



EAST BAY DISCHARGERS AUTHORITY
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ITEM NO. 11

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

Monday, March 13, 2023

8:00 A.M.

**East Bay Dischargers Authority
2651 Grant Avenue, San Lorenzo, CA 94580**

Committee Members: Simon (Chair); Andrews

FM1. Call to Order

FM2. Roll Call

FM3. Public Forum

FM4. Disbursements for February 2023
(The Committee will review the List of Disbursements.)

FM5. Treasurer's Report for February 2023
(The Committee will review the Treasurer's Report.)

FM6. Pension Fund Status Update
(The Committee will review the status of the Authority's pension plan.)

FM7. CERBT Fund Status Update
(The Committee will review the status of the Authority's OPEB trust.)

FM8. Preliminary Budget Considerations
(The Committee will provide feedback to staff on considerations for the FY 2023/2024 Budget.)

FM9. Adjournment

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**The next Financial Management Committee meeting is scheduled on
Monday, April 17, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.**

ITEM NO. FM4 DISBURSEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2023

Disbursements for the month of February were a total of \$443,435.13.

Reviewed and Approved by:

Fred Simon, Chair	Date
Financial Management Committee	

Jacqueline T. Zipkin	Date
Treasurer	

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List of Disbursements

February 2023

Check #	Payment Date	Invoice #	Vendor Name	Description	Invoice Amount	Disbursement Amount
26004	02/28/2023	50898337	UNIVAR	SODIUM BISULFITE - DELIVERED 02/01/2023	7,924.15	47,001.77
26004	02/28/2023	50869389	UNIVAR	SODIUM BISULFITE - DELIVERED 01/23/2023	7,904.39	
26004	02/28/2023	50922725	UNIVAR	SODIUM BISULFITE - DELIVERED 02/10/2023	7,904.39	
26004	02/28/2023	50943495	UNIVAR	SODIUM BISULFITE - DELIVERED 02/21/2023	7,855.13	
26004	02/28/2023	50858208	UNIVAR	SODIUM BISULFITE - DELIVERED 01/18/2023	7,838.66	
26004	02/28/2023	50847620	UNIVAR	SODIUM BISULFITE - DELIVERED 01/12/2023	7,575.05	
25998	02/28/2023	002952	UNION SANITARY DISTRICT	O&M - JAN	43,847.70	43,847.70
25984	02/13/2023	201466	MEYERS NAVE	LEGAL SERVICES - BRINE PROJECT	38,612.50	41,006.90
25984	02/13/2023	201465	MEYERS NAVE	LEGAL SERVICES - DEC	2,394.40	
25970	02/13/2023	350995	CITY OF HAYWARD	O&M - OCT-DEC	40,466.78	40,466.78
25972	02/13/2023	002941	UNION SANITARY DISTRICT	O&M - DEC	35,781.40	35,781.40
