

SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

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MEETING TRANSCRIPTION

David:

All right, it's 12:30, so I will call to order the fourth 2025 meeting of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority to order. I note that we have a hundred percent attendance of our members, so welcome. Hope you all had a nice holiday season with your families and friends, and we'll move on to first item on the agenda is a safety moment regarding ticks. Very appropriate for this time of year to be careful. Public comment? No public?

Jennifer:

No.

David:

All right. Then with that, I will move into item three, which is Meet as Pension and Benefit Committee. Who would like to recess as the Authority and meet?

Catherine:

I'll make that motion.

David:

All right. Who'd like to second?

Mario:

Second.

David:

All those in favor signify by saying "aye." Aye.

Authority Members:

Aye.

[PENSION & BENEFIT COMMITTEE MEETS FROM 12:31 P.M. TO 1:41 P.M.]

David:

Thank you. Important information I've come over, and very good, thank you. The next item is acts, act on matters arising from the committee, and we did have recommendation from the Pension Committee. As chair, what's your pleasure?

Catherine:

I move approval of the three motions approved during the committee.

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David:

Good. Is there a second?

Suzanne:

I'll second.

David:

All right, ladies first. Oh, thank you. With that, there was this considerable discussion in the committee. I think we were in favor of this knowing that we're contributing over the arc, having had the annual review from Angel, status of the funds. I'm very pleased that they're in the 90% range.

I think that bodes well for municipal plans, and I think we're in decent shape with the OPEB compared to many other communities. Maybe not quite as good as some, but compared to many that I'm aware of in the municipal sector. So I think we're in good shape there.

Any other questions or comments? Is that saying you're ready to vote? I spoke too much anyway, so it's all in favor, say aye.

Authority members:

Aye.

David:

Aye. Passes unanimous. All right, the next item is the consent agenda. Any items you'd like to move back?

Ms. Sack:

I'll make that the motion to approve the consent agenda.

David:

Okay. Is there a second?

Kevin:

Second.

David:

All right. Kevin, Are there any items for clarification or any items you want to remove? Seeing none. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

Authority members:

Aye.

David:

Aye. Passes unanimous. Next item is... Finance. So, Rochelle?

Rochelle:

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So we have a few amendments, one of the amendments is for the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plan HVAC and Electrical Improvements. That project is going faster than what was originally expected. So we're requesting to move 1.5 million into that project, and we're taking it from multiple accounts, but it's really to get 1.5 million into that project.

We have another resolution for Lake Saltonstall treatment plan, HVAC upgrades. We're asking for 630,000 to be moved. Again, taking it from two plans.

We also have the Derby Wellfield's facility improvements. Again, another project that we're able to accelerate and that's about 520,000, but not least is for municipal pipe, and we did put it on this agenda. It was just at the 500,000 level, and that is, really, to do work associated with Orchard Street and Trumbull Street as well as to start the design of a St. Raphael's project.

David:

So no changes in budgets in any of these projects. Just changing and timing new funding.

Sunny:

One of the other things is to accelerate material given [inaudible 01:15:26], so all we are trying to do is existing contracts. We are trying to see whether we can actually expedite materials to reach the site. So the HVAC, we're doing it. The Derby Wellfield also, thanks to the city. So the sooner we get the materials on site, that'll be chances of any claims arising out of potential caps.

Rochelle:

Right, but no changes to budgets, right?

David:

No.

Rochelle:

Yes. I mean, for the municipal, that's just additional municipal work and the non-betterment piece of this is going to get reimbursed.

David:

Okay. That was my question. Thank you.

Rochelle:

All right.

David:

There are motions. Would someone like to move the motion? Kevin moved and is there a second to the motions in the memo?

Mario:

Second that.

David:

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All right. Any further discussion or questions? All right. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

Authority members:

Aye.

David:

Passes unanimous. We're onto reports of RPB committee meetings. First one up is Finance. Kevin, you attended, I know.

Kevin:

Yes.

David:

I did as well, but I'll let us keep it. So Chairman Marino is with us today, and the main part of the discussion was the budget capital and operating. That was presented by Sunny, and Rochelle, and Mr. Benni, the director of engineering. It was a very similar presentation that this board has seen.

If I compare it to previous years, going back several years, I think that, it was last year and this year, there are a lot less questions, it seems to be from the committees, both finance and when they have the joint Consumer Affairs-Land Use Committee meeting on it, and the questions don't seem to be as concerned about the size of the budget that they were years ago. So, I mean, there's some general... I didn't really hear any major concerns. And I guess really in years past, there was more concern about the size of the capital budget because they wanted to keep it at a certain level, and that drove what the rate increase was. But now it seems people are more understanding or accepting of the cost of service and the requirements. And there's more just general questions or curiosity, and trying to dig down a little bit into the weeds a little bit. Nothing... I didn't hear any major concerns at the finance committee meeting. I did like the fact that... I think there was an effort to call it to executive session and Chairman Moreno pushed back on that. I think they held most of it or all of it in session, which I'd like. And I think that's better if we can handle it. So, yeah.

Suzanne:

If I could just add one point. I think the overarching view was their comments versus our comments. We were tougher on management in terms of the size of the budget.

David:

Yes.

Suzanne:

Because we felt that it really needed to have a little tightening to it. That was all of our comments at that meeting. [inaudible 01:19:22] and some other things come to mind as questions, but they weren't overarching anything through there, "Oh no, no, this is bad." They just... Informational.

David:

Yeah, thank you. That's good.

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Suzanne:

I honestly thought on that point that they would be tougher because that's been my past experience with the... Especially the Finance Committee. So I don't know what that bodes or what means to the overall as far as a committee, like, as the RPB goes, but I still think that we should be, as a board, be a little bit tougher. It's just my opinion.

Catherine:

I will say that, I mean, I wasn't in this meeting, but it came up during the Land Use Committee and there was a lot of compliments about, I'm not saying a lot, well, there was a significant compliment about the presentation and the clarity of the presentation. And I think that was also helpful. Maybe that resulted in a few flash checks, but one person made the comment and a lot of people agreed. I'll put it that way.

Suzanne:

I think it's a track record that our finance directors provided that were great.

Kevin:

It's all about the management of that committee.

Catherine:

Exactly.

Kevin:

I was going to say that.

Catherine:

Clearly that's it.

Kevin:

Yes.

David:

Thank you, Kevin. Land Use.

Catherine:

Yes, I attended the Land Use committee meeting on the 9th of April, following the safety moment and the approval of the minutes. There was a very interesting presentation, which I could not see because it didn't come up on my screen. I was blocked from it. But it was very interesting to listen to about the multi-temporal monitoring of forest regrowth using drone technology. This dealing with the slash walls. It's very interesting.

