

LEUCADIA WASTEWATER DISTRICT
 Minutes of an Engineering Committee Meeting
 September 2, 2026

A meeting of the Engineering Committee (EC) of Leucadia Wastewater District (LWD or District) was held on Wednesday, September 2, 2026 at 11:30 a.m., at the LWD Administration Office located at 1960 La Costa Avenue, Carlsbad, California.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Brown called the meeting to order at 11:28 a.m.

2. Roll Call

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Brown (via Teams); Roesink (via Teams)
 DIRECTORS ABSENT: None
 OTHERS PRESENT: General Manager Paul Bushee; Field Services Supervisor Mauricio Avalos; Field Services Supervisor Rick Easton; District Engineer Dexter Wilson; and Capital Project Manager Ian Riffel

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Leucadia Pump Station (L1/L2) and Batiquitos Pump Station (B3) Force Mains Anode Replacement Projects – Award of Construction Contract

Authorize the General Manager to execute an Agreement with Corrpro Companies, Inc. for the construction of the Leucadia Pump Station (L1/L2) and Batiquitos Pump Station (B3) Force Mains Anode Replacement Projects in an amount not to exceed \$278,700 as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

CPM Riffel presented the recommendation to the EC. He stated this item is a FY27 tactical goal and provided a brief project background.

CPM Riffel displayed a diagram and explained how cathodic protection prevents underground metal pipes from rusting and failing. He said that the project was initially advertised for bids in August 2025, but the District received only two bids, both of which came in significantly higher than expected. As a result, the District rejected both bids and determined the project could not be modified without compromising system protection. CPM Riffel noted that staff incorporated a separate recommendation from RF Yeager to include an additional Cathodic Test Station (CTS) location and subsequently secured supplemental funding in the FY27 Capital Budget to cover the updated cost projections.

CPM Riffel said that in July 2026, staff re-advertised the project for bids. He reported that the District received three bids by the August 11th deadline and Corrpro Companies, Inc. (Corrpro) submitted the lowest responsive bid at \$278.7k, which was \$141k, or 34%, less than the total budgeted amount of \$420k. CPM Riffel noted Corrpro's bid was \$60k lower than the last bid received even though there was an additional CTS location added to the project.

Chairperson Brown asked why current bids were lower than last year's, especially given the expanded scope of work. Staff attributed the lower pricing to general economic activity, contractor workload, and familiarity with the job. Director Roesink inquired whether the project was considered small in scale. Staff answered that it's a medium sized project.

CPM Riffel continued that District staff reviewed Corpro's bid and determined Corpro to be responsive to the bid requirements and recommended that the contract be awarded to Corpro.

Following discussion, the EC concurred with staff to forward the recommendation to the Board.

5. Information Items

CPM Riffel provided an update on the Diana Pump Station Upgrade Project and the Batiquitos Pump Station (B3) Force Main Condition Assessment. The EC asked several questions regarding the projects and staff answered their questions.

6. Directors' Comments

Director Roesink thanked staff for their hard work.

7. General Manager's Comments

GM Bushee reported that an SDG&E power outage last week is suspected of burning out a pump motor at the Diana Pump Station. He said that because the spare pump was already out for repairs, the pump station is currently operating on a single pump. He continued that to ensure continuous operation, the field services team has done a fantastic job maintaining operational readiness, including undergoing bypass training.

8. Adjournment

Chairperson Brown adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:52 a.m.



Paul J. Bushee,
Secretary/Manager
(Seal)