

# ***SEWERAGE & WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS***

## **COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE REVISED**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2014**

**9:00 AM**

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Ms. Florence Schornstein, Chair • Mr. Marion B. Bracy • Ms. Kerri Kane • Mr. Glen Pilie • Dr. Beverly Wright

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## **FINAL AGENDA**

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### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Approval of Previous Report
2. Authorization to Advertise Florida Avenue Canal Phase IV (R-085-2014)

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

3. Bond Feasibility Report – Operations and Engineering
4. Hurricane Preparedness Plan for 2014
5. Green Infrastructure Plan
6. 2014 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule
7. Any Other Matters
8. Reference Material (**In Binders**)
  - A. Sewerage and Water Board By-Laws
  - B. 2014 Operating & Capital Program
  - C. Strategic Plan
  - D. Tracking Tool for Commitments to the City Council
  - E. Bond Rating
9. Adjournment



# SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

## Inter-Office Memorandum

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**Date:** May 5, 2014

**From:** Joseph Becker, P.E.  
General Superintendent

**To:** Robert Miller  
Interim Executive Director

**Re:** Authorization to Advertise Florida Ave. Canal Phase IV

Florida Ave. Canal, Phases IV is a drainage project that is being completed as part of the SELA program.

SELA is a program to address interior drainage in the greater New Orleans metro area. The SELA program has been very successful at reducing flooding in the Hollygrove and Uptown areas as well as along Dwyer and Florida in eastern New Orleans. The SELA program in Orleans Parish is performed in partnership with the state of Louisiana and our federal partners the US Army Corps of Engineers. The majority of the work associated with the SELA program is funded federally, but the local sponsor is currently responsible for a 35% for the cost of each project.

The SELA projects are very large and expensive projects and our share of the projects is a significant amount of money. In an effort to further minimize the impact to the SWB, staff has identified a funding source through the Louisiana Statewide Flood Control Program. By applying for funds through Statewide Flood Control, we have been able to obtain a significant portion of our required participation without having to increase drainage fees.

Before you today, is a resolution that is a requirement of the state for participation in the Statewide Flood Control Program. They require a resolution indicating that their participation in the project is limited to the funds committed and protects them from risks associated with our construction project.

I would appreciate it if you would place this on the May cycle of Board committees so that we may obtain their approval.

Joseph Becker, P.E.  
General Superintendent

cc: Goddard, Spooner

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATE OF LOUISIANA, DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE  
FLORIDA AVENUE CANAL, PHASES IV – STATE PROJECT NO. 576-36-0011 (334) /  
H.009247, ORLEANS PARISH**

**WHEREAS**, the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (S&WB) has submitted an application for funding of the Florida Avenue Canal, Phase IV flood control project under the Statewide Flood Control Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the State's share of the project funds have been made available and the S&WB has available its local matching share of the project funds in an amount of not less than 30% of the non-federal share; and

**WHEREAS**, at the request of the S&WB, Pepper and Associates, Inc., under the supervision of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has prepared plans and specifications for said project, which plans and specifications are designated by State Project No. 576-36-0011 (334) / H.009247; and

**WHEREAS**, the S&WB has reviewed the final plans, specifications, and cost estimate and accepts them as submitted and the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) has reviewed the final plans, specifications, and cost estimate and has approved them inasmuch as they comply with the requirements of the Statewide Flood Control Program; and

**WHEREAS**, all necessary servitudes, rights of way, spoil disposal areas, rights of ingress and egress and the means thereof have been acquired by the S&WB, and the titles thereto are valid and indefeasible; and

**WHEREAS**, the S&WB has obtained all necessary permits required for the construction of this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the S&WB has agreed to accomplish all necessary utilities, fence and other facilities, relocations and alterations made necessary by this projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the S&WB desires the Corps of Engineers to advertise for competitive bids, in accordance with Corps requirements, for the award of a contract in the name of the Corps of Engineers, and for the Corps of Engineers to furnish engineering services during the construction of the work.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the DOTD be and hereby is requested to authorize the S&WB to advertise for competitive bids through the Corps of Engineers and in accordance with Corps of Engineers requirements for the award of a contract in the name of the Corps of Engineers, covering the aforesaid improvements.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the DOTD be and hereby is assured that all necessary servitudes, rights of way, rights of ingress and egress and the means thereof have been obtained by the S&WB, and the titles thereto are valid and indefeasible and the S&WB expressly agrees to defend any action for the failure of an servitude, right of way, right of ingress or egress, and S&WB does hereby assume complete responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the project after construction.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that DOTD be and hereby is assured that all required permits have been obtained by S&WB.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the DOTD be and hereby is assured that S&WB has available its local matching funds in an amount not less than thirty (30%) percent of the non-federal share to insure construction of this project.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that S&WB will and hereby does assume complete responsibility for all utilities, fence, and other facilities relocations and alterations made necessary by this project.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that S&WB does hereby save and hold harmless the DOTD against any loss or damage of an kind incident to or occasioned by activities undertaken in pursuance of this agreement and expressly agrees to defend any suit brought against the DOTD, and pay any judgment which may result from said suit as it relates to this project.

