

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
January 10, 2024, @ 12:00 p.m.

Director Whitaker called the Water Issues Committee meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. in the District Boardroom. Public access was also provided via Zoom webinar. The Secretary called the roll and reported a quorum as follows:

Committee Members

Bruce Whitaker
Dina Nguyen (absent)
Roger Yoh
Van Tran (absent)
Vacant

OCWD

Mike Markus – General Manager
John Kennedy – Executive Director
Leticia Villarreal – Assistant District Secretary
Jeremy Jungreis – General Counsel

Alternates

Denis Bilodeau
Steve Sheldon (absent)
Valeria Amezcua
Natalie Meeks (absent)
Cathy Green

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Bilodeau and carried [5-0], as follows:

Ayes: *Whitaker, Yoh, Bilodeau, Amezcua, Green*

1. Minutes of Water Issues Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Water Issues Committee meeting held December 13, 2023, were approved as presented.

2. GWRS Pipeline Repair Work

Recommended for approval at January 17 Board meeting: 1) Rescind Resolution No. R-23 - 12-163, Authorizing Amendment No. 2 to FD Thomas, Inc. contract in the amount of \$10,117 for additional repair work to the GWRS pipeline, and 2) Authorize Amendment No. 2 to FD Thomas, Inc. contract in the amount of \$69,384 for additional repair work to the GWRS pipeline.

3. Agreement with DDB Engineering for the Preparation of 2023 GWRS Annual Report

Recommended for approval at January 17 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Agreement to DDB Engineering Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$62,580 to provide consulting services for the preparation of the calendar year 2023 GWRS Annual Report.

4. Agreement to Powers Bros Machine for Anaheim Lake Vertical Turbine Pump and Motor Inspection and Rehabilitation

Recommended for approval at January 17 Board meeting: 1) Establish the Anaheim Lake Vertical Turbine Pump and Motor Inspection and Replacement project in the amount of

\$75,000; and 2) Authorize issuance of an Agreement to Powers Bros Machine Inc. for the project for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

5. Alamitos Seawater Barrier 2024-25 Operations and Maintenance Budget

Chief Hydrogeologist Roy Herndon provided a refresher on the Alamitos Barrier. He recalled the Alamitos barrier goes back to 1965 and is a joint agreement with LA County Public Works, which outlines the ownership and management between the two agencies. He stated the facilities are about 25,000 feet of water supply pipeline to about 58 injection wells and over 200 monitoring wells and the ownership is split between the two agencies and managed by a joint management committee. He stated the way OCWD splits the O & M costs between the two agencies is based on the proportion of water that each inject or pay for as far as injection into the barrier. He reported OCWD typically covers 35 to 40% of the O & M each year. Mr. Herndon shared that key budget items include injection well redevelopment and maintenance, pipeline, valves, and telemetry maintenance, monitoring well maintenance, groundwater level and quality data collection and data analysis and reporting. He advised that the budget for the next fiscal year starting July 1 totals \$3,170,000, split between the two agencies.

Upon motion by Director Yoh, seconded by Director Green and carried [5-0], the Committee Recommended for approval at the January 17 Board meeting: Approve the Alamitos Barrier 2024-25 total O&M budget in the amount of \$3,170,000, and authorize the amount of the District's share not to exceed \$1,263,000 payable to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works after receipt and review of invoices.

Ayes: Whitaker, Yoh, Bilodeau, Amezcua, Green

CHAIR DIRECTION AS TO ITEMS IF ANY TO BE AGENDIZED AS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE JANUARY 17 BOARD MEETING

It was agreed to place all items on the Consent Calendar at the January 17 Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting

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Bruce Whitaker

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Bruce Whitaker, Chair