

653, January 27, 2026 – Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority

LOCATION: Teleconference, Conference Room, River Road Plant, Princeton, NJ

MEMBERS PRESENT: Downey, Antebi, \*Bhosle, \*Goldfarb, \*Patel, Morehouse  
\*via teleconference

MEMBERS ABSENT:

CONSULTANTS: Alexander

STAFF PRESENT: Christiano, Doelling, Eddy, Hilty, Hinkel, Mazich, Palma, Smith,  
Stewart, Thomas, Wieczorek

### **653.01**

Dr. Downey opened the regularly scheduled meeting at 6:33 p.m. Dr. Downey indicated, pursuant to Section 13 of the Open Public Meetings Act, that adequate notice of the time and place of this meeting and the teleconference information was given by filing with the Authority's official newspapers, each Clerk of each municipality and by posting on the Princeton Bulletin Board and the Authority's website.

### **653.02 Approval of Minutes**

The amended minutes of the December 15, 2025, Board Meeting were approved by Mr. Morehouse, seconded by Mr. Antebi, and passed unanimously.

### **653.03 Open to the Public**

Hearing no comments from the public, as no members of the public were present either in the conference room or on the teleconference call, Dr. Downey closed the meeting to the public at 6:34 p.m., and the meeting continued as scheduled.

### **653.04 Board Related Activities**

Dr. Downey welcomed Mr. Antebi to the Board for another five (5) year term.

Ms. Alexander administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Antebi.

Mr. Smith reported that there are two (2) consultant contracts up for approval. One will be discussed in the Finance section. The contract is to be awarded to Brown and Brown Metro, LLC, in the amount of \$30,705.30 for the 2026 Risk Management Consultant. The other contract to be awarded is to ELECYSYS for the design of the remote pump stations main

substation replacement project, in the amount of \$295,000, which will be discussed in the Construction section.

Mr. Smith recommended for approval Resolution 2026-002, Authorizing Payment of Stipulated Penalties, namely \$33,000.00, as Contained in Consent Decree With USEPA, USDOJ, and NJDEP Relevant to Operation of SBRSA Incinerators. These fines are related to the Consent Decree. The fine period is from February 2024 to September 2025.

Resolution 2026-002 was moved by Mr. Morehouse, seconded by Mr. Antebi, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0. Resolution 2026-002 follows.

**Resolution Authorizing Payment of Stipulated Penalties as Contained in Consent Decree With USEPA, USDOJ, and NJDEP Relevant to Operation of SBRSA Incinerators**

**Resolution No. 2026-002**

**WHEREAS**, the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority (SBRSA) owns and operates two (2) multiple hearth sanitary sewage sludge incinerator units (SSI units), which are utilized to dispose of residual sanitary sewage sludge and septage; and

**WHEREAS**, United States Environmental Protection Agency (“USEPA”); United States Department of Justice (“USDOJ”), New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”), and SBRSA entered into a Consent Decree relevant to the operation of SBRSA’s SSI units; and

**WHEREAS**, by letter dated January 16, 2026, USEPA, USDOJ, and NJDEP issued a Demand for Payment of Stipulated Penalty pursuant to the terms of the Consent Decree in the amount of \$33,000.00 for alleged violations of the Consent Decree between February 16, 2024, and September 30, 2025, and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12(b), the SBRSA has discussed this issue in closed session and has determined to submit payment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority as follows:

- (1) The Executive Director is authorized and directed to remit payment in the amount of \$16,500.00 to the United States and \$16,500.00 to the State of New Jersey, plus accrued interest, if any, to satisfy the Demand for Stipulated Penalty dated January 16, 2026.
- (2) The Executive Director, staff, and consultants are authorized to take all appropriate actions to effectuate this Resolution.
- (3) This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

<u>Recorded Vote:</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Gale D. Downey	X			
Julian Antebi	X			
Arundhati Bhosle	X			
David A. Goldfarb	X			
C. Schuyler Morehouse	X			
Bharat Patel	X			

### **653.05 Planning and Administration**

Mr. Smith reported that the current 12-month average daily flow at River Road WWTP is 8,070,876 gpd, with 1,729,509 gpd of inoperative flow, leaving an available capacity of 3,259,615 gpd. The current 12-month average daily flow at the Hopewell WWTP is 205,730 gpd, with zero gpd of inoperative flow, leaving an available capacity of 94,270 gpd. The current 12-month average daily flow at Pennington WWTP is 239,667 gpd, with 22,965 gpd of inoperative flow, leaving an available capacity of 182,368 gpd.

Mr. Smith reported that staff completed flowmeter verifications on January 2, 2026. All flowmeters were within  $\pm 5\%$ .

Mr. Smith reported on the following monthly flow adjustments.

Hopewell WWTP Influent Meter: From December 1 through December 31, 2025, the Hopewell WWTP influent flow meter was bypassed to accommodate work associated with Contract 19-1 Hopewell WWTP Upgrade Project. The data recorded by the meter during this period was erroneous. Accordingly, influent flowmeter data for this time frame were substituted with effluent meter data.

Millstone Pump Station: On December 19, 2025, an air release valve on the Millstone Force Main was damaged, requiring emergency repair. Several attempts were made to repair the valve. To facilitate the work, the Millstone Pump Station sewage pumps were shut down, and the wet well was utilized as a containment buffer. As a result, the Millstone Pump Station flowmeter became submerged, and flow readings for the period of December 21, 22, and 23, 2025 were affected. Accordingly, a flow adjustment was required.

The flow totalizers for December 21 and December 23, 2025, contained partial daily totals of known value. The erroneous hours of flow on those dates (including the overnight repair attempt beginning late December 21, and the recovery period following repair on December 22, 2025) were estimated using flow data from a comparable time period on December 25, 2025. The flow total for December 22, 2025, was replaced with the average daily flow of the preceding and following days.

Princeton Forrestal Connector: The Princeton Forrestal Connector Meter experienced operational issues during December, including erratic readings from December 11 through December 18, 2025. Instrumentation staff investigated the issue several times during the period and ultimately rebuilt a spare meter with new parts, then replaced it on December 18, 2025. Flow totalizers for December 11 and December 13 through 18, 2025, were adjusted to compensate for erratic readings. Daily flows were estimated using flow data from a comparable time period on December 27, 2025.

As noted above in the discussion of adjustments to the Millstone Pump Station meter, repairs to a damaged air release valve required shutting down the Millstone Pump Station sewage pumps while the wet well was used to buffer flow. This operational condition resulted in flooding at the Millstone Pump Station and, in turn, caused flooding of the upstream Princeton Forrestal Connector Meter. Consequently, flow readings for the period of December 21, 22, and 23, 2025, were similarly affected.

The hours of erroneous flow on December 21 and 23, 2025 were estimated using flow data from a comparable time period on December 27, 2025. The total flow for December 22, 2025, was replaced with the average of the preceding and following days' flows.

Meter Station No. 7: On December 19, 2025, due to heavy rainfall, flow through the flume exceeded the measurement range of the flow meter. The meter reached its maximum reading for approximately 2.5 hours (12:00 to 14:30). No adjustments were made to the recorded flow data for this period.

