

August 24, 2023



**MINUTES OF THE BUILDING AND OPERATING COMMITTEE/
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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Honorable Board of Directors
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway
and Transportation District

Honorable Members:

The Building and Operating Committee/Committee of the Whole (Committee) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) met in regular session at the Four Points by Sheraton, Marin Ballroom, 1010 Northgate Drive, San Rafael, CA, on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 9:02 a.m., with Chair Garbarino presiding. A remote audio option for public participation was available.

(1) **Call to Order:** 9:02 a.m.

(2) **Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong. **[00:46 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Committee Members Present (7): Chair Garbarino; Vice-Chair Mastin; Directors Cochran, Pahre, Rabbitt and Thier; President Thériault.

Committee Members Absent (1): Director Conroy.

Other Directors Present (5): Directors Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Rodoni and Snyder.

Committee of the Whole Members Present (12): Directors Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Thier; First Vice President Cochran; President Thériault.

Committee of the Whole Members Absent (7): Directors Conroy, Dorsey, Engardio, Moulton-Peters, Safai and Stefani; Second Vice President Hill.

Staff Present: General Manager Denis Mulligan; Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire; District Engineer Ewa Bauer-Furbush; Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong; Attorneys Kimon Manolius and Madeline Chun; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Division David Rivera; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division Michael Hoffman; Deputy General

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Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; Deputy District Engineer John Eberle; Budget and Electronic Revenue Director Jennifer Mennucci; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

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(3) Approve Actions Relative to Procurement and Implementation of e-Builder Construction Project Management Software for the Golden Gate Suspension Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project [02:02 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

District Engineer Ewa Bauer-Furbush presented the staff report.

[Directors Snyder and Grosboll arrived.]

[12:42 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Chair Garbarino expressed appreciation for the staff report.

Director Mastin inquired about using e-Builder for other projects and the likelihood that the District would require additional customization services in the future.

Director Thier inquired about the scope of the item.

[Director Thier recused herself from participating in the discussions and voting on Agenda Item Nos. 3 and 4.]

Director Pahre expressed appreciation for the e-Builder program and its capabilities.

Ms. Bauer-Furbush and Mr. Mulligan responded to the Directors' inquiries. Ms. Bauer-Furbush stated that staff would evaluate and possibly use e-Builder for other projects. She agreed that additional customization could be necessary for other projects in the beginning and indicated that staff looks forward to being able to customize the software on their own at some point in the future.

(a) Action by the Committee

Staff further recommended and the Committee concurred by motion made and seconded by **Directors PAHRE/MASTIN** to forward the following recommendation to the Board of Directors for its consideration:

RECOMMENDATION

The Building and Operating Committee/Committee of the Whole recommends that the Board of Directors approve the following actions relative to procurement and

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implementation of a construction project management software for the *Golden Gate Suspension Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project* (Project #1923):

- (i) Authorize award of Contract No. 2023-B-054, *Construction Project Management Software*, to e-Builder, Inc., in a total not-to-exceed amount of \$375,323 to implement construction management software and provide licenses for 50 users for a term of one year, with options for an additional four years, with the understanding that sufficient funds are available in the FY 23/24 Bridge Division Capital Budget for Project #1923 to finance the \$49,129 software implementation fee and the first year \$59,033 licensing fee for the total of \$108,162; and, that the licensing fees for the second through fifth year will be budgeted in the future year Project budgets; and,
- (ii) Authorize execution of the Twelfth Amendment to Professional Services Agreement No. 2010-B-1 with HRD Engineering Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$399,637 to assist Engineering staff with custom configuration of the software modules and to provide staff training relative to the specific project application of the software, and to approve a contingency for this amendment in an amount of \$40,000, for the total of \$439,637, with the understanding that sufficient funds are available in the FY 23/24 Bridge Division Capital Budget for Project #1923 to finance the Twelfth Amendment and its contingency.

