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To:	Board of Directors	From:	Engineering Committee and Arthur G. Simonian, Executive Director

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Engineering Committee
Monday, November 16, 2026
Meeting Minutes

The Engineering Committee met Monday, November 16, 2026, at the District Offices, 245 Main Street, Cromwell, Connecticut and remotely. This meeting was rescheduled from Thursday November 12, due to the Microsoft outage.

Chairman, Mr. John Dunham (remote) called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Present were, Committee Members – Bonnie Anderson, Nick Stevens (remote), Phil Pessina (remote) and Liam Mitchell (arrived at 3:06 pm) There was a quorum. Also, present from the Mattabassett District were Executive Director – Arthur Simonian, District Engineer – Michelle Ryan, Operations Manager – Ty Wagner (remote), and Jose Alvarez from CDM Smith (remote). Committee Member Don Naples was absent.

The November 16, 2026 Engineering Committee Meeting was held to discuss:

1) Odor Control Assessment Update:

a. Middletown Pump Station Force-Main Chemical Dosing Evaluation

Chemical dosing data is now being captured through SCADA. Middletown is also investigating other approaches to H_2S reduction.

b. H_2S Monitoring and Peroxide Pilot Test at Headworks and Detritors

The evaluation of bioxide dosing effectiveness in reducing H_2S will continue in the spring with the phase two 90-day evaluation. This testing will evaluate the H_2S reduction in both plant effluent and ambient air/odors. CDM is expected to provide oversight and evaluate whether the approach is financially worthwhile.

2) Pre-purchase of Xylem Odor Control Equipment – Review and approve

MOTION: Mr. Pessina moved to table the motion to allow more time to evaluate the cost of the additional equipment. Mr. Mitchell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The District will request a revised proposal from Xylem detailing a better breakdown on cost and equipment to be provided and will consider the revised proposal at the next Board meeting for approval.

3) GAC System – Travelers Insurance Company reactivated claim damage investigation – Review and discuss.

Travelers investigated three valves associated with the GAC system and concluded that the GAC outlet isolation valve was damaged by the August 22nd fire. However, they did not agree that the bypass valve was fire-damaged. Travelers is expected to cover the outlet valve and associated replacement costs. The District will have a consultant perform additional analysis to determine if there is a basis to pursue the bypass valve claim further.

4) Odor Control and 2026 Projects List & Website – Update

The district is moving its website hosting from Network Solutions to Computer Solutions in Cromwell. The new site will be going live soon and retain the existing look and functionality. There have been relatively few recent odor complaints.

5) NPDES Permit Renewal Status – Update on next meeting and CDM Smith proposal for plant study

The RFQ process will begin in January with the goal of selecting a consultant for the study in 2027/2028.

6) Other related business and staff-updates

New emissions requirements for the generators may eliminate demand-response generator operation. This may potentially cost the district up to $300,000 more annually (between lost revenue and peak demand charges). The District may investigate a newer low-NOx generator/engine technology options and pricing.

Adjournment

Mr. Mitchell moved, no second necessary; approved unanimously to adjourn at 4:00 pm.