As noted in the discussion of adjustments to the Millstone Pump Station meter, repairs to a damaged air release valve required shutting down the Millstone Pump Station sewage pumps while the wet well was used to buffer flow. This operational condition resulted in flooding at the Millstone Pump Station and, in turn, caused flooding of the upstream Meter Station No. 7 on December 22 and 23, 2025. The hours of erroneous flow from December 22 and 23, 2025, were estimated using flow data from a comparable time period on December 25, 2025.

### **653.06 Approval/ Extension Requests and Actions**

Mr. Doelling reported that there is one (1) TWA application for approval for Eden Autism Services, Inc., Blocks: 37.01; Lot 2; West Windsor Township, Mercer County: Roberts Engineering Group, LLC, on behalf of Eden Autism Services Foundation, Inc., proposes construction of two future school buildings with cafeterias and the connection of an existing school building with a cafeteria to the public sanitary sewer system. The existing building is currently served by an on-site sewage disposal system and private well, both of which will be abandoned upon connection to public utilities. The proposed project flow is 3,000 gallons per day (gpd).

The project received approval from West Windsor Township on September 8, 2025. TWA Form WQM003-T has been certified by the Governing Body on December 29, 2025, and certified by the Wastewater Conveyance System Owner on December 29, 2025.

Staff recommended approval of Resolution 2026-005, Approving Application for Connection Submitted by Eden Autism Services, Inc., Blocks: 37.01; Lot 2; West Windsor Township, Mercer County

Resolution 2026-005 was moved by Mr. Morehouse, seconded by Mr. Antebi, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0. Resolution 2026-005 follows.

**Resolution Approving Application for Connection for Eden Autism Services, Inc.,  
Block 37.01 Lot 2; West Windsor Township, Mercer County**

**Resolution No. 2026-005**

**WHEREAS**, an application for Treatment Works Approval has been submitted to Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority (SBRSA) by the Roberts Engineering Group, LLC for the construction of two future school buildings with cafeterias and the connection of an existing school building with a cafeteria to the public sanitary sewer system; and,

**WHEREAS**, the new gallonage required to service the proposed Project pursuant to the NJDEP criteria is in the amount of 3,000 gallons per day; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) presently requires the certification by the Wastewater Treatment Facility Owner, that the committed flow does not exceed the presently permitted design capacity and with the additional flow proposed by this application; and

**WHEREAS**, SBRSA has reviewed the application based on the requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:14A-23.3 Projected Flow Criteria, and the flow associated with this application is 3,000 gpd; and

**WHEREAS**, the project received West Windsor Township approval on September 8, 2025; and,

**WHEREAS**, the TWA Form WQM003-T has been endorsed by the Municipal Engineer and certified by the Wastewater Conveyance System on December 29, 2025; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority as follows:

1. Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority recommends approval of the Treatment Works Approval application for construction of expansion to the construction of two future school buildings with cafeterias and the connection of an existing school

building with a cafeteria at a proposed flow allocation of 3,000 gpd new sewage flow in accordance with the N.J.A.C. Projected Flow Criteria.

2. The Executive Director of SBRSA is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Treatment Works Approval (TWA-1 Application) Form WQM003-T in accordance with the SBRSA Resolution adopted August 21, 1984.

<u>Recorded Vote:</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>RECUSED</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Gale D. Downey	X				
Julian Antebi	X				
Arundhati Bhosle	X				
David A. Goldfarb	X				
C. Schuyler Morehouse	X				
Bharat Patel	X				

Mr. Doelling reported that 264,214 gpd of new flow associated with Princeton Nurseries (Blocks: 102 & 106; Lots 5, 6 & 1; Plainsboro Township) and 55,050 gpd of new flow associated with the AST South Brunswick Urban Renewal (Blocks: 98; Lots 2.013 & 2.02; South Brunswick Township), approved at last month's meeting (Resolutions 2025-137 & -138) was added to the inoperable flow for South Brunswick Township

Mr. Doelling reported that Princeton University will begin a geo-exchange flush next week for section 2A, located along Elm Drive between the Class of 1986 Fitness and Wellness Center and Baker Lane. The system consists of 1,700 feet of 20-inch carbon steel pipe and 10 feet of 10-inch carbon steel pipe. The total volume of the piping system is 27,714 gallons. The daily discharge will be limited to 8,000 gpd. The flush is expected to last one to two weeks.

### **653.07 Regulatory Report**

Mr. Doelling reported that the Stack Testing had been rescheduled from the week of February 3 to the week of February 10, 2026, due to extreme cold.

There were no Board member comments on the Regulatory Report. For information, the following Regulatory Report is included in the meeting minutes.

### **Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR)**

The discharge monitoring reports for November 2025 were submitted. No violations were reported.

December 2025 DMRs are currently being reviewed.

River Road Surface Water Discharge Waste Characterization Report (SWDWC) for the year 2025 was submitted to NJDEP.

Hopewell and Pennington semi-annual Surface Water Discharge Waste Characterization Report (SWDWC) for the second half of 2025 were submitted to NJDEP.

Hopewell and Pennington Annual Surface Water Discharge Waste Characterization Report (SWDWC) for the year 2025 were submitted to NJDEP.

### **Residuals Discharge Monitoring Report (RDMR)**

October 2025 RDMRs were submitted. All River Road parameters were in compliance with the Title V Air Permit requirements.

November 2025 RDMRs are currently being reviewed.

### **Air Reporting**

Staff received a pre-draft for TVOP permit renewal BOP180001 and BOP220001 on November 17, 2025. Staff comments on the pre-draft were submitted to NJDEP on December 22, 2025.

Staff received the new pre-draft, BOP230004, with reduced Potential to Emit (PTEs) and updated OPLs on January 9, 2025. Staff comments on the pre-draft were submitted to NJDEP on January 17, 2026.

The following reports are currently under review by staff:

- The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2025 Excess Emissions and Monitoring Report
- The federal 40 CFR 60 Subpart O 2025 Semi-annual Reports.
- The 2025 combined Semi-annual and Annual Title V Compliance Reports.
- The 2025 Subpart-LLL second half semi-annual deviation report and the Subpart-LLL Annual Compliance Report
- The 2025 Q4 Consent Decree Quarterly Report

2025 Incinerator Emergency Bypass report was submitted to EPA, NJDEP, USDOJ, and NJOAG on January 7, 2026. There were five (5) emergency bypass stack events during 2025.

Staff have begun assembling the data necessary for the 2025 Annual Emission Statement calculations.

On November 21, 2025, a fault in the Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer (RTO) forced draft (FD) fan resulted in a TRANSITION event. The Emergency Bypass Stack did not open during this event, and no sludge feed was charged to the incinerator during the malfunction. A “NJDEP Hotline” call was made and a follow up report (required by Section V, paragraph D.29 of the 2022 Consent Decree) was filed with EPA, NJDEP, USDOJ, and NJOAG on December 22, 2025.

On December 12, 2025, a fault in the Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer (RTO) forced draft (FD) fan resulted in a TRANSITION event. The Emergency Bypass Stack did not open during this event, and no sludge feed was charged to the incinerator during the malfunction. A “NJDEP Hotline” call was made and a follow up report (required by Section V, paragraph D.29 of the 2022 Consent Decree) was mailed to EPA, NJDEP, USDOJ, and NJOAG on January 6, 2026 (emailed January 8, 2026).