25968	02/13/2023	390625	CITY OF SAN LEANDRO	O&M - DEC	33,622.51	33,622.51
26000	02/28/2023	52738	CALCON	OLEPS REPAIR, MAINTENANCE, AND PM SERVICES	9,691.68	17,198.52
26000	02/28/2023	52961	CALCON	MDF SBS BUILDING HEATING UPGRADE & ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT	3,531.55	
26000	02/28/2023	52964	CALCON	HEPS REPAIR, MAINTENANCE, AND PM SERVICES	1,387.23	
26000	02/28/2023	53018	CALCON	OLEPS REPAIR, MAINTENANCE, AND PM SERVICES	939.30	
26000	02/28/2023	52962	CALCON	OPS CENTER REPAIR, MAINTENANCE, AND PM SERVICES	639.30	
26000	02/28/2023	52963	CALCON	OPS CENTER REPAIR, MAINTENANCE, AND PM SERVICES	600.00	
26000	02/28/2023	53049	CALCON	OLEPS ELECTRICAL UPGRADE	409.46	
25969	02/13/2023	6736	ORO LOMA SANITARY DISTRICT	O&M - DEC	10,735.24	10,735.24
25976	02/13/2023	Oct-22	DEBORAH QUINN	ACCOUNTING SERVICES - OCT	8,788.73	8,788.73
25974	02/13/2023	INV-0000261152	BLACKBAUD	ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	8,726.00	8,726.00
26010	02/28/2023	3236	4B ON SITE SERVICES LLC	OLEPS DIESEL FUEL	8,077.55	8,077.55
26005	02/28/2023	11474063	BROWN & CALDWELL	ENGINEERING SERVICES - BRINE ASSESSMENT	6,757.94	6,757.94
25990	02/13/2023	30969	CRANE TECH INC	QUADRENNIAL LOAD TESTING OF 15-TON CRANE AT OLEPS	4,310.31	5,718.75
25990	02/13/2023	30968	CRANE TECH INC	ANNUAL INSPECTION & TESTING OF 15-TON BRIDGE CRANE AT OLEPS	1,408.44	
25985	02/13/2023	181769	ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATES	FIRST MILE PROJECT WORK ORDER NO. 1	4,461.11	4,461.11
25986	02/13/2023	SI225892	WATSON MARLOW, INC	SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	1,380.61	1,380.61
25971	02/13/2023	52205708	CITY OF HAYWARD	BENEFIT PREMIUMS - FEB	1,242.98	1,242.98
25989	02/13/2023	882	STRATEGY DRIVER	STRATEGIC PLANNING FACILITATOR	1,160.00	1,160.00
25975	02/13/2023	100092863	STATE FUND	WORKERS COMPENSATION	810.00	810.00
25997	02/28/2023	390686	CITY OF SAN LEANDRO	MDF ANNUAL CUPA FEE	794.00	794.00
26007	02/28/2023	705358	CALTEST	LAB TESTING SERVICES	601.70	601.70
26006	02/28/2023	SI226947	WATSON MARLOW, INC	SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	558.31	558.31
25983	02/13/2023	4246044555687627	US BANK	PURCHASING CARD EXPENSES	495.33	495.33
26002	02/28/2023	00013.11-15	LARRY WALKER ASSOCIATES	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - WORK ORDER NO. 2	386.00	386.00
25980	02/13/2023	8388	CAYUGA INFORMATION SYSTEMS	IT SERVICES	341.25	341.25
25981	02/13/2023	32792574	PITNEY BOWES INC	DIGITAL MAILING SYSTEM POSTAGE ACCOUNT	300.00	300.00