The committee members asked a lot of questions that dealt with... There were a lot of data points and the researchers discussed the specifications of the sensors, how the data was collected and how it was analyzed, including the vegetation response and changes over time to the vegetation. There were a number of questions about how this technology could be used for identifying invasive species in the future, and then expansion of invasive species.

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So I thought that was a really good point. John Triana gave his usual comprehensive report, the land we feed for the water we use, and there was an extensive conversation about water main easements. And they're so old, some of them have been made at the beginning of the 1900s, and that property owners are building structures over easements and they don't even know that there is an easement.

So there's a question about whether... You might want to take some action in the future legislatively to make sure that these easements are part of the sale of property and tied to the teats, which I thought they were. There was a question from John as to whether or not that actually was true, that there could be multiple land of sales, and over time that information just sort of disappeared.

And so people were buying properties without a knowledge that there is an easement on their property. So that, I found very interesting.

Mario:

So does he have a full inventory of easements?

Catherine:

No. That's one of the things that he is looking to do, is to create an inventory and understand what's out there. And then having a survey whether there are other... This arose because of one person who built a yoga studio in her back yard, which was encroaching on the easement. It's right over the easement.

So it brought an issue to the front that there... Apparently this particular property, that easement was one that was from February 1900s.

Mario:

It wasn't on land record?

Catherine:

It would be on the land records. It wasn't on the deed.

Kevin:

Yeah, I've seen them, especially in the early 1900s. They don't transfer from deed to deed, necessarily.

Mario:

So is that a fun project for John, or is that on the priority list?

Sunny:

No, it is one of the priority projects. And what we're doing is, just to add on to what Catherine said in terms of the due diligence, our GIS folks went and started MOP and that is going to help us in identifying encroachments on a much faster basis.

But again, I think it'll be much more intensive in terms of labor efforts, to go and knock on doors and talk to the folks and doing that. But we are using technology to identify at least within encroachments. So that's the good part of it. Again, it's going to be. But it is not a fun product. It is [inaudible 01:25:00].

Catherine:

I thought it was very interesting. So the next meeting will be, shoot, I don't have it written down.

Sunny:

It's okay.

Catherine:

It's the next meeting. It's going to be held at the next property in Hamden.

Sunny:

We're all surprised. We stalled.

David:

Maybe at another group event.

Catherine:

Actually, given all the challenges...That is the end of

David:

Okay, thank you. And then the next one was... Mario and Kevin both listed. I don't know who wants to...

Kevin:

I ended up leaving the executive session.

David:

Okay.

Kevin:

So I didn't get to hear any questions, if any. I don't recall what the questions were in the executive session at the end. That was the part at the end of the meeting, correct?

Catherine:

You don't want to discuss those?

Kevin:

The meeting itself was similar to this committee meeting for the non-executive part. Did you attend that part of it as well?

Catherine:

I actually got caught up with something.

Kevin:

Oh, okay. But it is a similar complimentary...

Mario:

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Okay. Which I think is great and I think it is a testament to the hard work of the management and the credibility established over the years. The other side of me says that you still have to be diligent, and not everything's going to be rosy and we still have that. They keep an eye on the budget, and so I don't know if it's a shift because we've had a changeover in the RPP the past few years when we had some people that were, for whatever reason, maybe more focused on the budget. So I think we still need to be vigilant on that.

Catherine:

That's why you didn't talk to me about that.

Mario:

Yeah, that's true.

David:

Okay, thank you. All right then the next one is the Consumer Affairs.

Suzanne:

Yeah, so we met on the 21st. Our first business after minutes and other things was going to executive session, which I was in but not shown in the minutes, so I don't know if that matters or maybe I shouldn't have been there but I was in the executive session.

Jennifer:

Yes, you should have been there.

Suzanne:

Okay. So I don't think I'm listed. So I just would make sure that that's the case. So anyway, so I obviously can't talk a lot about it, but presentation was made by a management team member. It was met very favorably by the committee. And a lot of compliments and some good questions and a very robust presentation by the team who implemented this project. So I thought it was very well done. And then Attorney Donofrio went over a few complaints that are outstanding, and he's trying to work them out.

Folks are looking for some relief related to some issues that are not complicated, but expensive. And they felt sort of unknowing and should have been advised by the RWA about valves or other kinds of things that made their water bill go up exponentially. He's trying to work out negotiation. They've made offers that he's not accepted, and they're still working it out. And then they approved his bill. We're working on all those things. And he also talked a little bit briefly about his work related to the drop and the budget. That's it.

David:

Okay, thank you. And then the Executive Committee they met. Did management go at all into that? You did. Okay.

Sunny:

Pretty much similar to what Suzanne said, I think the presentation was about the CIS, and it was detailed. It went into the launch as well as the post-launch activities, plus how effective the software is

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and what it can do. So the questions from the committee members were responded to. Again, going to Kevin's point, it was discussed to the extent where we wanted to keep a vigilant eye on how it actually transpires. Certainly going better than the last SAP implementation, what the consensus significantly was. So I think as I go through the CIS presentation, you'll still see similar points coming up.

David:

Well that concludes this item. And why don't we just segue right into the business updates. The first item is the CIS, we'll take a break after this item then. All right?

Sunny:

Sure I can jump right in. So it's been almost two to three weeks we're into the launch. The first week was stopped in terms of people getting accustomed to the new platforms with the CSRs, and also due to that lag of 10 days where we actually frozen the SAP transition to the new platform. There was a lot of calls, which it came at pretty significantly high. And with the letters going out, customers did call us quite a bit. So the drop rate was pretty high as well as the queues were pretty low, but now it is steadying.

Catherine:

By drop rate, you mean the people dropping off the phone?

Sunny:

People dropping off. So it was almost close to... When I saw those things, it was almost close to 60, 70%, but that was the first few case.

Catherine:

So long waits?

Sunny:

The wait times were [inaudible 01:30:45], and people are going navigating the systems. It was real time. So again, things have improved drastically in terms of, say, where we are. The last 14 days have become... Every day they're very comfortable. And still, the vendors they're assisting. The first week, there's a lot more vendor support going around and helping out. Now the vendor support is there, but not as much and as many support staff as much as we had in the first five days. But going back to the major things, it gives you the highlights of how many bills are being handled. The bill cycles have gone through 4,000 calls handled by agents, to 1,000 on the customer portal.