### **Miscellaneous**

On January 16, 2026, SBRSA received the attached formal written demand for \$33,000 in stipulated penalties under the Consent Decree, citing eleven (11) bypass stack events for Incinerators 1 and 2 between February 16, 2024, and September 30, 2025 (\$3,000 per incident). SBRSA must remit payment within 30 days, split 50% to the United States and 50% to the State of New Jersey, in accordance with the Consent Decree’s payment procedures. SBRSA will also provide notice of payment to both the United States and New Jersey pursuant to the Consent Decree’s notice provisions.

### **653.08 Safety**

Mr. Goldfarb requested that we include the Safety meeting minutes from December in the next Safety report.

There were no other Board member comments on the Safety Report. For the record, the following Safety Report is included in the meeting minutes.

### **Accidents:**

As of January 16, 2026,, the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority has gone 168 consecutive days without a “Lost Time” accident. An up-to-date graph depicting the historic annual trends of “Lost Time” and “No Lost Time” accidents and injuries was provided.

### **Inspections:**

The Safety Committee and plant staff continue to work through Priority 1 Safety Items

### **Training:**

During this reporting period, staff attended the following training programs provided by the MEL Safety Institute:

- Fire Safety
- Fire Extinguisher Safety
- Hazard Communication/Globally Harmonized System (GHS)
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Implicit Bias in the Workplace

- Confined Space Entry
- Lockout/Tagout
- Ladder Safety/Walking and Working Surfaces
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Hearing Conservation
- Fall Protection Awareness
- Driving Safety
- Back Safety/Materials Handling

### **Miscellaneous:**

There was a Safety Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2026. The minutes from this meeting are attached.

*Loading Dock Railing System:* In past Safety Committee meetings, the potential for personnel falling off the loading dock in the back of the Ops building was identified as a hazard. During the majority of the working hours, the loading dock is used as a gangway for employees transiting between the maintenance garage, welding shop, and the two stairways in the Ops building. Occasionally, the platform is also used for deliveries.

To mitigate this hazard while allowing the space to maintain functionality as a loading dock, a removable fiberglass guardrail system was installed along the entire length of the loading dock. Installation was completed in late December 2025.

### **653.09 Litigation**

Ms. Alexander reported that there is nothing new to report. A discussion occurred regarding the status of the 3M/Dupont PFAS case.

### **653.10 Operations Report**

#### **River Road Facility**

Mr. Stewart reported that the River Road Facility operated well during this reporting period.

#### *Millstone Force Main Air Release Valve Failure*

On Sunday afternoon, December 21, 2025, staff were dispatched to Mapleton Ave to address a sewer leak on Mapleton Ave in Princeton. Upon investigation, we determined the leak was coming from an access manhole on our 36-inch force main. Temporary pumping was quickly established, and we were able to divert flow from the force main's access manhole to a nearby sewer manhole that flows to an SBRSA meter station.

Once we were able to pump down the access manhole, we confirmed the leak was coming from a 2-inch diameter manual air release pipe that sheared off at the 90-degree bend. Conditions in the manhole prevented us from entering the structure while the leak was active. Later that night, we opened a check valve at the Millstone PS in an attempt to purge the force main. Results were favorable, but we ran out of time due to volume constraints at the Millstone PS. We returned the next evening and successfully purged the force main and fixed the leak.

On December 22, 2025, NJDEP and New Jersey Water Supply Authority (NJWSA) performed an inspection of the spill site. NJDEP reps indicated that the spill was not as bad as they had suspected. They found contamination in a local waterway that flows into the D&R Canal. SBRSA submitted the required follow up letter within the five day period. A hotline call was also made to report the leak.

### *EJIF Inspection*

On October 3, 2025, First Environmental, Inc., on behalf of the Environmental Joint Insurance Fund (EJIF), conducted its annual inspection of all Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) and above-ground storage tanks (ASTs), along with all required registrations and standard operating procedures (SOPs) for spills and emergencies. The final report was received on January 5, 2026, with a score of 99/100. All recommendations will be reviewed and addressed internally.

### *Emergency Sludge Cake*

Starting the week of January 10, SBRSA began accepting Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority (SRVSA) sludge cake. As of January 16, 2026, SBRSA has accepted 420 cubic yards of sludge cake from SRVSA. SRVSA has one (1) fluidized bed sewage sludge incinerator that is down due to mechanical issues. While SVRSA's incinerator is offline for repairs, the sludge cake produced will continue to be hauled to the River Road WTP for incineration.

### *Sewer Service Area Collections System Operator Meeting*

On January 13, 2026, SBRSA staff met with the licensed collections operators representing each municipality within the Authority's sewer service area. The purpose of the meeting was to formally establish and strengthen lines of communication among participating entities, exchange current contact information, and create a framework for collaboration related to shared services, operational support, and emergency response.

During the meeting, SBRSA provided a comprehensive presentation outlining the history and mission of the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority, an overview of the wastewater treatment process, and a summary of the regional collection system, including key assets and operational considerations. This information was intended to inform municipal representatives of the Authority's role, infrastructure, and regional responsibilities.

In advance of the meeting, SBRSA requested that each municipal representative prepare a high-level overview of their respective collection systems, current operational initiatives, and ongoing or planned infiltration and inflow (I/I) mitigation efforts. Princeton, South Brunswick, and

Pennington Borough provided an overview of upcoming capital improvement projects, including pumping station rehabilitation, as well as planned sewer pipe replacement and cleaning programs. Hopewell Township presented a summary of the significant work completed in the Princeton Farm Pumping Station service area, specifically aimed at reducing infiltration and inflow.

The exchange of information supported productive discussions, highlighted ongoing municipal investment in system reliability, and identified opportunities for continued coordination, mutual assistance, and regional collaboration across the service area. Additional meetings are planned for the coming months, with the goal established at the outset of convening this group 2-3 times annually.

#### *Re-Bid for the Supply of Schwing Pump Parts*

During this reporting period, one (1) bid opening occurred. The bid opening was for the supply of Schwing Pump Parts. The bid package consisted of a list of crucial parts that are needed to maintain the Schwing pumps for all dewatered sludge cake conveyance.

No bids were received. This is the second failed bid for the critical parts. Staff has since entered into negotiations with Schwing Bioaset for the supply of pump parts. The resolution Authorizing a Contract for the Purchase of Schwing Pump Parts will be presented in the New Business section.

#### **Upstream Facilities**

Both Upstream Facilities operated well during this reporting period.

#### *Hopewell Upgrade Project – Bypass Pumping*

On October 22, 2025, a temporary bypass pumping system was put online at the Hopewell WWTP to facilitate the construction work at that location. Two (2) pumps, each with a 6” suction and discharge, were deployed upstream of the influent wet well. The pumping system will convey wastewater from the influent channel to the existing Primary Settler Tanks. While the influent wet well is being bypassed, CMS will clean and inspect the influent wet well and will replace the influent pumps, valves, and necessary piping sections. The bypass operation will be in place for 4-6 weeks.