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26003	02/28/2023	41492	BA MORRISON	HVAC SERVICE - ADMIN	260.00	260.00
25999	02/28/2023	510-483-0439-716-6	AT&T	TELEPHONE SERVICE - MDF	246.75	246.75
25982	02/13/2023	236222172	ORKIN	PEST CONTROL SERVICE - MDF	217.00	217.00
25988	02/13/2023	CD_000533630	RINGCENTRAL INC	DIGITAL PHONE SERVICE	208.15	208.15
25979	02/13/2023	18595215	EWING IRRIGATION PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	184.87	184.87
25987	02/13/2023	52540	COMPUTER COURAGE	WEBSITE HOSTING - FEB	150.00	150.00
26009	02/28/2023	9575	MBC CUSTODIAL SERVICES INC	JANITORIAL SERVICE - JAN	130.00	130.00
25977	02/13/2023	9926620746	VERIZON WIRELESS	WIRELESS PHONE SERVICE	101.99	101.99
25978	02/13/2023	9586762727	GRAINGER	SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	73.08	89.65
25978	02/13/2023	9586733397	GRAINGER	SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	16.57	
25973	02/13/2023	2023 DUES	CSMFO	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES	50.00	50.00
26008	02/28/2023	3704033	CALTRONICS	COPIER USAGE AND MAINTENANCE	47.70	47.70
26001	02/28/2023	9925103804	VERIZON WIRELESS	MODEM FOR SCADA	2.86	2.86
25991	02/13/2023			VOID CHECK	0.00	0.00
25992	02/13/2023			VOID CHECK	0.00	0.00
25993	02/13/2023			VOID CHECK	0.00	0.00
25994	02/13/2023			VOID CHECK	0.00	0.00
25995	02/13/2023			VOID CHECK	0.00	0.00
25996	02/13/2023			VOID CHECK	0.00	0.00
				TOTAL CHECK PAYMENTS	321,950.05	321,950.05
				ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS		
	02/01/2023	5105948980-0	PG&E	GAS & ELECTRIC SERVICE	49,517.33	49,517.33
	02/02/2023	100000017058468	CALPERS	HEALTH PREMIUMS - FEB	7,570.99	7,570.99
	02/01/2023	100000017026185	CALPERS	PENSION CONTRIBUTION, CLASSIC 01/16 - 31/2023	4,975.51	4,975.51
	02/23/2023	100000017055828	CALPERS	PENSION CONTRIBUTION, CLASSIC 02/01 - 15/2023	4,975.51	4,975.51
	02/01/2023	6352229	MISSION SQUARE	DEFERRRED COMPENSATION CONTRIBUTION 02/01-15/2023	2,256.24	2,256.24
	02/23/2023	6639179	MISSION SQUARE	DEFERRRED COMPENSATION CONTRIBUTION 01/16-31/2023	2,256.24	2,256.24
	02/01/2023	100000017026217	CALPERS	PENSION CONTRIBUTION, PEPRA 01/16 - 31/2023	162.45	162.45
	02/23/2023	100000017055868	CALPERS	PENSION CONTRIBUTION, PEPRA 02/01 - 15/2023	162.45	162.45
				TOTAL ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS	71,876.72	71,876.72
				PAYROLL		
	2/27/2023		ADP, LLC	PAYROLL PERIOD: 02/16-28/2023	26,279.75	26,279.75
	2/14/2023		ADP, LLC	PAYROLL PERIOD: 02/01-15/2023	23,034.76	23,034.76
	2/24/2023		ADP, LLC	PAYROLL FEES, 02/16-28/2023	168.20	168.20
	2/3/2023		ADP, LLC	PAYROLL FEES, 01/16-31/2023	90.90	90.90
	2/22/2023		ADP, LLC	PAYROLL FEES, 02/1-15/2023	34.75	34.75
				TOTAL PAYROLL	49,608.36	49,608.36
				TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	443,435.13	443,435.13