We are actually increasing the auto-pay enrollments as we go up. The cash collected is also pretty decent, 6.5 million. I will show in the profile how we are doing constantly. And there will always verifications that comes part of, I would say the bills created. Overall, if you see the validation that it's an internal validation that it spits out, in terms of the first week to now, I see the percentage is going down significantly. The validation doesn't necessarily mean it's wrong. It just says that go and validate. So what we have seen is in the first few weeks of validations that came up, from what I think our firm had indicated and what the teams had done, I think we are almost down to zero even the validation. So even though the system throws up the validations going through manually checking it, I feel that they are not really addressing any errors.

So those are actually the positive aspects of where we are. In terms of going forward, there are still challenges in terms of the wait times. People, I would say, calling in and navigating through the ePay and

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bill payments and all that so that we are keeping a close eye on it. And that should get better as each week goes. There is still another launch date for June 2nd that's going to address the dunning, delinquency and all that. So we are waiting for that to happen. Once that happens, almost we'll be fully launched in terms of a hundred percent and we'll see how it goes. So we are still going to give another two to three months for things to settle down, if we have to add some more bells and whistles in terms of any Omni channel for commercial and all that. And that's one of the reasons why you didn't find too much of CIS-related capital projects in the budget for fiscal '26.

We want the teams to kind of get used to... The CSRs to get used to the platforms. So once it settles into eight to 12 months, we'll see what could be added next. But it does come with a lot of... Going to some of the issues that were brought up during the presentations. It does have a lot of cool tools. So the real-life monitoring of the emotions of the customers calling in, it kind of gives green and red emotions tracker, real-life. It gives you smiley faces, and red, I would say frowny faces. So good and bad, maybe the CSRs can get nervous at the same time. They can react better if they understand that the customer is not feeling right. So pretty cool tools in these new systems.

Kevin:

How does it measure that? Is it by the type of call or by...

Sunny:

Yeah, the chat comes, the transcript comes on the left-hand side.

Kevin:

Oh, transcript.

Sunny:

Yeah, the transcript comes as well as it hears the voice. So based on the voice and the words being used, it measures on a real-time basis. It gives a graph of red and green, and below that there was smiley. It was pretty cool. I thought it was pretty cool. But anyway.

Catherine:

I think I might've contributed to a lot of those drops because every time I called my assistant, she was on hold trying to talk to someone at the RWA. She had to hang up and talk to me, and it happened a lot.

Sunny:

Just count a few percentages there. Anything else you want to add, Rochelle?

Rochelle:

I think maybe the only thing, there are definitely financial reports that we're still working on. We are getting good support. But if multiple reports are not yet done, there will be people onsite from the vendor working with us. Even the April close, and probably been both the fiscal year-end as Sonny said, we're definitely watching cash closely. And the 6.5 includes March cash that was visible in the system until April 2nd.

Kevin:

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That was 20 days. It's being closed...

Rochelle:

It was from 3/21 to 3/30.

Kevin:

So the capital budget is yellow because that was previous?

Sunny:

Right? The contingency...

Kevin:

Yeah. If it's not finalized, there's a risk there, I guess, then?

Sunny:

No, that is still going. I don't think we're going to exceed that. It could change. I think we still have not seen the last bills yet.

Kevin:

Okay.

Sunny:

If you see some of the... You look at some of the amendments we had, those are moving in for some 522,000.

Rochelle:

The final bills are not going to come in. So very early in fiscal '26.

Sunny:

So that's why it shows yellow, but we are not exceeding the 10% plus the 14 in change that I got.

Rochelle:

Okay.

Kevin:

Rochelle, are you comfortable that you're going to get the resources to get the reports done that you need to? They are providing...

Rochelle:

Yes, I am. I would say there's a very senior individual with the vendor who is actually even checking in with me periodically. So happy about that.

Kevin:

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Good, thank you. Just curious if you still have the people who were assisting during the training still around, the additional people that were brought on.

David:

Right. You mean from the vendor site?

Kevin:

Are you talking about the back fields?

David:

Oh, the back fields, yeah. You are transitioning out the back fields. It is still taking a little bit longer than, I would say the nature of the people getting, but there is... Certain deadlines have been for certain resources to be... That go off. But originally there were supposed to happen around April, mid-April. But we are moving it based on ex-agencies, right Faced by each of the teams. So the finance feels a little bit more, I would say the need. If new contracts needs some extra...I would say help, we are taking it on a case-by-case basis, but that is going to be rolled out pretty soon, in terms of... and, Suzanne?

Suzanne:

So how would you rate the vendor? A in terms of exceeded your expectations, B as you've met your expectations, and C is fell short of it?

Sunny:

I would give my opinion after Rochelle, kind of... I would say the reason is because she was much more closer during the initial days of the interaction throughout the process. I would certainly give my thoughts after she kind of...

Rochelle:

I would say, I think there were definitely some challenges because there were, I think people are aware, there was multiple, I guess where public session, there were multiple challenges that came up that we needed to work through. I would say from the last couple of months, and the support that we've gotten during the go live and the support that we've gotten, even with reporting as an example, I think they have really come through to help us get through everything. And we're dedicated to making it a good system. So more recently I think they've come through for us.

Sunny:

I just add on to it. From what I've heard, the platform is really good, very agile, a lot of functionalities. So the CSRs do like the platform. The comfort at which they could actually go and navigate the system is still a learning process. So my interactions with the team has been very positive in terms of what the vendor offered as a platform. In terms of the initial dealing issues we had, I think the communications between the end user, the public users, as well as the admins. So all of those issues had to be resolved, not necessarily, it was actually a vendor-directed, I would say issue that could be user privileges, which was probably more managed in house, and by external PMOs and all that.

So a lot of those communications have been resolved, which might have actually had a much smoother process during those cases when Rochelle said it was more difficult. But going to the point in the last, I would say, three months from what I've seen, the vendor has actually put in more resources, brought in

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senior resources to navigate this to where... So I think kudos to the vendors and there are some very senior resources who been able to move us to that point.

Catherine:

Thank you.

David:

Good. Great. Other questions on the airway? Right? Thank you. Do you want to do your monthly highlights or take a break?

Sunny:

We can just quickly go over, in terms of the business update, we are still in talks with that lab. Almost, I would say next few weeks, we should know what.. yes or no of sorts because there are some... I think he's dealing with some personal and professional challenges. So we want to kind of, I would say, get back to them and see if we missed. Given that, we'll give you an update on how it is with next month's update. The supply strategy, we filed the applications in all three states. There's going to be some amendments to be filed, but Rochelle will go through in terms of when we come to 8.3 in a much more immediate fashion. The strategic action planning, all the leadership team members, what we presented to you in February, we presented to all of our teams, Rochelle, myself, Jim, and Liz presented to all the teams.