#### **Asset Management**

##### *Asset Management Plan*

Phase II of SBRSA’s Asset Management Plan (AMP) is underway. Staff participated in a remote session with CDM Smith representatives on January 8, 2026, to continue developing the asset hierarchy, modes of failure, and failure consequences. The Phase II scope of work is planned to be completed over a nine (9)- month period ending in the spring of 2026, with additional workshops as the work progresses.

## *Inventory Audit*

The ongoing audit of plant inventory stands at approximately 92% complete. After the River Road WWTP inventory audit has been completed, the Upstream facilities will be addressed in the next phase. Lastly, the pumping stations will be reconciled to complete the inaugural audit. As the audit progresses, controls will be implemented to ensure continuing accuracy with both the CMMS and in field inventory values.

## **Odors**

Staff has received one (1) odor complaint since the last monthly Operations Report. The complaint is in the area of Beech Hill Circle and Crooked Tree Lane. SBRSA has received multiple odor complaints at this location over the past several months. The location is upwind of the RRWWTP, which raises the question of whether SBRSA is the source of the odors. Residents have indicated that odors are particularly noticeable early Sunday mornings. SBRSA Operations is monitoring the perimeter of our South and West sites for odors on Sunday mornings until further notice. SBRSA has also been made aware of a wastewater pump station in need of repairs on Crooked Tree Lane. We have informed Princeton of the odor complaints in this area and will be working collaboratively to investigate the source.

The total number of odor complaints received year to date is five (5). A historical record of odor complaints since January 1999, along with a breakdown of the types and locations of odor complaints received year to date, is shown in the provided graphs.

The reported quantity of liquid sludge is 13% above the budgeted amount; sludge cake was 8% below the budgeted amount, and gray water was 24% above the budgeted amount for December 2025.

A discussion took place regarding the capital plan and capital needs for SBRSA's biosolids processing facilities, including the upcoming sludge storage cake hopper upgrade. An updated sludge business analysis showing the performance for FY25 was requested by the Board.

## **653.11 Maintenance**

There were no Board member comments on the Maintenance Report. For information, the following Maintenance Report is included in the meeting minutes.

### **Work Order/Preventative Maintenance Order Summary**

Maintenance successfully completed seventy-eight (78) work orders and one hundred fifty (150) preventative maintenance orders. Currently, there are ten (10) open work order requests and ten (10) outstanding preventative maintenance orders that are more than ten (10) days overdue. Open and completed work orders, as well as preventative maintenance orders, are tracked and illustrated on the graphs provided.

## **Major Maintenance Repairs:**

### Major Maintenance Repairs:

On December 16, 2025, Sludge Cake Storage Hopper No. 7 Drive was reported to be operating with only one of the two feed screws turning, producing a loud banging noise. Inspection of the tail gear area indicated excessive wear in the tail shaft pillow block bearings, which caused failure of the driven screw gear sprocket. To fully inspect the extent of damage, plans were made to empty the storage bin to allow interior access and inspection of the stub shaft connecting hardware.

On December 18, 2025, the Storage Bin was shut down, locked out, completely emptied, and washed down to allow safe entry. Upon inspection, multiple tail shaft stub bolts were found broken, contributing to the bearing and gear failures. The damaged bolts were removed and replaced, and all remaining fasteners were inspected and tightened. The bin was then exited and secured.

New tail shaft pillow block bearings and replacement gear sprockets were sourced from inventory and installed. After reassembly, the drive was tested and verified for proper operation. On December 18, 2025, Sludge Cake Storage Hopper Drive No. 7 was returned to full service.

On January 7, 2026, Schwing Pump #6 was taken out of service and locked out to replace the screw conveyor gearbox after it was found unable to retain the gear oil required for proper lubrication of the internal gears and bearings and was producing excessive noise during operation. A spare gearbox was removed from inventory as part of the Schwing Bioset gearbox exchange program, exclusive to SBRSA, which allows damaged gearboxes to be returned at no cost and refurbished at approximately half the cost of a new unit, depending on internal gear condition. After removing the failed gearbox, the screw shaft packings were also removed and replaced with Kevlar-reinforced packings to improve sealing performance and prevent contamination of the gearbox oil. During testing of the refurbished gearbox, the hydraulic drive motor was discovered to have a failed output shaft bearing and was replaced with spare parts from inventory. Once all repairs were completed, Schwing Pump #6 and its screw conveyor were tested and returned to full operation on January 8, 2026.

On December 22, 2025, the Sludge Storage Tank Mixer was reported out of service and unable to start. Initial checks at the Motor Control Center found the breaker tripped. After the breaker was reset, the mixer started from the local control cabinet but immediately tripped again. To safely access the equipment, the Sludge Storage Tank was emptied. Inspection of the mixer motor leads revealed a failed conductor that caused the fault. A spare mixer was sourced from inventory, inspected, and prepared for installation, including topping off required gear oil. Shafts and Sleeves Inc. was called in to assist with removal and replacement using a retractable boom crane and a winch extended through the tank access opening. The failed mixer was removed, and the reconditioned unit was installed. The power supply cable was secured, properly routed, and connected at the junction box. On January 9, 2026, the Sludge Storage Tank Mixer was tested for proper rotation and returned to full service.

On January 12, 2026, the River Road Plant Filter Building Disk Filter Drive No. 3 was reported out of operation due to a VFD drive failure. Inspection determined that the drive pillow block bearing was the cause. A spare bearing was sourced from inventory, and the Disk Filter #3 drive was locked out for repair. Since the bearing had been replaced less than a year ago, Ultrascreen

Filter representative Rob Wiley was contacted to discuss reliability concerns with the five Ultrascreen Filters, each having two drive systems, and the recurring failures. Rob Wiley acknowledged the issues and indicated that a new cylindrical roller pillow block bearing is being produced to replace the original ball bearing. This should provide improved performance and reliability. Repair of Filter #3 was completed after removing the VFD drive motor, gear reducer, sprocket, and chain to access the damaged bearing. Once the new bearing was installed, the drive system was reassembled and tested. Disk Filter Drive No. 3 was returned to service on January 13, 2026, to maintain plant flow.

On January 14, 2026, the River Road Plant Filter Building Disk Filter No. 2 was reported to have damaged filter screens during routine surveillance. Inspection determined that twenty-one (21) individual screen sections had been torn out of a total of 224 screen sections per disk filter. Further investigation found that two spray nozzles from the backwash manifolds were missing, and it was determined that the nozzle housings had failed during operation, allowing the nozzles to dislodge and tear through the screen media. Twenty-one new screen sections and two spray nozzle assemblies were installed. Each disk filter contains a total of 476 stainless steel spray nozzles mounted in plastic housings, which are periodically disassembled and cleaned due to clogging. Upon completion of repairs and testing, Disk Filter No. 2 was returned to full operation on January 14, 2026, and replacement screen sections and spray nozzles were ordered to replenish inventory

### **653.12 Construction Report**

Mr. Doelling reported that two resolutions are being presented for approval.

Staff recommended approval of Resolution 2026-006, Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to ELECSYS Engineering Group, PLLC for the Remote Pumping Stations Main Substation Replacement Project, not to exceed \$295,000.

Mr. Morehouse moved Resolution 2026-006, which was discussed at the Construction Committee meeting, seconded by Mr. Antebi, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0. Resolution 2026-006 follows.

