

**Metropolitan Domestic Water Improvement District  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**January 8, 2018**

**Northwest Recharge, Recovery, and Delivery System  
Approving the Purchase Agreement with the Town of Marana  
for the Purchase of Certain Town Property Rights**

**Synopsis**

Staff has been working with the District's right-of-way consultant, Tierra Right of Way Services, to assist with the acquisition of waterline easements necessary for the Northwest Recharge, Recovery, and Delivery System (NWRRDS).

**Background**

Staff is in the process of acquiring property rights within State Land east of the Marana Regional Airport to construct recovery wells for NWRRDS. Portions of the associated waterlines and access roads needed to convey water from the future recovery wells to the NWRRDS transmission main will cross land owned by the Town of Marana.

**Issues**

District staff have negotiated with Marana Town staff to acquire the needed property rights for the NWRRDS waterline and access road. If approved, the District would acquire fee title to a 55-foot strip of land (approximately 1.862 acres) along the east and southeast edge of the Marana airport property.

To avoid traffic conflicts at the current intersection of the Marana airport access road with Avra Valley Road, the District's access road will cut over to the airport access road in a separate access easement about 195 feet north of the Avra Valley Road right-of-way line. As part the negotiation, the District will relocate the airport security fence to the west and northwest edge of the 55-foot acquisition area, putting the NWRRDS waterline and access road outside the airport perimeter fence. In addition, the District will move the airport access road gate about 100 feet north of its existing location, putting the intersection of the airport access road and the District's access road outside the gate. This will allow District staff to access the NWRRDS waterline and recovery wells without crossing into Marana's gated and fenced airport security area.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended the Board of Directors approve the Purchase Agreement with the Town of Marana for the purchase of certain town property rights.

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**Suggested Motion**

I move to approve the Purchase Agreement with the Town of Marana for the purchase of certain town property rights.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Bowen, P.E.

District Engineer

I concur with the above-noted recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Olsen, P.E.

General Manager