ITEM NO. FM5 TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2023

The beginning cash balance on February 1, 2023 was \$4,742,087.98. Total receipts for the month were \$88,101.72 and disbursements totaled \$443,435.13, bringing the cash balance to \$4,386,663.57 at February 28. EBDA's LAIF balance is \$2,801,535.05 and the average monthly effective yield for February was 2.624%.

EBDA currently has a two-pronged investment approach that includes Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) and traditional bank accounts.

Approval is recommended.

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FUND	DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	DEBITS (INCREASE)	CREDITS (DECREASE)	ENDING CASH BALANCE
12	OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	1,624,306.07	57,700.86	379,093.16	1,302,913.77
13	PLANNING & SPECIAL STUDIES	544,276.48	37,668.24	5,621.11	576,323.61
14	RECLAMATION O & M (SKYWEST)	60,202.16		204.16	59,998.00
15	BRINE ACCEPTANCE	(184,779.24)	(8,215.84)	45,756.44	(238,751.52)
31	RENEWAL & REPLACEMENT	2,698,082.51	857.46	12,760.26	2,686,179.71
TOTALS		4,742,087.98	88,010.72	443,435.13	4,386,663.57

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SUPPLEMENTAL TREASURERS REPORT

DATE	TRANSACTION	RECEIPT	DISBURSEMENT CHECKING	DISBURSEMENT PAYROLL	PAYROLL TRANSFER	LAIF TRANSFER	WELLS FARGO CHECKING BALANCE	WELLS FARGO PAYROLL BALANCE	LAIF BALANCE	TOTAL CASH
01/31/23	BALANCE						1,875,937.70	64,615.23	2,801,535.05	4,742,087.98
02/01/23	ELECTRONIC BILL PAY		162.45				1,875,775.25	64,615.23	2,801,535.05	4,741,925.53
02/01/23	ELECTRONIC BILL PAY		2,256.24				1,873,519.01	64,615.23	2,801,535.05	4,739,669.29
02/01/23	ELECTRONIC BILL PAY		4,975.51				1,868,543.50	64,615.23	2,801,535.05	4,734,693.78
02/01/23	ELECTRONIC BILL PAY		49,517.33				1,819,026.17	64,615.23	2,801,535.05	4,685,176.45
02/02/23	ELECTRONIC BILL PAY		7,570.99				1,811,455.18	64,615.23	2,801,535.05	4,677,605.46
02/03/23	PAYROLL FEES			90.90			1,811,455.18	64,524.33	2,801,535.05	4,677,514.56
02/08/23	DEPOSIT - CSL	88,010.72					1,899,465.90	64,524.33	2,801,535.05	4,765,525.28
02/13/23	DISBURSEMENT		196,039.25				1,703,426.65	64,524.33	2,801,535.05	4,569,486.03
02/14/23	PAYROLL			23,034.76			1,703,426.65	41,489.57	2,801,535.05	4,546,451.27
02/16/23	PAYROLL TRANSFER				100,000.00		1,603,426.65	141,489.57	2,801,535.05	4,546,451.27
02/22/23	PAYROLL FEES			34.75			1,603,426.65	141,454.82	2,801,535.05	4,546,416.52
02/23/23	ELECTRONIC BILL PAY		162.45				1,603,264.20	141,454.82	2,801,535.05	4,546,254.07
02/23/23	ELECTRONIC BILL PAY		2,256.24				1,601,007.96	141,454.82	2,801,535.05	4,543,997.83
02/23/23	ELECTRONIC BILL PAY		4,975.51				1,596,032.45	141,454.82	2,801,535.05	4,539,022.32
02/24/23	PAYROLL FEES			168.20			1,596,032.45	141,286.62	2,801,535.05	4,538,854.12
02/27/23	PAYROLL			26,279.75			1,596,032.45	115,006.87	2,801,535.05	4,512,574.37
02/28/23	DISBURSEMENT		125,910.80				1,470,121.65	115,006.87	2,801,535.05	4,386,663.57
	TOTAL	88,010.72	393,826.77	49,608.36	100,000.00	-	1,470,121.65	115,006.87	2,801,535.05	4,386,663.57
	CURRENT BALANCE						1,470,121.65	115,006.87	2,801,535.05	4,386,663.57

Reconciliation

① Per Bank Statement @ 2/28/23	\$ 1,606,481.18
Less: Outstanding Checks	136,359.53
	\$ 1,470,121.65
② Per Bank Statement @ 2/28/23	\$ 115,006.87
③ Per LAIF Statement @ 2/28/23	\$ 2,801,535.05

The Supplemental Treasurer's Report is prepared monthly by the General Manager. It also serves as EBDA's cash and investments reconciliation.

ITEM NO. FM6 PENSION FUND STATUS UPDATE

Recommendation

This information is for the Committee’s information only, and no action is required.

Background

The Authority participates in the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS) for its pension benefits. In 2019, the Authority adopted Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) and Pension Funding Policies, including target funding levels of 80% and 95%, respectively. The Authority made lump sum pre-payments to both funds in 2020, prior to the effective date of the Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA), with the intention of reaching these targets. The Additional Discretionary Payment (ADP) made to the Authority’s pension fund in 2020 was \$645,000. This report provides information on the status of the Authority’s pension fund.

Discussion

As noted above, the 2020 payment was calculated based on reaching a target of 95% funded. However, the actual rate of return for the fund in FY 2020/2021 was 21.3%, approximately three times the rate CalPERS projected. The table below summarizes the current status. June 30, 2021 represents the most recent formal valuation.

