

Information Technology AD Hoc Committee

Agenda Item No: 5.2

Re: Committee Agenda Memo

Subject: Technology Upgrade of the Boardroom (Audio/Visual System)

Monday, June 22, 2015 at 12:00pm

Headquarters Building Board Conference Room
A124 located at the Santa Clara Valley Water District,
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California

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To the Information Ad Hoc Committee:

I wanted to submit my comments for the record in regards to the Technology Upgrade of the Boardroom (Audio/Visual System). Having seen the memo a couple of days ago, I wanted to make sure that it is clear to where my position stands concerning the upgrade to the Audio/Visual System for the Boardroom. Since I have submitted documents in October 28, 2014 and in December 11, 2012 concerning the Board Room Upgrade I feel it is necessary for me to speak on this once again due to the memo's wording that to me is very misleading and I want to clarify since it is so similar to the proposal in October 28,2014

In the Summary where it is noted "*Staff has performed extensive additional review of the system along with a stakeholder input. In order to comply with the latest high definition broadcast standards, and features, staff recommends a major technology upgrade of the audio visual system in the Boardroom. The estimated project cost, including design, construction, staff labor, and contingency is \$600,000.*" This is what I take issue with.

I was part of the " Staff" that did add my input for direction along with Danny Ortiz (A/V tech) . Lydia Rossiter and Sudhanshu Tikekar who were the Project Managers were in this meetings as well. My input (as well as input from Phil Ferlino, CTS Senior Consultant

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Rosen Goldberg Der & Lewitz, Inc. Acoustical and Audiovisual Consultants) have been documented: Stake Holders Matrix 4-1-15/SCVWD Boardroom AV Discussion Meeting Summary along with the last upgrade of \$92,650 from Spinitar. All these documents can be found here X:\IT Support\AVmeetings\AV System Upgrade.

In no way did I nor Danny Ortiz recommend this latest proposal and the documentation supports this: "Staff has performed extensive additional review of the system along with a stakeholder input" Currently the A/V System can support what is needed – sans the High Definition push.

In addition from the memo: **Background:** *" The current audio visual system was designed in 1997 and built in 2000. The core and the functionality of the system was analog-based. A minor retrofit was performed in 2006 to add additional features based upon user feedback. The technology is obsolete, and very hard to support and maintain on a regular basis. The reliability of this outdated system is unpredictable, and on many occasions it has experienced failures. Such failures sometimes have resulted in expensive repair costs, and potential delays in bringing the system online for the meetings. Another challenge Finding professional support for the existing system by mainstream vendors and manufacturers is also very challenging. The components of the system also do not meet the latest ENERGY STAR rating standards. The new system will enhance transparency as recommended in the recent audit. It will also provide a better customer experience online when community members are viewing Board meetings remotely."*

Where is the documentation to support these claims? I do take issue with this and have the same input/questions I have submitted prior; December 11, 2012 and October 28, 2015.

I still stand by these documents.

In closing I do recognize that some components do need to be replaced but I do not agree at the level it is being recommended. If it is decided that this will pass this proposal, I will continue to do my job as I have been for the last 10 years at the District supporting Audio Visual. I just wanted to make clear where I stand from this latest proposal.

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