We got some feedback. We are fine-tuning the metrics that we gave to you, and we'll come back to you once that's finalized. Sometime we will present the fiscal '26, which we already did the draft. So that's going on. The CONN-OSHA partnership, I just wanted to highlight because this was a very critical aspect, which was done more proactively by both Liz's team and Jim's team. The safety and the operations they brought CONN-OSHA to the partnership has been continuing as a more proactive measure, not more of a reactive measure.

So they've been identifying safety things, which we've been improving. So I just wanted to kind of, I would say throw that in there to highlight, I would say, how proactive the teams are. In terms of the leadership center award for New Haven Chamber of Commerce, Liz attended this, and the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce was very appreciative of Patty's efforts for all these years. And she's been with them to promote a lot of activities, business development, workforce development.

Significant I would say. Even today, I was there in an earlier meeting, and there was a lot of positive comments about Patty. So they did rename the leadership award to Patty's name and Liz participated, awarding that to the awardee.

David:

Thank you, Liz.

Sunny:

So then we had the Connecticut Land Conservation Conference. The panel participants were part of our environmental planning to the lead. So they had some very good words on the efforts that we do. So those are pretty much the highlights. Liz, if you want to add some more to the Chamber events on the Lanny Bingaman's leadership.

Liz:

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Oh no. I presented the award to Jessica. At the end of the event, everyone came over, said that it was such a nice speech and an honor for Larry. So it was nice.

Sunny:

And that's pretty much it. So if you want, we can actually jump into 8.3

David:

This is probably a good break point. And, Vin, we are going to be going into executive session to discuss updates with Blue Drop, and then we'll have an application that we're going to consider sending to you. So if it's all right with you, we'll say good afternoon and we'll see you tonight.

Vin:

All right. Thank you all.

David:

Thank you for joining us. Thank you.

David:

With that, let's take a break till 25 after, okay?

[BREAK FROM 2:13 P.M. TO 2:25 P.M.]

David:

I'll call us back to order and I'll note the item we are on the agenda now is 8.3; Blue Drop update. So with that I'll ask you if somebody would like to go into executive session for the purposes listed there.

Kevin:

I'll make that motion.

David:

All right. Is there a second?

Catherine:

Second.

David:

Catherine. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

Authority members:

Aye.

David:

All right. We are in executive session and having invited the senior executive team with us to discuss Blue Drop.

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[EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM 2:25 P.M. TO 3:15 P.M.]

David:

Now that we're on that item, who would like to move the approval of the motions here, which are the general bond resolutions and the supplemental resolution?

Catherine:

I move approval of the Aquarion Water Authority general bond resolution. You want to do one at a time?

David:

No, let's do another [inaudible 00:00:55].

Catherine:

And do we need supplemental? Two supplemental resolutions. Sorry, I'm pulling the notes on my phone. And the two supplemental resolutions as presented in our board package. I'll make a motion.

Kevin:

Second.

David:

Second? All right.

Kevin:

Can we just say for the record?

David:

Yes.

Kevin:

This is so that it's in the recording.

Catherine:

Oh, I'm sorry, this is for the purpose of the-

David:

This is us acting as the Aquarion Water Authority approving the general bond resolution or the initial setup of the Authority, and the supplemental for other purposes.

Rochelle:

Yes. Thank you.

David:

And there as well.

Catherine:

And the two supplement.

David:

There any further discussion? This was discussed in the executive session quite a bit.

Catherine:

I think I have one question or discussion, that is, do we need to convene as the Aquarion Water?

David:

We are the same, one and the same.

Catherine:

Okay, fine. I just want to make sure.

Rochelle:

[inaudible 00:02:04]. It's fine.

David:

But we do have a duty to each.

Catherine:

Right, because of the clarification, I just wanted to make sure we didn't need to reconvene?

David:

No.

Catherine:

Okay. Thank you.

Mario:

Clarification, it's the resolution that's in here are proving both the three other documents as well. The motion, it's correct. Just want to make sure.

Sunny:

It's the general bond resolution [inaudible 00:02:29].

Catherine:

And two supplement.

Mario:

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It's the resolution that's in the packet approving the general bond resolution.

Sunny:

Yes, yes. It is the resolution.

Catherine:

That is the resolution.

Mario:

You're acting as. Yes, yeah.

David:

All right. Any other clarifications or amplifications? All right, sensing you're ready to vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

Authority members:

Aye.

David:

Passes with the unanimous vote. Thank you. Next, we have an application to consider for Lake Gaillard and Lake Saltonstall electrical upgrades.

Jennifer:

Do you want to go into executive session for this?

David:

I don't know. Do we need to for this? Because they're protected. I don't know. Will he be general enough in the description? I'd like to knock the executive session.

Victor:

Yeah, we should be okay for the presentation.

David:

We know there's a protective order because we can't tell people where the plugs are. Where you cut [inaudible 00:03:29]-

Victor:

You're going to see a few drawings, but even those drawings are not going to be-

David:

They're not presented on the screen?

Victor:

Yeah. It should be okay.

David:

Yes, yes. And by such, did it get approved when we have the capital budget?

Sunny:

Well, two things. Even if the capital budget isn't yet approved, it won't be, but even if it was, it would still have to go through the RPB approval process.

David:

So today's purpose is what?

Sunny:

Today's purpose is to get the Authority's authorization-

David:

Submit to Authority's-

Sunny:

... actually. [inaudible 00:04:14].

David:

Yeah, we're going to submit it to the RPB.

Sunny:

Okay, you're approving this?

David:

Yeah.

Mario:

And we've already reviewed it under the umbrella of the capital plan, correct?

Sunny:

Yeah, it was-

David:

The dollar [inaudible 00:04:30].

Sunny:

... in narrative.

Mario:

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Thank you.

Catherine:

One more question. This is in addition to other work that's being done [inaudible 00:04:34]?

David:

Yes.

Catherine:

Thank you.

David:

This combining of a similar type of project at two locations is something that we've been working towards efficiencies. Sunny got here and Jeff has suggested as well. Jeff?

Victor:

We combined both, but this is going to be electrical improvements.

Catherine:

Thank you.

Victor:

Orville's here.

Sunny:

Yes, okay.

David:

Is he online?

Sunny:

He's online.

David:

Okay.

David:

I see you, gentlemen. All right. Well, we'll throw it over to you to talk to us about the application.