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I, Robert Miller, Interim Executive Director,  
Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, do hereby  
certify that the above and foregoing is a true and  
correct copy of a Resolution adopted at the Regular  
Monthly Meeting of said Board, duly called and held,  
According to law, on May 21, 2014

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**INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
**SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS**



**"RE-BUILDING THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEMS FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY"**

# **Sewerage & Water Board OF NEW ORLEANS**

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Wednesday, February 05, 2014

## **TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS**

Mesdames and Messieurs:

The **Infrastructure Committee** met on Wednesday, February 05, 2014 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room, 625 St. Joseph Street, New Orleans, LA. with Mrs. Florence Schornstein, Mr. Glen Pilie, Ms. Kerri Kane and Dr. Beverly Wright at approximately 9:05 a.m.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. The Infrastructure Committee report of Wednesday, December 04, 2013 was motioned by Dr. Wright and seconded by Ms. Kane. The motion carried.

### **EDUCATIONAL REPORT**

General Superintendent Joseph Becker presented a slide overview discussion of the Water Quality Laboratory capabilities and Switch Gear Problems. Deputy General Superintendent Madeline Goddard presented a slide overview discussion on Green Infrastructure Plans.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2. Cooperative Endeavor Agreement / University of New Orleans Odor Control Study - **Received**
3. Cooperative Endeavor Agreement / Parks and Parkways Green Infrastructure - **Received**
4. 2014 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule - **Received**
5. Any Other Matters - **Received**
6. Reference Material (In Binders) - **Received**
  - A. Sewerage and Water Board By-Laws - **Received**
  - B. 2014 Operating & Capital Program – **Received**
  - C. Strategic Plan - **Received**
  - D. Tracking Tool for Commitments to the City Council - **Received**
  - E. Bond Rating - **Received**

7. Adjournment – The Infrastructure Committee ended at approximately 10:03 a.m.

PRESENT:                                Mrs. Florence W. Schornstein - Chair  
    Ms. Kerri Kane  
    Dr. Beverly Wright

ABSENT :                                Mr. Marion B. Bracy

OTHER COMMITTEE/  
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: NONE

Also in attendance were: Robert Miller, Deputy Director; Joseph Becker, General Superintendent; Brian Ferrara , Legal Department; Anita Simmons, Staff of the Executive Director; Susan Higginbotham, Staff of the Executive Director Office; Robert Jackson, S&WB (C&IG);; Brenda Thornton; Geneva Coleman, The Hawthorne Agency, Inc.; Emanuel Lain, Sr., Budget Department; Jean Fahr, Parkway Partners; Amer Tufail, Green Point Eng;

Very truly yours,

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Mrs. Florence Schornstein  
Chairperson

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# Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Committee & Regular Board Meeting Schedule

## 2014 Calendar of Events

MONDAY	MAY 5, 2014	9:00 AM	OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY	MAY 6, 2014	9:00 AM	FINANCE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY	MAY 7, 2014	9:00 AM	COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE
WEDNESDAY	MAY 7, 2014	10:30 AM	PENSION COMMITTEE
FRIDAY	MAY 9, 2014	9:00 AM	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY	MAY 21, 2014	9:00 AM	REGULAR BOARD
MONDAY	JUNE 2, 2014	9:00 AM	OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY	JUNE 3, 2014	9:00 AM	FINANCE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 4, 2014	9:00 AM	COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 4, 2014	10:30 AM	PENSION COMMITTEE
FRIDAY	JUNE 6, 2014	9:00 AM	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 18, 2014	9:00 AM	REGULAR BOARD
WEDNESDAY	JULY 2, 2014	9:00 AM	COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE
WEDNESDAY	JULY 2, 2014	10:30 AM	PENSION COMMITTEE
MONDAY	JULY 7, 2014	9:00 AM	OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY	JULY 8, 2014	9:00 AM	FINANCE COMMITTEE
FRIDAY	JULY 11, 2014	9:00 AM	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY	JULY 16, 2014	9:00 AM	REGULAR BOARD
MONDAY	AUGUST 4, 2014	9:00 AM	OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY	AUGUST 5, 2014	9:00 AM	FINANCE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 6, 2014	9:00 AM	COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 6, 2014	10:30 AM	PENSION COMMITTEE
FRIDAY	AUGUST 8, 2014	9:00 AM	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 20, 2014	9:00 AM	REGULAR BOARD
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 3, 2014	9:00 AM	COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 3, 2014	10:30 AM	PENSION COMMITTEE
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 8, 2014	9:00 AM	OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 9, 2014	9:00 AM	FINANCE COMMITTEE
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 12, 2014	9:00 AM	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 17, 2014	9:00 AM	REGULAR BOARD
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 1, 2014	9:00 AM	COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 1, 2014	10:30 AM	PENSION COMMITTEE
MONDAY	OCTOBER 6, 2014	9:00 AM	OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 7, 2014	9:00 AM	FINANCE COMMITTEE
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 10, 2014	9:00 AM	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 15, 2014	9:00 AM	REGULAR BOARD

**NOTE: RECOMMENDATIONS:**

JULY - MOVED TO SECOND WEEK DUE TO HOW THE DAYS FALL DURING FIRST WEEK

SEPTEMBER – MOVED TO SECOND WEEK DUE TO HOW THE DAYS FALL DURING FIRST WEEK (LABOR DAY 9/1/2014)

OCTOBER – MOVED TO SECOND WEEK DUE TO HOW THE DAYS FALL DURING FIRST WEEK