### **Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to ELECSYS Engineering Group, PLLC for the Remote Pumping Stations Main Substation Replacement Project**

#### **Resolution No. 2026-006**

**WHEREAS**, the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority's (SBRSA) three remote pumping stations (Princeton, South Brunswick, and Millstone) are served by aging main electrical substations that are critical to continuous pump station operation, including voltage transformation, power distribution to motor control centers, and automatic transfer to emergency generator power during utility outages; and,

**WHEREAS**, these substations have exceeded their typical service life and have been in operation for approximately 38 to 48 years, and the replacement of the main substations is

necessary to reduce the risk of equipment failure that could result in loss of pumping station service; and,

**WHEREAS**, SBRSA therefore requires engineering design and bidding assistance services to prepare contract documents and support procurement for replacement of the main substations at the remote pumping stations; and,

**WHEREAS**, ELECSYS Engineering Group, PLLC has submitted a proposal dated January 20, 2026, for design, bid and construction phase engineering services for a time and materials fee not to exceed \$295,000.00 without further authorization from the Authority; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority as follows:

1. The Chairman is authorized to execute the “Agreement of Engineering Professional Services for the Design, Procurement and Construction Services for the Remote Pumping Stations Main Substation Replacement Project” by and between the Authority and ELECSYS Engineering Group, PLLC, having a business address of 200 Summit Lake Drive, Suite 320; Valhalla, NY 10595, in an amount not to exceed \$295,000.00, in accordance with the Proposal. Said contract shall not allow political contributions pursuant to the applicable provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 et seq.
2. The foregoing services are “professional” services as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6) which are permitted to be contracted without public bidding as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) (a) and as a “non-fair and open” contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20-5.
3. The Business Registration Certificate, Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Determination of Value shall be placed on file with this resolution.
4. The term of the contract shall be 12 months from the date the contract is fully executed.
5. Within ten days of adoption of this Resolution, notice of the nature, duration and amount of the contract shall be published once in the newspaper of general circulation and a copy of this resolution and the agreements shall be on file and available for public inspection in the offices of the Authority as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.
6. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Executive Director, staff, and consultants are authorized to take all appropriate measures to ensure that all appropriate documents are provided by the Contractor.

### **Certification of Funds**

I, James Mazich, Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that sufficient funds are available in the Capital Improvement Fund.

/s/ James Mazich  
Chief Financial Officer  
Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority

Dated: January 21, 2026

<u>Recorded Vote:</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>RECUSED</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Gale D. Downey	X				
Julian Antebi	X				
Arundhati Bhosle	X				
David A. Goldfarb	X				
C. Schuyler Morehouse	X				
Bharat Patel	X				

Staff recommended approval of Resolution 2025-007, Rejecting All Bids for Contract No. 25-10 River Road WWTP Operations Building HVAC Upgrade Project.

Resolution 2026-007 was moved by Mr. Morehouse, seconded by Mr. Antebi, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0. Resolution 2026-007 follows.

**Resolution Rejecting All Bids for Contract No. 25-10  
River Road WWTP Operations Building HVAC Upgrade Project**

**Resolution No. 2026-007**

**WHEREAS**, the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority (hereinafter the “Authority”) issued a Notice to Bidders seeking sealed competitive bids for Contract No. 25–10 “River Road WWTP Operations Building HVAC Upgrade Project”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority received one (1) sealed competitive bids on December 9, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. from the following bidder:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Price</u>
H&S Construction and Mechanical, Inc. 721 Bayway Avenue Elizabeth, NJ 07202	\$3,572,000.00

**WHEREAS**, the bid submission of H&S Construction and Mechanical, Inc. substantially exceeds: (1) the cost estimate for the goods or services; and (2) the Authority’s appropriation for the goods or services.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority in the County of Mercer and the State of New Jersey on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026 as follows:

1. All bids received on December 9, 2025 for Contract No. 25-10 “River Road WWTP Operations Building HVAC Upgrade Project” are rejected because the lowest bid price: (1) substantially exceeds the cost estimate for the goods or services; and (2) substantially exceeds the Authority’s appropriation for the goods or services, each of which is a separate basis to reject all bids in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2.
  
2. The Authority’s Executive Director and staff are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate this Resolution, including the return of H&S Construction and Mechanical, Inc.’s bid security.
  
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

<u>Recorded Vote:</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Gale D. Downey	X			
Julian Antebi	X			
Arundhati Bhosle	X			
David A. Goldfarb	X			
C. Schuyler Morehouse	X			
Bharat Patel	X			

There were no other Board Member comments on the Construction Report. For the record, the following construction report is included in the meeting minutes.

**Studies/General**

***River Road WWTP Phosphorus Impact Modeling Study:*** One Water Consulting (OWC) has received laboratory results from water quality samples collected in 2025. OWC staff are analyzing the data and preparing a summary memo to be issued in draft form in February/March 2026.

***NJPDES Permit:*** Following Board approval of the One Water Consulting contract amendment, NJDEP has authorized One Water to proceed with additional nitrate sampling. Nitrate sampling began on January 15, 2026, and will continue through the winter/spring sampling period. One Water will incorporate the additional results into the updated Monte Carlo modeling and prepare the required addendum for NJDEP/EPA review and final study approval in mid-2026.

As a follow-up to the River Rd WWTP Expansion Study, staff requested a proposal from Kleinfelder to pursue a re-rating of the wastewater treatment plant.

***Dewatering Alternatives Evaluation / Belt Filter Press Replacement Study:*** Staff is coordinating onsite pilot testing of two selected sludge dewatering technologies: the screw press

and the rotary press. Testing of the HUBER dewatering screw press is currently scheduled for the first week of May 2026.

***Analysis of Receiving Bin Screw Failures:*** Staff continues to review and discuss options for repair or replacement of the sludge cake receiving bins.

***2026 Stack Testing:*** Staff received conditional approval of the stack testing protocol, and staff held an organizational meeting on January 16, 2026, to prepare for the upcoming testing. Performance testing is scheduled for the following dates:

- OS28 (Incinerator 2): January 27–29, 2026
- OS3 (Incinerator 2): February 3–5, 2026
- OS27 (Incinerator 1): March 3–5, 2026
- OS1 (Incinerator 1): March 10–12, 2026

The 2026 Q1 RATA testing will be performed concurrently with the compliance testing efforts.

## **Design**

***Fly Ash Slurry Pump Suction/Discharge Header Rehabilitation and Process Drain Pump No. 3 Upgrade (Project 24-1):*** Bid documents are currently in preparation, and the contract drawings and specifications are expected to be completed for staff review in February 2026. A brief delay in final design occurred following additional coordination with the pump manufacturer to reconcile sizing requirements identified during final equipment confirmation. The design team is revising the design to specify a closed-coupled, dry-submersible pump, requiring a 110 HP motor to meet the 4,200 gpm duty point. Revised piping layout and construction sequencing are being finalized based on the updated pump cut sheet.

***River Road WWTP Main Substation Replacement or Rehabilitation Design:*** Staff have scheduled a site visit to review the existing RRWWTP switchgear internals on January 20, 2026, to support evaluation of current conditions and confirm project scope and next steps.