Victor:

All right. Great, thank you. It looks like you have the slideshow up. I'm going to jump right into it. And I heard you briefly talking about things already for this combined set of projects at two different locations to make up this single application. So onto the second slide, you can see on the right-hand side, the

aerial view of the Lake Gaillard treatment plant. This is a plant that was put into service in 1986, so that's almost 40 years ago. I was thinking about that last night, put a little perspective on it, that we had Ronald Reagan as our president. So it's largest RWA water treatment plant with a design capacity of 80 million gallons and it supplies an average of 32 million gallons per day to more than 265,000 customers. This represents approximately 60% of the daily flow from all of the RWA facilities. And that includes all four of the treatment plants in the well fields combined.

This facility provides treated water directly to New Haven and Brantford service areas and indirectly to other service areas through pump stations and pressure reducing stations. A capital improvement plan was developed for this facility in 2015, which noted that many of the original electrical components were... Well, original to the facility. And that plan recommended the replacement of the critical electric distribution equipment over the next following five years based on the age and condition of the equipment. So moving up to the top left-hand side of the slider, we have Lake Saltonstall treatment plant. You'll see it's a little bit smaller footprint in the aerial photograph there. This plant was put into service in 1974, so it's just over 50 years old. And not to joke around or anything, but the aerial photo here is a nice lush green photo. But you can imagine just like my gray head of hair here, that this plant at just almost over 50 years old or just over 50 years old, has seen some time in service.

It's a surface water treatment plant with a design capacity of 12 million gallons per day, with an average of 6 million gallons per day, to approximately 50,000 customers. The Saltonstall service area includes portions of East Haven, Brantford, and New Haven. And similar to Lake Gaillard, a planning effort took place in the 2000s, which recommended the replacement of all of the electrical equipment. Since then, most of the electrical equipment was replaced in 2008. And the remaining electrical equipment that needed to get replaced basically required a full shutdown of the facility. So since 2008, there's been some measures taken within the distribution system to accommodate that shutdown. So we're basically at that point now where we can accommodate a full shutdown of Lake Saltonstall treatment plant and finish off the electrical upgrades that we have in line.

The bottom right photo is a picture of the Lake Saltonstall high-service pumps. This is the third project that we're combining with this application. Those pumps provide treated water into the distribution system. And again, those are also original to the facility with a more recent, I guess if you want to say that, more recent refurbishment to those pumps, which took place 16 years ago. But basically, at this point they're past their service life, inefficient and overdue for replacement. So we can move on to the next slide. Certainly, at any point if you have any questions for me or Orville, feel free to jump right in there.

Again, this application consists of three distinct projects, two of those are the electrical improvements at Lake Gaillard and the second being the Lake Saltonstall electrical improvements. Third project being the Lake Saltonstall high-service pumps. The benefits of this multi-project approach is that we can increase capital efficiencies by allowing management to propose all three projects under one application process to the RPB. The project consolidation method reduces the time, expenses and facility impacts associated with individual projects. And we've taken this resourceful approach to increased capital efficiencies where combining multiple projects into one bid achieves economies of scale with work of the same discipline occurring at two different facilities. We can move on to the next slide.

Going to jump into the project scope a little bit and moving on from here. Past this slide, we're going to have Orville jump into more of the project needs. But just touching on more of a high-level overview of the project scope for each of the three projects. We have Lake Gaillard electrical improvements, including a new main utility service for the plant, new electrical distribution equipment and replacement of distribution equipment in the hydroelectric building. The remaining two projects at Lake Saltonstall,

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the water treatment plant electrical improvements, include a new utility service for the water treatment plant from the Saltonstall parkway being route one.

The current electric main for the facility crosses the Amtrak tracks to get to the facility. So we'd eliminate that potential situation where there could be problems with that in the future. A new switch gear pan and panel boards to replace MCCs would also be incorporated into that project. At the high service pumps at Saltonstall, we're looking at three new high service pumps and again, those are the distribution pumps into the system. Also replacing variable frequency drives and associated piping and valves. So unless there's any questions and I think that probably at this point, moving on to the next slide, Orville's presentation will probably generate a few more questions than mine. And I'll touch back in with you at the end of the presentation with some looks at the costs of the project. Orville, you're all set.

Orville:

Thanks, everyone. Thanks for having us. Victor already mentioned on the scope of the project, so we could look at the need for this project. The ATS, and I guess I should say, this year with the pictures which tells the story. Of course, as you look on the left, it's the automatic transfer switch, you might hear me refer to it as the ATS. That is 29 years old. Typically, the expectancy life on that is 30 years old. And on the back side of that is where you have the main breaker and then the switchboard for the Lake Gaillard treatment plant. The picture on the right, which is a typical MCC. These MCC at Gaillard, they're just about 39 years old or somewhere there. Typical replacement is somewhere between 25 and 30 years old in terms of the design life. But one of the things we have done over the many years is that we have contracted a contractor to maintain and to inspect the gear and everything. And so that's one of the reasons why they have lasted all this time.

So the ATS and switchboard transformed the MCC, the panel board. They pretty much exceeded their life expectancy, their aging equipment and electrical equipment, which is typically susceptible to failure and numerous repairs. The replacement parts are more difficult to find an extremely long lead time in getting those. The new alternate equipment for replacing these MCC, we are looking to do that with power panels and standalone starters, which helps to reduce arc flash hazards that uses less footprint, less space, they're less costly to install. And maintenance and increases operational and construction flexibility during and throughout the project. And so back in 2017, we did some major electrical upgrade over at Gaillard, but at the time we weren't able of taking Gaillard offline or even making the necessary replacement that was needed for the main switch gear and for the ATS. And so back then, what we did, we replaced an external transformer or an exterior transformer. And some provisions were made with conduits up in the ceiling, with conduits at different location for future upgrade. And this project we're bringing to you is for that future upgrade.

Next slide, please. The electrical improvement at Saltonstall, the project need. And just pointing all down with the picture. Victor had mentioned, but if you look at the, I guess I could call it a green line, where that arrow is pointed towards Amtrak. So that's that green line that is running parallel with 95. You're seeing where it says raw water up top? That's where raw water pump station is located. I guess the roadway you're seeing has I-95 which many of us know that I-95 pretty much crosses on the Saltonstall treatment system from the raw water over to the distribution and the treatment plant. That yellow line that says, "Existing service." So the existing electrical service is running parallel between 95 and the Amtrak rails. And so the existing service now, it comes parallel and then it comes underneath, on the ground underneath.

And that has been a challenge for us coming in. There has also been a challenge for UI, where UI is at the point now where they have been looking and they've been asking now for several years, that we look to

bring service in Route 1, which is what we are doing. The red line is showing the new service coming from Route 1, where they're now tying us to a separate part of their grid which has been fed from Brantford, Saltonstall coming in versus from New Haven coming into East Haven, which they're saying is a little bit more stable for our type of service. And so that has posed itself to be a challenge. The existing 13.8 kV, which is kilowatt voltage, it's a buried utility line that feeds on the facility presently. It gives less access; it makes it unsafe for UI to do maintenance and also for RWA to do anything with that service.