	As of June 30, 2021	Projected June 30, 2023 (assuming 2.50% rate of return)
Accrued Liability	\$ 4,946,069	5,446,000
Plan’s Market Value of Assets	\$ 5,058,571	4,640,000
Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL)	\$ (112,502)	806,000
Funded Ratio	102.3%	85.2%

Because EBDA’s funded status exceeds the policy target as of the last formal valuation, and future rates of return are quite volatile and difficult to project, staff does not recommend making any additional discretionary payment this year. Because of the surplus-funded status of the plan, EBDA does not have an annual minimum required contribution for FY 2023/2024. The Employer Normal Cost Rate is increasing from 12.21% of payroll in FY 2022/2023 to 14.06% of payroll in FY 2023/2024. EBDA does not subsidize employee contributions.

Though most of the Authority’s retirees and staff are on CalPERS’ “Classic” Plan, EBDA also now has a PEPRA (Public Employees’ Pension Reform Act) pension fund. As of June 30, 2021, the unfunded accrued liability (UAL) for that fund was \$(320) and the funded ratio was 106.2%.

ITEM NO. FM7 CERBT FUND STATUS UPDATE

Recommendation

This information is for the Committee’s information only, and no action is required.

Background

The Authority participates in the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS) for its pension benefits. In addition, on April 21, 2011, the EBDA Commission approved an agreement with CalPERS to participate in its California Employers Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT) Fund to pre-fund other post-employment benefits (OPEB) including retiree health. The fund operates much like the CalPERS pension fund in that it is designed to increase the value of employer contributions through investment earnings.

In 2019, the Authority adopted OPEB and Pension Funding Policies, including target funding levels of 80% and 95%, respectively. The Authority made lump sum pre-payments to both funds in 2020, prior to the effective date of the Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), with the intention of reaching these targets. This report provides information on the funded status of the Authority’s CERBT Fund for OPEB liabilities.

Discussion

The financial status of the Authority’s CERBT fund as of June 30, 2022, is summarized below.

CERBT Account Summary as of June 30, 2022	
Present value of all future benefits	\$775,254
Accumulated assets in the CERBT fund	\$700,629
Net OPEB Liability	\$74,625
Funded Ratio	90.37%
Current Asset Allocation Strategy Selection	CERBT Strategy 1

As noted above, during FY 2019/2020, the Commission directed that each agency pre-pay their proportionate share of the Authority’s OPEB and pension funds to reach target funding ratios. The goal was to pre-fund these retirement obligations under the allocations in the previous JPA, prior to the new JPA allocations taking effect. The Authority accordingly made a lump sum payment of \$492,331 for OPEB.

As shown in the table, based on the Authority’s most recent actuarial valuation, the Authority’s net OPEB liability is \$74,625 bringing the funded ratio to 90%, which exceeds the target.

In FY 2020/2021 and FY 2021/2022, the Authority took disbursements from the CERBT

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account to reimburse the Authority for retiree medical payments, including subsidized premiums. Last year's reimbursement was \$63,622. Given the Authority's overfunded status, staff recommends taking a reimbursement again this year, at a similar amount.

The Commission previously recommended that the Authority "true up" at the end of each fiscal year to reach the intended funding target, taking into consideration disbursements. Staff will continue to monitor and report on the funding status each year and recommend to the Commission disbursement and/or contribution amounts required to approach the funding target.

ITEM NO. FM8 PRELIMINARY BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Recommendation

This information is for the Committee's information only, and no action is required.

Background

The Authority's Amended and Restated JPA states the following:

The Commission will adopt an annual or biennial budget for the ensuing Fiscal Year(s) prior to July 1. The budget will include sufficient detail to constitute a fiscal control guideline, specify cash flow requirements from each Agency, grant reimbursements, and cash receipts and expenditures to be made for Operation and Maintenance Costs, Planning and Special Studies Costs, and Capital Costs for the Facilities, and other necessary and appropriate expenditures.