***RTO Media and Force Draft Fan Replacement Project:*** The project has been postponed. Staff continues discussions with IFCO to explore potential cost-saving adjustments and to refine the schedule. The project has been additionally delayed pending internal discussions regarding project financing.

***Millstone Pump Station Influent Screening Improvements Project:*** Kleinfelder continues to advance the design for this project. Design efforts remain on track, with ongoing coordination between staff and the consultant team to ensure project requirements are fully addressed. Staff will also hold a coordination meeting with Kleinfelder this Friday to initiate structural and electrical design efforts and begin development of the 30% Preliminary Design Report (PDR).

***Nitrification Aerator No. 6 Structural Repair:*** Kleinfelder has completed the design, including final drawings and stainless-steel specifications. Staff is currently coordinating next steps and

establishing bid advertisement dates. Advertisement of the project has been delayed pending internal discussions regarding project financing.

**Pump Station Substation Replacement Study:** ELECSYS Engineering Group, PLLC has submitted the attached proposal dated January 20, 2026, to provide design-phase engineering and bidding assistance services for the replacement of the main electrical substations serving SBRSA’s remote pumping stations. These substations are critical to pump station operation, providing voltage transformation and power distribution to the motor control centers, as well as automatic transfer to emergency generator power during utility outages. ELECSYS notes that the substations at the South Brunswick and Millstone Pump Stations receive utility power at 13.2 kV and step down to 480 volts, while the Princeton Pump Station receives power at 480 volts due to the configuration of the utility-owned transformer.

The proposed scope of work includes preparation of preliminary (60%) design documents and a Preliminary Design Report supported by electrical, civil/site, and structural design concepts, along with surveying and geotechnical investigations required to establish existing conditions and support final design. Following completion of the preliminary phase, ELECSYS will advance the work to final, bid-ready contract drawings and specifications, incorporating comments from SBRSA and applicable regulatory agencies. The proposal also includes assistance with permitting and coordination as required, as well as support services associated with pursuing New Jersey Water Bank financing, including preparation of required project documentation and environmental reporting necessary to initiate and support the loan application process. ELECSYS will prepare three separate bid packages—one for each pump station—and provide bidding assistance for each package. Bid packages will be sequenced per the schedule outlined in SBRSA’s 5-yr Capital Plan.

Based on the above, staff recommends Board approval to authorize ELECSYS Engineering Group, PLLC to complete the three-pump-station substation replacement design effort for a not-to-exceed cost of \$295,000.

**Operations Building HVAC Upgrade:** This project was advertised for bids on October 28, 2025. A Pre-bid meeting was held on November 18, 2025. Addendum No. 1 was distributed on December 1, 2025.

On December 9, 2025, bids for Contract 25-10, Operations Building HVAC Upgrade Project were opened and read aloud. Of the eight (8) bidding documents distributed to potential bidders, one (1) bid was received.

<b>Bidding Contractor</b>	<b>Bid Price</b>
H&S Construction and Mechanical, Inc.	\$3,572,000.00

Staff reviewed the bids received for the project and determined that the apparent low bid of \$3,572,000, while responsive, exceeds SBRSA’s currently approved project budget as submitted to NJDCA (\$2,400,000) by approximately 49%. Although the project scope represents a necessary corrective action to address documented HVAC failures, aging equipment beyond its

useful life, obsolete controls, and persistent odor and pressurization issues affecting occupied spaces, staff recommend rejecting all bids due to the funding shortfall.

## **Construction**

***Contract 20-2 River Road Sludge Storage Hopper Feed Screw Replacement Project:*** On-site construction work is scheduled to commence following the 2026 stack test.

***Contract 22-4 Hopewell WWTP Upgrade:*** The project is approximately 72% complete by value (Payment Application #16, December) and 98% complete by contract time. The Contractor is currently projecting completion of the project by May 29, 2026.

***Contract 24-11: Above-Ground Fuel Storage Tank Replacements:*** The contractor is finalizing permitting, and staff is coordinating with PSE&G on the temporary removal of power lines to facilitate replacement of the AST at the South Brunswick Pump Station. Work is currently scheduled for January 27, 2026. Once the AST is replaced at this location, SBRSA will have successfully upgraded all of our ASTs.

***Contract 25-1: Thickener No. 2 Improvements Project:*** No additional progress has been made during this reporting period. Delivery of materials and equipment is projected for March 2026.

***Contract 25-11: Meter Station No.6 Rehabilitation Project:*** A kickoff meeting for this project is scheduled for next month.

***Project 22-2 GE 90-30 PLC Upgrade:*** No additional progress has been made during this reporting period.

***Project 24-10: RRWWTP Fire Hydrant Replacements:*** Staff continues to investigate additional leaks in the city water line. A valve was installed to isolate the deeply buried portion of the line serving Hydrants 6 and 7. This effectively splits the main line supplying Hydrants 1–7 in half and improves staff's ability to narrow down the location of the largest leak. Troubleshooting is ongoing.

Late last month and into this month, SBRSA experienced another significant leak in the city water line, likely related to cold weather. The leak was isolated by removing the supply line serving the Headworks Building and Hydrant No. 8. These interim modifications stabilized the system but delayed continued troubleshooting efforts.

Concurrently with ongoing troubleshooting efforts, staff have requested a proposal to evaluate the full replacement of the city water line. This may involve the establishment of a new service at the RRWWTP entrance.

## **Process Control/SCADA**

Preventive maintenance was completed for all field devices and process control loops.

**Miscellaneous Repair:** Instrumentation staff completed the following list of unscheduled repairs during this reporting period.

- River Road WWTP
  - Inspected the MA RAS and WAS flow meters at the request of the operations department. The operators reported a problem with both meters having difficulty maintaining the set point. Instrumentation did not find anything wrong with the meters, but they did identify the issue to be the suction valve throttled shut due to an improperly set valve positioner.
  - Rewired disk filter No. 4, disk drive No. 1, after it was reported that the drive was spinning in the opposite direction of disk drive No. 2.
  - Replaced the H2S sensor in gas detector 3B.
  - Checked the mist eliminator backwash nozzles and wye-strainers for clog after a higher than expected back-pressure gauge readings were observed.
  - Instrumentation inventory audit
  - Removed Power Panel (PP-1) section 2 in the ‘old’ disinfection building. Integrated section 2 circuits into section 1.
  - Replaced two street lighting circuit breakers in Panelboard J after it was reported that those breakers would always trip.
  - Inspected and replaced the transition pressure transmitter on Schwing No. 5 after the display began to malfunction.
  - Inspected the Kaeser compressor air dryer after a fault indicator was reported; no fault was found, and the service warning was cleared.
- Pennington WWTP
  - Replaced the emergency lighting circuit in the old filter room after the old circuit failed. Additionally, replaced the battery back-up in one of the emergency lights.
- Millstone PS
  - Operators pointed out that there was a constant high wet well alarm. Corrected hanging float.

## **Information Technology**

- **Preventative Maintenance**  
Preventative maintenance was completed for all Information Technology devices and services.