The main electrical 2,400 volts distribution equipment and transformers, they have exceeded their design life. And it's to the point now where UI is saying they are no longer supporting this medium voltage, which then increases risk of failure should we continue down this road. It improves employee safety by providing current electrical codes. Bring us up to current electrical codes standard in terms of clearance and increases the system reliability and overall safety when it comes on to arc flash and its assets. It'll allow RWA electricians to perform repairs and maintenance on the new equipment that we're proposing here at Saltonstall. And so this new equipment, we're proposing, we're talking about getting rid of the 2,400 volts and going to the UI standard 4,160 volts. And then from there we transform it down to the 480 volts. And 480 volts, I guess in if we're talking about high service low voltages.

So high voltages, we're talking about the pretty much the 13.8 kV. Then we have the mid-volts, which is anywhere between the 2,400 and 4,160. And then you have low voltage, which is your regular 480, 277, 110. And so our electricians are licensed to work on anything 480 and below and do repairs on those. So in times pass, we'd have to use a subcontractor to come in and do a maintenance on the medium voltage. And that medium voltage was a specialized medium voltage where UI is getting away from and wants us to get on their normal 4,160. And so once our electricians are able to do those repairs, that will help reduce maintenance cost overall, since the ones that they already maintain we do a pretty good job with. Next slide, please.

So the Saltonstall service pump, the needs for that pump. Pretty much the high service pumps, they are over 50 years old. They have been refurbished already once, 16, 17 years ago. And so it's normally typical that after pump is refurbished once, maybe you go twice, it's not as efficient as its normal condition. And then once we make the adjustment to the treatment plant, then that would require us to make additional panel changes and everything else to accommodate the new voltage. And so the distribution pump design life is typically 25 years, thereabout. And so the decision was made to replace these pumps at this time when the plant would be taken offline. And so the benefits that this provides us is that these pumps are very inefficient. And according to the FY 2026 operating budget, pump power presents the largest single-line item increase of, I think it's about 38.7% increase, which is not new to the Authority board, I presume.

And the O&M budget in FY26, operating budget goes on to expand utilities and fuels are projected to increase approximately somewhere about 18% in FY26. And so accounting for the gas and all the utilities, capturing volatility in utilities market and to continue the supply chains impact that we are having. We believe that this is the best time to replace these pumps. Secondly, the existing pumps, they do not have VFDs. These new pumps will have VFDs and that will give us the ability and more flexibility to control flows. Right now, we have a four MGD and two eight MGD pumps. Where one is run pretty much normally during the day, the four MGD. And then the eight MGD, we tend to utilize at night when the rates are lower, and we use that to fill the tank. I think there's probably a 10% cost reduction at night. And so we use the eight MGD to do that. And thirdly, of course, the 480 volts allow RWA electricians to maintain their pumps and work on the pumps and control and replace the whole system, making it more reliable for the Authority. Next slide, please.

So we want to look at the alternative analysis that was done. We did alternative analysis on all three projects. Just to get at a 3,000 feet description. Alternative one, which is a no action, that was deemed unacceptable in terms of the existing equipment, as exceeded on their recommended useful life of which is 30 years. And pretty much they pose a risk or increased risk of catastrophic failure, damage and loss to service over 265,000 customers. And so that was unacceptable. Alternative two, which is to replace the equipment in its existing location. While this requires slightly more shutdown of the Lake Gaillard treatment plant, we believe that with coordination and management, we can control and manage the shutdown and limit the shutdown outage timeframe. And this alternative meets all its operational reliability, it meets the goal of the project. Of course, when compared to other alternative, there are some additional shutdowns that would be required in alternative number two. But that is because instead of making it longer shutdown period, we're making a shorter shutdown period duration.

And of course we have utilized temporary facilities, generators and everything that will allow us to minimize the duration of those shutdown time. And so we looked at alternative number three, which is replacing the equipment in a new location. And over in Gaillard, the location we're looking at was on the other side of where the existing electrical room is. Well, that wall is a load bearing wall. And that would require several penetrations going through the wall. And we would have to look at some temporary structural analysis being done on the wall. And one of the decisions that was made, we relook at do we really need to go there. And in that time of us looking and performing, and the analysis. We realized that the regional has now used that location for the EOC, emergency operation center during our business case, well, business continuity plan.

And so we have that room now used as our server backup for IT. It is also used as the IT staging area should we activate the EOC. And so because of that, that made alternative three not as favorable. And so alternative two was selected as most favorable in terms of costs due to less conduit. And as I said back in 2017, we had already done some previous conduit relocation and made provisions for those. And so it would require less conduit, less wiring to connect the equipment. There are really no space restrained in the existing room as the new equipment would be of similar size. There is minimal structural modification that would be required. And of course, although this would require additional shutdown, as I stated before, than others, these shutdowns are shorter duration. Next slide, please.

All right. And so the electrical at Saltonstall analysis. We did take a look at the alternative number one. Alternative number one, as always, that is not acceptable because we know that on the equipment there, one, it is whole, it outdated and just trying to get through to this equipment, finding repair parts and everything else, it's a bit challenging. And so this would just increase failure should we stay with the no action approach. Alternative number two, which is to replace the 2,400 volts distribution equipment in kind. Pretty much we looked at two separate portions of it, whether we just replace the 2,400 volts portion of it, which should be from the transformer that is provided from UI to main switch gear. And that would require major rework, major wiring redone. And we would end up having to either keep the transformers to other location, which would be on the residual loading building and the raw water pump station, which I'm going to refer to from here on out as other facilities outside of the Lake Saltonstall treatment plant.

And that would still not be supported by UI. And so we looked at another option of whether or not we just looked to change the UI portion coming into the plant where we changed the service from running on the Amtrak way and coming off Route 1, and bringing that up into the RWA-own transformer and keep the 2,400 voltage but put a new transformer in. And again, while that would work and meet some part of the goals of the project, it would still leave us with 2,400 volt, that is not supported by UI. And so

that alternative was quickly dismissed. Alternative number three, which is to replace the 24 volts distribution and equipment with the 4,160 volts equipment.

Again, I had stated earlier that this voltage is the common standard medium voltage now that UI is supported. And so because of that, with this project, it does meet the needs of the project and of the RWA, it avoids all the risk, it is consistent with all our other plans and it makes it safe for personnel. This would require the 13.8 coming from Route 1, onto the site, from the site that comes to a transformer, from the transformer, it goes to our main switch gear, which is going to be on the outside, it's going to be a walk-in enclosure. It meets all the new electrical code standards, which presently the one we have does not because it's a open space, consider all part as one. And then from there, we would have to change out the transformer from the 460, bringing it to 480. And then that will afford our electricians to perform work on this. This would also allow us to bring in the new equipment in terms of what the pumps and everything else to tie that in. And again, I'll get into the pumps once we get to that analysis.

