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Subject: Public comment for Item 14 on BOD Meeting 11/19/2018

Chairman Gonzalez:

This morning I learned there is an item on the meeting agenda for today's meeting (item 14) to

- a. Approve the termination of the Professional Services Agreement to provide program management services for the Interlake Tunnel between Monterey County Water Resources Agency and EPC Consultants. Effective close of business on January 4, 2019
- b. Approve the award of a professional services agreement to provide program management services for the Interlake Tunnel between the Monterey County Water Resources Agency and COWI, N.A. effective January 1, 2019
- c. Authorize the General Manager to execute the Professional Services agreement between the Monterey County Water Resources Agency and COWI, N.A.

The justification for the above action as described in the Board report dated November 19, 2018 is that Ron Drake, current Program Manager and current EPC Consultants employee is leaving EPC's employment and joining COWI, N.A in January 2019.

EPC Consultants, Inc. is specialized in the management of underground construction. In our 29 years' experience, we have provided management for 72.5 Miles of tunnel with construction value in excess of \$9.6 Billion. We have worked with many California water/wastewater agencies and have a great track record of delivering quality staff and projects.

I request this vote be delayed so the Board has the opportunity to review EPC Consultant candidates who are equally qualified to assist MCWRA in delivery this project. EPC Consultants has a clearly outlined succession plan for all current contracts and clients. We would like the opportunity to review this plan with you. We value our relationship with you, have performed per all contract requirements and look forward to delivering the project as outlined in our current work plan.

Thanks,

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