During this reporting period:

- Three server backups (svr10, svr12, svr16) were checked for corruption and readability. All backups are valid and recoverable.
  - We have begun the new round of security awareness training.
    - Security awareness training status: 43% complete.
- **Network (Firewall, Routers, Switches, and interconnects)**
    - Fiber
      - Fiber installation for the new Engineering Trailer will commence when staff are ready to move, as it will be using the existing fiber that is in use

in the current trailer.

- **Servers (Computers and Storage)**
  - Storage Project, 2025
    - Storage server installation completed. The appliance is now operational and content requiring the highest performance and reliability is being migrated.
  
- **Software**
  - Contracts and Bids web application
    - CivicPlus reports the draft will be available for review in the week of 1/19.
  - Scripts and Tools
    - Bank check verification from MCSJ.
    - Pay2Play report from MCSJ parsing.
    - Simulated period closeouts from MCSJ.
    - Lab DMR submission script has broken due to changes on the NJ.GOV website. We are searching for a viable solution.
    - Lab PACI usage calculations from historical trend data.
  
- **Safety & Surveillance**
  - Surveillance Cameras
    - Locations requested for new installations.
      - Instrumentation Basin
      - UV Parking
      - Maintenance shop door, delivery drop-off
      - Receiving bin
      - Ash Dumpster
      - Secondary Entrance
  - Public Address
    - No changes this period
  - Fleet Vehicle Tracking
    - 1 new vehicle pending installation.
  - Front Gate
    - Pending equipment delivery.
  
- **SCADA/Industrial**
  - RiverFlow Tracking
    - No changes this period

## **Technology Department Meeting**

Meeting was held January 15.

- Workstations
  - Purchasing Agent workstation has been swapped for a laptop
  - Front desk workstation has been swapped for a desktop.
  - Staff Accountant workstation is to be replaced with a laptop.

- Assistant Maint. Manager workstation is to be replaced with a laptop.
- The website progress was discussed. Status available in this report.
- Engineering requested an additional monitor.
- For Sludge Receiving, an intercom for communication with delivery drivers is being developed.

**653.13 Finance**

Mr. Goldfarb moved Resolution 2026-001 to Approve Payment of Bills and Claims in the amount of \$2,101,784.72 with two signatures instead of three. Mr. Morehouse seconded the motion.

Resolution 2026-001 was passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0. Resolution 2026-001 follows.

Payment of Bills and Claims

**Resolution to Approve Payment of Bills and Claims**

**Resolution No. 2026-001**

**WHEREAS**, the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority received certain claims against it by way of voucher, and

**WHEREAS**, the staff and Authority members have reviewed said claims.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority that these claims in the total amount of \$2,101,784.72 be approved for payment with checks bearing two authorized signatures instead of three authorized signatures.

<u>Recorded Vote:</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Gale D. Downey	X			
Julian Antebi	X			
Arundhati Bhosle	X			
David A. Goldfarb	X			
C. Schuyler Morehouse	X			
Bharat Patel	X			

A discussion took place regarding methods of vendor payments (i.e. electronic payment, physical checks, etc). Mr. Mazich will review available options and provide an update.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Mazich reported a net income of \$583,332 for the month of December, fiscal year 2026. Last fiscal year, net income was \$1,863,000. The Authority has total cash and investments of \$21,959,704. The current fund source for the capital project is \$10,045,423, and the construction

project balance is \$3,068,817. There are sufficient funds for these projects. The outstanding bond principal balance is \$27,595,299. The New Jersey Cash Management yield is 3.84%.

Staff recommended approval of Resolution 2026-003, Appoint a Risk Management Consultant for the Calendar Year 2026.

Resolution 2026-003 was moved by Mr. Goldfarb, seconded by Mr. Antebi, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0. Resolution 2026-003 follows.

**Resolution to Appoint a Risk Management Consultant  
for the Calendar Year 2026**

**Resolution No. 2026-003**

**WHEREAS**, the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority (the “Authority”) is a member of the New Jersey Utility Authorities Joint Insurance Fund (NJUAJIF or the “Fund”) for its various insurance policies;

**WHEREAS**, the bylaws of said Fund state that a member may appoint a risk management consultant to perform professional risk management consulting services as detailed in the Fund's bylaws; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fund's bylaws set forth a fee of six percent (6%) of the Authority's insurance premium, which expenditure represents reasonable compensation for the services required; and

**WHEREAS**, as set forth in the Local Public Contracts Law, the retaining of a Risk Management Consultant is a service that does not need to be publicly bid because the Local Public Contracts Law stipulates that this is an Extraordinary and Unspecifiable Service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Authority’s Board hereby appoints Brown and Brown Metro, LLC. as its Risk Management Consultant in accordance with the bylaws of the Fund; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Executive Director is hereby authorized and empowered to execute the Risk Management Consultant's Agreement and to cause a notice of this decision to be published according to N.J.S.A. 40A:1 1-1 et.seq.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

Recorded Vote:	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Gale D. Downey	X			
Julian Antebi	X			
Arundhati Bhosle	X			
David A. Goldfarb	X			

C.Schuyler Morehouse X  
Bharat Patel X

Staff recommended approval of Resolution 2026-004, Establishing Threshold for Russia/Belarus Certification. This resolution establishes a minimum contract threshold of \$53,000.00 for Russia-Belarus certifications from a vendor or contractor.

Resolution 2026-004 was moved by Mr. Goldfarb, seconded by Mr. Antebi, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0. Resolution 2026-004 follows.

### **Resolution Establishing Threshold for Russia/Belarus Certification**

#### **Resolution No. 2026-004**

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2022, P.L. 2022, c. 3 was approved, which impacted procurement by local contracting units as defined under the Local Public Contracts Law, and Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority (“SBRSA”) is such a local contracting unit; and

**WHEREAS**, under P.L. 2022, c. 3, persons or entities of the State Treasury’s Russia-Belarus list cannot enter into or renew a contract for the provision of goods and services with a local contracting unit and when a contract for goods and services is awarded, renewed, amended, or extended, a local contracting unit shall require a vendor or contractor to certify that the vendor or contractor is not identified on the State Treasury’s Russia-Belarus list; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (“LGS”) Local Finance Order 2022-24 had initially indicated that the threshold award of \$1,000.00 would trigger a need to obtain a certification from a vendor or contractor; and

**WHEREAS**, Local Finance Notice 2023-11 rescinded LFN 2022-24 and clarified that the \$1,000.00 threshold referenced previously by LGS was the State threshold as noted in Treasury Circular 23-09-DPP and that a local contracting unit “should rely on the advice of legal counsel in determining whether to apply its own local quote threshold to the Russia-Belarus certification”; and

**WHEREAS**, LFN 2023-11 was subsequently updated and supplemented by Local Finance Notice 2024-04, which revised form requirements while retaining the language pertaining to local contracting units quoted above.