And of course, we looked at alternative number four, which is to replace the 2,400 distribution equipment with 480 equipment. So we'd come from the street and the 1,380 transformed from there to the 480. While that meet the needs of the project, the goals of the project, this would be extremely costly to the project as this would require us to because of the drop and the length, we would've to run wires all the way across. Now underneath Amtrak, over to the raw water pump station, it is a much longer run. It would require us to run more insulated wire to make sure that we don't get any voltage drop over that period. It'll require more conduits. So the conduits will not be able to be reused and some of the wiring would not be able to reuse, that we can reuse when we compare it to alternative number three. And so because of the major wiring changes, it makes alternative number four very costly. And so alternative three was the selected alternative and more favorable. Alternative number three was less costly. It provides us with a little bit more flexibility in terms of reusing conduits, in terms of some wiring, the wiring that goes from the treatment plant, powering the raw water pump station. And next slide, please.

All right. And so the high service pump station, we went through all the alternatives, we look at four alternatives on those. And alternative one, which is no action, that was immediately unacceptable because we know that we've been having issues with the pumps. And so based on that we need to change it. And with the new electrical work that is being done, that would require us to change the pumps that's there and so that made it unacceptable. Alternative two was to refurbish the pumps and motors. The pumps have already been refurbished and pretty much once they've been refurbished, we did a study with JKM Neuro. And out of that study, the conclusions were that the pumps are performing rather inefficiently. And so with the new electrical, we would still have to make voltage changes and panel changes. And so refurbishing those pumps, those were also not acceptable.

Alternative three, which is to replace the pumps and motors with the same size. Two eight MGD pumps and one four MGD pump with VFD. Presently the pumps that we operate on the raw water sides, we are now operating with VFD in the distribution system. These high-service pump, we cannot use VFD just because of the medium voltage current and everything else. And so with this replacement, we would now be using VFDs and that would give operations the flexibility to operate pumps together. So the four with the four, the eight with the eight. It's also over the duration of time, this would be the more cost-effective approach. We would still be able to operate pump on the four MGD during the day and the eight MGD at night, which gives us a 10% reduction electrical cost when that is being operated. And so we looked at a fourth alternative. And the fourth alternative was can we replace these pumps with three pumps of same capacity?

So right now we have, it's designed for 12 MGD. And to have one pump out of service, it would require us to have three six MGD pumps. While that it met the needs, it gave operation, the flexibility, where it

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wasn't as favorable is that in order for us to run eight MGD at any one given point in time, we'd have to run two pumps turned on, which would make it inefficient, versus running one pump full out and the other pump full on, which is alternative number three. And so alternative number four, while it was favorable, it was less attractive because we didn't have the capability of turning one all the way up and turning the second one down to get to that eight MGD. So alternative three was on the selected alternative. We did do a business case evaluation on all three. And in particular with Saltonstall, high service alternative number three and the electrical alternative number three gave us the best results in terms of the cost ratio benefits. And Victor will take us from here.

David:

Victor, just for time. We see this all here, so if we could just speed it up a little bit.

Victor:

Sure, sure. So that's no problem. I figured costs would be one of the more interesting slides. We're right at our capital budget for the long-term project cost here, at \$14 million. So a little less of the spending at Lake Gaillard at 3.9 million, Lake Saltonstall with the high service pumps at 10.1 million. We have a previous spend of about 854,000 since 2019. And as reviewed with you folks a couple of weeks ago, our FY26 budget for the combined projects are at \$1 million. Funding sources with DWSRF, CDS, and some internally generated funds. We're also going to be looking into a possible credit from the UI for using more efficient equipment. And that's a to be continued topic depending on how much success we have with them. Can move on to the next slide.

Mario:

I just have one quick question.

Victor:

Sure.

Mario:

The previous spend is 854, is in anticipation of changing these things and doing planning and assessment to create your options and your alternatives. It's not on repair since 2019, correct?

Orville:

That is correct.

Mario:

Go ahead.

Victor:

Okay. So the schedule and permits, we're right at the front door with the RPB review and approval, following obviously a review with you folks. That's April to July 2025. Final design, we're at 90% right now, so that would get us to June 2025. We have Connecticut DPH approval process, which can be a few months into September 2025. Bidding review and award is a three-to-four-month process, from October to February 2026. And then rolling right into starting up construction at the end of FY26, with some of the funding, we hope to have approve for that. And into a two-year construction cycle.

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Again, with cycling through with only one of the two plants at least operating at any one point in time. Our permits are typical DWSRF permitting process with some national diversity database topics to cover and review from Connecticut deep in that process. We have the local town permits. Remember we're two separate facilities and two separate towns, being North Brantford and East Haven. And that would take us through planning and zoning with both of those towns for site plan revisions. And East Haven specifically would have a coastal site plan review and probably a wetlands' application component.

Then onto the last slide. We're repeating the customers here at 265,000 at Gaillard. Again, it provides about 60% of the flow into the system there at Gaillard. Saltonstall, we serve approximately 50,000 customers to that Saltonstall service area. And moving through the proposed project, again, I think Orville did quite a good job on stepping through it for us. I guess I could touch on some aging electrical equipment, seems to be one of the major concerns here. Will benefit from long-term O&M savings, remembering that the facilities are at least 50 and 40 years old. So I think we've gotten some good long-term life out of this equipment. And we're also talking about the safety of our O&M folks here at the RWA and vendors that would be going on site working on this equipment. The newer equipment obviously would be a safer setup, safer to work on and continuing to put a high level of importance on increasing the reliability of the electric system overall. So any questions for us? Certainly, feel free.

David:

Any questions? Yes, Catherine?

Catherine:

I'm assuming that the technology's improved over 50 years, so I think that's an easy one. But there are a couple of concepts that I keep hearing, shutdowns, offline. And then there's this word short that keeps coming up. What does short mean with respect to shutdowns and offline?

Orville:

So if I may take that, Victor?

Victor:

[inaudible 00:40:05].

Orville:

So when we talk about shutting down the plant and we talk about shutdown and offline is using to change equally, first and foremost. And then when we talk about short, I should clarify that in terms of duration. So when we talk about short, we're talking about short duration. So it could be an half an hour, it might be a 20 minutes, it might be an hour. The design we have set up and laid out is a maximum of one hour at any point in time in terms of shutting down the plant. Whereas in order for us to work on the equipment or to provide temporary connection so that the plant could continue operating, it requires a shutdown where there's no electricity going to that main electrical gear.