Action by the Board at its meeting of August 25, 2023 – Resolution

AYES (11): Directors Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni and Snyder; First Vice President Cochran; President Thériault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSTENTION (1): Director Thier.

ABSENT (7): Directors Conroy, Dorsey, Engardio, Moulton-Peters, Safai and Stefani; Second Vice President Hill.

- (4) **Approve Actions Relative to Professional Service Agreement (PSA) No. 2014-FT-13, Wetland Restoration Design and Permitting Support Services Project, with WRA, Inc.**
[17:11 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

District Engineer Ewa Bauer-Furbush presented the staff report.

[26:03 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Chair Garbarino expressed appreciation for the report.

Director Pahre commented about WRA, their possible use of herbicides including Roundup, and the carcinogenic designation given to some herbicides. She requested that staff report back to the Board if Roundup is to be used at the Corte Madera Ecological Reserve (CMER).

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Chair Garbarino expressed appreciation for the use of goats on the site.

Director Snyder inquired about the history and District's responsibilities for the CMER.

Ms. Bauer-Furbush and Mr. Mulligan responded to the inquiries. Ms. Bauer-Furbush stated she would talk to WRA staff about the use of Roundup. Mr. Mulligan added that the project was designed to employ chemicals as a last resort. He reviewed the history of the District's CMER ownership and responsibilities.

(a) Action by the Committee

Staff recommended and the Committee concurred by motion made and seconded by **Directors RABBITT/COCHRAN** to forward the following recommendation to the Board of Directors for its consideration:

RECOMMENDATION

The Building and Operating Committee/Committee of the Whole recommends that the Board of Directors approve actions relative to Professional Services Agreement (PSA) No. 2014-FT-13, *Wetland Restoration Design and Permitting Support Services Project*, with WRA, Inc. (WRA), as follows:

- (i) Authorize the execution of the Sixth Amendment to PSA No. 2014-FT-13, in an amount not-to-exceed \$579,985, for invasive weed control associated with the Corte Madera Marsh Restoration Construction Project (Project #2041);
- (ii) Authorize a contingency for this amendment in the amount of \$58,000, equal to 10% of the amendment amount; and,
- (iii) Authorize an increase in the amount of \$165,485 in the FY 2023/24 Ferry Division Capital Budget for Project #2041, for a revised total project budget of \$3,205,485 to be financed from the District reserves.

**Action by the Board at its meeting of August 25, 2023 – Resolution
Refer to Finance-Auditing Committee meeting of August 24, 2023**

AYES (11): Directors Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni and Snyder; First Vice President Cochran; President Thériault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSTENTION (1): Director Thier.

ABSENT (7): Directors Conroy, Dorsey, Engardio, Moulton-Peters, Safaí and Stefani; Second Vice President Hill.

**(5) Status Report from Board Appointee(s) on Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit Board
[32:17 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

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Directors Pahre and Rabbitt provided a Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART) Board status report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

[09:39 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Director Cochran inquired about the Santa Rosa Airport.

Director Rabbit responded to the inquiry and stated that the SMART Connect shuttle brings people to the airport and businesses within a certain radius of the area. For more information, see <https://www.sonomamarintrain.org/connect>.

Chair Garbarino commented and expressed appreciation for Mr. Mulligan's contribution to the KQED episode entitled *PBS: Iconic America: The Golden Gate Bridge*, which is available at <https://www.pbs.org/video/the-golden-gate-bridge>.

(6) Status Report on Engineering Projects [39:33 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

District Engineer Ewa Bauer-Furbush presented a status report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

(7) Public Comment

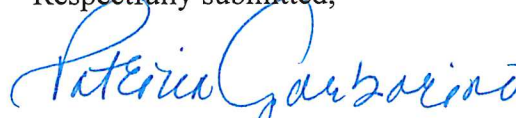
There were no public comments.

(8) Adjournment [40:21 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

All business having been concluded, **Directors MASTIN/THIER** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Garbarino, Chair
Building and Operating Committee