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find in accordance with Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) that the Lakeside Small Diameter Sewer Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA review because it involves the maintenance of existing public sewer lines involving no or negligible expansion of existing use.
2. Authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to take any action necessary to advertise and award a contract and to take other action authorized by Section 401 et seq., of the Administrative Code with respect to contracting for the Construction Contract for the Lakeside Small Diameter Sewer Improvements Project.
3. Designate the Director, Department of Public Works, as County Officer responsible for administering the construction contract, in accordance with Board Policy F-41, Public Works Construction Projects.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The San Diego County Sanitation District strives to preserve, enhance, and promote quality of life and environmental resources through the implementation of programs and projects that improve regional community health and environmental quality, while also complying with mandatory federal and state regulations governing sewer discharges. The infrastructure enhancements realized through the completion of this project will benefit the surrounding communities by reducing the risk of sewage spills and adverse impacts to water quality.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's action supports the San Diego County Sanitation District's (District) focus on the safe collection, treatment, and disposal of wastewater and contributes to environmental, social, and health and well-being sustainability benefits of the County of San Diego. By staying in compliance with the State Water Resource Control Board's regulation, the District can maintain a well-kept sewer system that protects the health and well-being of the communities it serves and helps protect water quality, both of which are key sustainability goals for the County.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan in the San Diego County Sanitation District. If approved, construction costs for the Lakeside Small Diameter Sewer Improvements Project are estimated to be \$2,800,000 including contingency. Total project costs, which include staff time and design, are estimated to be \$4,400,000. The funding source is San Diego County Sanitation District funds. After the project is completed, these sewers will be routinely maintained as a part of the entire sewer system maintained for \$3,900,000 per year. The funding source for the routine maintenance is the San Diego County Sanitation District funds. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

When approved by the Board of Directors for advertising and award, this San Diego County Sanitation District construction contract will be competitively and publicly bid and help stimulate the local economy by creating primarily construction related employment opportunities. All workers employed on public works projects must be paid the prevailing wages determined by the California Department of Industrial Relations, according to the type of work and location of the project. The prevailing wage rates are usually based on rates specified in collective bargaining agreements.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Director Desmond, seconded by Director Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Sanitation District took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Sanitation District.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Directors



Signed
by Andrew Potter



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