Catherine:

One quick follow up.

David:

Go ahead.

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Catherine:

And what does that mean for the customers?

Orville:

It has no impact on the customers.

Catherine:

That's a good answer.

Mario:

Yep, yeah.

David:

Thank you, Catherine. Mario?

Mario:

I do have.

David:

I know you do, I saw you earnestly taking notes.

Mario:

Thank you very much. Need it, no question about it. I thought at one point, Orville, you mentioned 13.8 for Lake Saltonstall. Was that just a slip of the tongue, on the voltage?

Orville:

No, it's 13.8 at Saltonstall, yes, that's the high service coming in from UI. And that is typical at all our-

Mario:

Because your slide said 4,160.

Orville:

Say this again?

Mario:

Slide says 4,160. So if you're planning down-

Orville:

Yes, it goes from 13.8 down to 4,160 in the main switch gear. From the main switch gear, it goes down to the 480.

Mario:

All right. We can talk that offline. You have room inside the existing buildings, correct?

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Orville:

We have-

Mario:

So there's new equipment and the old equipment being constructed in parallel and then doing your switch over, correct?

Orville:

So there is one thing to note, at Saltonstall, the main switch gear is going to be constructed on the exterior, on the outside. And so that will allow us to get all that done and then we could start doing the times and the tie overs.

Mario:

Okay. At Lake Gaillard, I believe the generator was replaced probably 8, 10 years ago and it was a major electrical upgrade. And that only included running some conduits?

Orville:

No, what that included at that time, that included some upgrades to the main service coming in off the street into the treatment plant. And that also included a transformer that ran half because how Gaillard is set up, Gaillard is set up on what we'd want to refer to as two MCCs. MCC A, MCC B. So if we lose one, we never lose the entire plant, we lose just a half a plan. And so at that time we did the upgrade on making sure that we were able to switch from one to the next because we could not at that point switch on the ATS or change out the ATS and the main switchboard because that would require a full shutdown.

And so with that work, we had put some conduits in place, some junction boxes in place overhead, that would allow us I guess fast track this in terms of when time comes to replace the mid... If I may call it the heart of the electrical system, which is the main switchboard, the main switch gear and the ATS. That it's an easier transfer, whereas we are able to set up temporary generator connections. And with setting up those temporary connections, we're able to do the switch over without impacting customers.

Mario:

You're proposing to get power to Saltonstall off of Route 1?

Orville:

Correct.

Mario:

Right at the Brantford East Haven connection, did you explore the possibility of switching utility providers if the power is there and the rates are better?

Orville:

It's not at the border. I think the border is further off from where we're getting it from. And UI-

Mario:

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Well, the border is right where the farm river is the border between the two towns. So you're right on one side or the other of the farm river?

Orville:

I believe UI is our service area there. That was something I believe that was exhausted.

Mario:

And you talk about coastal zone and wetlands permits in East Haven. I'm curious, I know Victor likes to do permit applications because I just-

Victor:

I know where you're going. I haven't broken the news to Orville yet. Well, I'll let you finish. Go ahead.

Mario:

And I believe that's the coastal zone, number one. And the wetlands, I believe you're exempt from a formal application because of being a water utility and reservoir land. So just investigate that, it may save you time on your schedule and costs.

Victor:

Right, right, right.

Mario:

And if your consultants are telling you to apply, that means they just want to up their fee.

Victor:

I knew the old town engineer there at one point in time.

Mario:

[inaudible 00:46:05].

Victor:

No, but actually it's one of the more exciting parts of the project for me where I think we can contribute towards possibly using more of the RWA forces to look into the application processes there. And potentially even make the representation ourselves at those meetings. But I'll talk that through a little bit more with Orville in that process. And it's certainly one of those things that's in my wheelhouse to get through those.

Mario:

Thank you.

Mario:

So guys, I'd like to know, you couldn't do this project now? When would you say this becomes critical? And are we replacing because life expectancy timeline says it's good engineering process and we should do it? Is it beyond life creating challenges that our materials aren't available, safety hazards are there

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and/or costs are becoming too much? Or is it critical like we've waited too long, we need to do this. Of those three, where are we on this project?

Orville:

Do I get the D answer, all of the above?

Mario:

Yes, you can.

David:

It's a combination.

Mario:

Well, be critical. It's past its life expectancy, you have challenges, there's safety risks and you think it's critical we must do it now. So if for some reason we're thinking not to do it, find the money and do it, that's what you'd be saying?

Orville:

Yes, correct. And we have done quite a bit of maintenance to prolong the life, as you'd have seen and the years MCC has been in use and everything. We have done due diligence and it's just now where repairing things is just becoming ridiculously expensive and costly and long lead items. Some things are not supported anymore, so we have to change. We have to make this upgrade.

David:

Thank you, Orville.

Orville:

You're welcome.

David:

Any other questions? All right, thank you for your presentation. There are two motions under 9.5, resolution for adoption and then the application PRBB for protected information.

Mario:

This one under 9.3.

David:

Is there also one under 9.3? Thank you. So there's two motions for protective.

Authority members:

[inaudible 00:48:36].

David:

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Okay. Well, all three. We can move them in if we didn't need to. But who would like to move the motions related to this?

Mario:

[inaudible 00:48:43].

David:

Were we in?

Authority members:

No.

David:

No, we kept this general-who would like to move these items so we can discuss them if there's more discussion.

Mario:

I'd be happy to make the motion that we move forward with the project of upgrading the electrical at Lake Saltonstall and Lake Gaillard and the high service pumps at Lake Saltonstall as one project and submit the application to the PRBB with a protective order.

David:

Okay, very good. Is there a second?

Catherine:

Second.

David:

There's a second. Any further discussion? That's saying you're ready to vote? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

Authority members:

Aye.

David:

Passes unanimous. Last item on the agenda is item 10, discussion regarding strategy. I ask that this be put on the agenda so that the five of us could have a discussion. And with that, I would ask for a motion to go into executive session for this purpose. And it's I think the reason in there.

Mario:

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David:

Yeah.

Mario:

Discuss matters. Covered that.

David:

That's what you moved, right?

Mario:

Yes.

David:

Is there a second?

Catherine:

Second.

David:

All those in favor signify by saying aye.

Authority members:

Aye.

David:

Passes unanimous.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM 4:15 P.M. TO 4:44 P.M.]

[AUTHORITY MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:44 P.M. ON MOTION BY MS. LAMARR AND SECONDED BY MS. SACK]