**WHEREAS**, General Counsel for SBRSA has advised that the \$1,000.00 threshold should not apply, as P.L. 2022, c. 3 does not contain express language that this threshold is applicable to a local contracting unit, and that the applicable threshold for obtaining a certification should be the local contracting unit’s quote threshold; and

**WHEREAS**, as SBRSA has a Qualified Purchasing Agent, and as such, has a higher bid threshold of \$53,000.00, SBRSA General Counsel advises that the SBRSA Board may establish a

threshold amount of \$53,000.00 for contracts for goods and services before implementing the requirement of the Russia-Belarus certification from a vendor or contractor.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority, that the local threshold amount for obtaining a Russia-Belarus certification shall be \$53,000.00 for contracts for goods and services for a local contracting unit with a Qualified Purchasing Agent.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a vendor or contractor is required to submit a certification of persons and entities engaging in prohibited activities in Russia-Belarus, pursuant to P.L. 2022, c. 3, for any contract for goods or services exceeding \$53,000.00.

<u>Recorded Vote:</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Gale D. Downey	X			
Julian Antebi	X			
Arundhati Bhosle	X			
David A. Goldfarb	X			
C. Schuyler Morehouse	X			
Bharat Patel	X			

Staff recommended approval of Resolution 2026-009, Authorize Contracts with Certain Approved State Contract Vendors for Contracting Units Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a.

Resolution 2026-009 was moved by Mr. Goldfarb, seconded by Ms. Bhosle, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0. Resolution 2026-009 follows.

**Resolution to Authorize Contracts with Certain Approved State Contract Vendors for Contracting Units Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a**

**Resolution No. 2026-009**

**WHEREAS**, the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority (the “Authority”), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority intends to enter into contracts with the provided state contract vendors through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current State contracts; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Authority authorizes the

Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved New Jersey State Contract Vendors on the provided list, pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contracts; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the governing body of the Authority pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and certification of availability of funds is made by the Finance Director; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the duration of the contracts between the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority and state contract vendors on the provided list shall be from December 1, 2025, to November 30, 2026.

<u>Recorded Vote:</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Gale D. Downey	X			
Julian Antebi	X			
Arundhati Bhosle	X			
David A. Goldfarb	X			
C. Schuyler Morehouse	X			
Bharat Patel	X			

<b>State Contract Vendors</b>		
<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Commodity/Service</b>	<b>State Contract</b>
Majestic Oil Company, Inc.	T1845 Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel and Biodiesel Fuel	19-FOOD-01098
Majestic Oil Company, Inc.	T0083 Unleaded Automotive Gasoline	19-FLEET-00972

**653.14 Personnel Report**

Mr. Smith reported that Mr. Stanberry was promoted from Operator III to Operator II. SBRSA is also in the process of hiring a Maintenance Mechanic III position. Mr. Crate notified us that he will retire in April 2026. Staff is evaluating options for his replacement.

**653.15 Correspondence**

For information only.

**653.16 Old Business**

Nothing to report.

## **653.17 New Business**

Staff recommended approval of Resolution 2026-008, Authorizing the Execution of a Contract for the Procurement of Computer Software and Services Relevant to Plant Operations.

Resolution 2026-008 was moved by Mr. Morehouse, seconded by Mr. Antebi, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0. Resolution 2026-008 follows.

### **Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract for the Procurement of Computer Software and Services Relevant to Plant Operations**

**Resolution No: 2026-008**

**WHEREAS**, the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority (“Authority”) desires computer software for the management and operation of the Authority assets; and

**WHEREAS**, the retention of such goods and services for the support or maintenance of proprietary computer hardware and software is estimated to exceed \$17,500.00, and which services may be negotiated and awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(dd) which provides that a contract may be awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding for the provision or performance of goods or services for the support or maintenance of proprietary computer hardware and software, provided that this exemption shall not be utilized to acquire or upgrade non-proprietary hardware or to acquire or update non-proprietary software; and

**WHEREAS**, the software manufacturer restricts the sale of licenses to regional vendors; and

**WHEREAS**, the software vendor for our region is GE VERNOVA ELECTRIFICATION SOFTWARE, LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Director has certified funds are available in the 2026 Budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF STONY BROOK REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the Authority agrees that due to the specialized nature of the software necessary for the conduct of its affairs, the only acceptable vendor for its licensing is the regional vendor, GE VERNOVA ELECTRIFICATION SOFTWARE, LLC;

### **Certification of Funds**

I, James Mazich, Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that sufficient funds are available in the 2026 budget from the line item Operations and Maintenance.

/s/ James Mazich, Chief Financial Officer  
Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority  
Dated: January 21, 2026

<u>Recorded Vote:</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Gale D. Downey	X			
Julian Antebi	X			
Arundhati Bhosle	X			
David A. Goldfarb	X			
C. Schuyler Morehouse	X			
Bharat Patel	X			

Staff recommended approval of Resolution 2026-010, Authorizing a Contract for the Purchase of Schwing Pump Parts. This resolution was discussed in the Operations section.

Resolution 2026-010 was moved by Mr. Morehouse, seconded by Mr. Antebi, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0. Resolution 2026-010 follows.

### **Resolution Authorizing a Contract for the Purchase of Schwing Pump Parts**

#### **Resolution No. 2026-010**

**WHEREAS**, the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority duly advertised, according to law, for bids for Schwing Pump parts on two separate occasions, namely December 10, 2025, and January 14, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority did not receive any responsive bids on either return date; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:11-5(3), a contract may be negotiated if, after bids are solicited on two occasions, no bids are received on both occasions, provided that the Authority finds that certain conditions are met in accord with the provisions of 40A:11-5(3); and

**WHEREAS**, after no bids were received on two occasions, the Authority entered into negotiations with Schwing Bioset, having offices at 350 SMC Drive, Somerset, WI 54025, the purchase of those replacement Schwing pump parts specified in the bid specifications; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority desires to award a contract to Schwing Bioiset for the purchase of replacement pump parts; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority as follows:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3), the Authority hereby finds that a reasonable effort has been made to first determine that the same or equivalent materials or supplies are not available from an agency or authority of the United States, the State of New Jersey, the County of Mercer or any municipality in close proximity; and that the terms, conditions, restrictions and specifications set forth in the negotiated contract are not substantially different from those which were the subject of competitive bidding; and that no minor amendment or modification of any of the terms, conditions, restrictions and specifications are proposed to be included in the contract with Schwing Bioiset.
2. The Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority hereby awards a contract to Schwing Bioiset for the purchase of replacement pump parts. The contract does not require the purchase of the listed parts; it only guarantees the price for the parts that the Authority may need to purchase. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute a one-year contract for the procurement of Schwing pump replacement parts.
3. The Authority's staff and consultants are hereby authorized to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

**Certification of Funds**

I, James Mazich, Chief Financial Officer, do hereby certify that sufficient funds are available in the 2026 Budget in Operations and Maintenance.

<u>Recorded Vote:</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Gale D. Downey	X			
Julian Antebi	X			
Arundhati Bhosle	X			
David A. Goldfarb	X			
C. Schuyler Morehouse	X			
Bharat Patel	X			

**653.18 Open to the Public**

Dr. Downey opened the public portion of the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Hearing no comments from the public, as no public was present in either the conference room or on the teleconference call, Dr. Downey closed the meeting to the public at 7:46 p.m. and continued the meeting as scheduled.

**653.19 And such other issues as may come before the Board**

There was nothing to report.

**653.20 Adjournment**

As no further business was to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Antebi, seconded by Mr. Morehouse, and passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Smith  
Secretary

Recorded and written by  
Angela Christiano  
February 13, 2026