A complete draft budget for FY 2023/2024 will be presented for the Committee's consideration in April 2023, with a goal of Commission adoption in May 2023.

Discussion

Staff expects a slight increase from the FY 2022/2023 budget in FY 2023/2024, in the range of 5-10%. Staff notes the following considerations:

- Labor and benefits assumptions were reviewed with the Personnel Committee in February 2023. Per that Committee's direction, staff is assuming a 4.9% cost of living adjustment for salaries. Overall, salary and benefits costs are expected to increase by approximately 3%. This is a smaller increase than last year's 5% due to minor decreases in some benefit costs, as well as the fact that there is no unfunded accrued liability contribution to the Authority's pension plan this year.
- The State Water Resources Control Board is currently expecting to increase National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Fees by 8.8%. This would be on top of the 11.8% increase implemented last year, and would bring the Authority's NPDES Permit Fee to approximately \$656,000, which is about 11% of the Authority's overall budget. The SWRCB continues refining their fee schedule each year until August, and fee increases could go up or down in that time. Staff is assuming the 8.8% for now and will keep the Commission apprised of changes.
- Chemicals costs also continue to rise. Based on the recent Bay Area Chemical Consortium bidding process, the unit price for sodium hypochlorite is doubling again, from \$1.4322 per gal in FY 2022/2023 to \$2.85 per gal in FY 2023/2024 (before tax). SBS unit costs are increasing by over 25%, from \$1.475 per gal in FY 2022/2023 to \$1.85 per gal in FY 2023/2024 (before tax).
- Because implementation of the permit amendment for total residual chlorine has been delayed indefinitely, staff is recommending increasing EBDA's budget for

sodium bisulfite (SBS) to reflect continued use at similar rates.

- PG&E costs are also expected to increase.

While many EBDA costs are relatively fixed from year to year based on basic operational needs, Special Studies are an area where the Commission has significant discretion to consider different options. Staff is not recommending any new Special Studies at this time.

Staff is recommending continuation of the Biosolids Feasibility Study, which was initially funded in FY 2021/2022 for \$100,000. Under this umbrella, the EBDA and LAVWMA Member Agencies have been working together to identify opportunities for joint biosolids management that provide greater economies of scale, price stability, and regulatory certainty. While no funds have been expended to date, efforts have proceeded, and staff anticipates spending the allocated funds in FY 2023/2024 to have a consultant prepare an options analysis.

Staff is also recommending continuing and adding to the Solar Feasibility Study in FY 2023/2024. This study is currently being conducted by consultant Black & Veatch in partnership with Union Sanitary District. Black & Veatch is evaluating solar and battery storage options for EBDA's OLEPS, HEPS, and MDF facilities. Staff is requesting an additional \$5,000 to complete the study in FY 2023/2024. Upon completion, staff will bring options to the Commission for consideration, and any selected projects would move forward into design as new projects under the Renewal and Replacement Fund.

Staff is also recommending that two professional association memberships be added to EBDA's budget for FY 2023/2024. Staff recommends rejoining the [National Association of Clean Water Agencies](#) (NACWA). The annual membership rate of \$10,700 provides staff and Commissioners with access to valuable technical materials, advocacy for the wastewater community at a national level, and a networking community of utility leaders from across the country for innovative ideas and problem-solving. Staff also recommends that EBDA join the [East Bay Leadership Council](#) at a public agency rate of \$2500 annually. Per their website, "the East Bay Leadership Council is a public policy advocacy organization on a mission to increase economic vitality and quality of life in East Bay." Their Water & Environment Task Force has provided valuable networking opportunities with water and wastewater agencies across the East Bay. EBDA's GM has recently joined the Task Force's planning committee.

Staff expects to continue efforts associated with the Cargill project in FY 2023/2024. This project will continue to be shown as part of a separate brine fund that recognizes the revenue associated with Cargill's complete reimbursement of EBDA's expenditures.