

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT SYSTEM STEERING COMMITTEE  
Monday, January 8, 2018**

OCWD Director Yoh called the Groundwater Replenishment System Steering Committee meeting to order in the Boardroom at the District office. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, the Secretary called the roll and reported a quorum.

**Committee Members**

Greg Sebourn - Chair  
Roger Yoh  
James Ferryman (Absent)  
Cathy Green  
Steve Jones (Absent)  
Phil Anthony (Absent)

**Alternates**

Donald Wagner  
Phil Hawkins (Absent)  
Tim Shaw  
Denis Bilodeau  
James Vanderbilt (Absent)  
Dina Nguyen (Absent)

OCWD Director Bruce Whitaker was in attendance.

<b>OCWD Staff</b>	<b>OCSD Staff</b>
Eleanor Torres	Jim Herberg
Mehul Patel, Jason Dadakis	
Christina Fuller, Assistant District Secretary	

• **Annual Reorganization of GWRS Steering Committee Officers**

GWRS Steering Committee member Greg Sebourn stated the Steering Committee reorganizes on an annual basis. It was a consensus of the Committee members present to approve the following nominations:

- 2018 GWRS Steering Committee Chair – OCWD Director Roger Yoh
- 2018 GWRS Steering Committee Vice Chair – OCSD Director Greg Sebourn

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

*Yes – Sebourn, Yoh, Green, Shaw, Bilodeau*

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**The minutes of the GWRS Steering Committee meeting held July 10, 2017 are approved as presented.**

Director Wagner arrived during discussion of the following item.

2. **AB 967: Disposal of Human Remains via Water Cremation**

Executive Director Jason Dadakis stated that the Governor of California signed Assembly Bill (AB) 967 into law in October 2017, creating a regulatory and permitting framework to allow alkaline hydrolysis of human remains (i.e., water cremation) effective July 1, 2020.

He reported that prior to receiving a license to operate; any facility performing water cremation must obtain permits from the appropriate local agency to properly dispose of the liquefied remains. Mr. Dadakis provided an overview of water cremation, AB 967 and key law language regarding sewer disposal. He presented three primary options for managing water cremation discharges.

**Upon motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Wagner and carried (6-0) the Committee recommended that OCSD modify its Wastewater Ordinance to prohibit the receipt of hydrolysate through the sewer system.**

**Yes – Sebourn, Yoh, Green, Wagner, Shaw, Bilodeau**

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **3. GWRS Operations Update**

Director of Water Production/GWRS Mehul Patel reported that the average daily average production for the quarter, October through December 2017, was 93.1 mgd. He stated that as of December 30, 2017, the GWRS Fiscal Year to Date production is 52,907.87 acre feet (af) which is 978.57 af above the target production of 51,923.30 af for the first quarter of the 17/18 fiscal year. He reported that OCWD is planning to complete installation of new Reverse Osmosis (RO) membranes in three out of the 21 RO units. He advised the installation of the new RO membranes is anticipated to start in the spring of 2018.

### **4. Update on GWRS Final Expansion**

Mr. Patel reported that OCWD has entered into an agreement with Black & Veatch for the design of the remaining four GWRS Final Expansion Projects. He stated that OCSD/OCWD applied for USBR Title XVI grant for P2-122, the P2 Headworks Modification Project and that the application received some of the highest ratings and will be awarded \$1,325,000 in grant funding. Mr. Patel advised that this project is being managed through design/construction by OCSD, but costs incurred by OCSD will be reimbursed by OCWD. He recalled that in April 2017, staff submitted a Letter of Interest (LOI) for an EPA WIFIA loan in the amount of \$123.9 million or 49% of the estimated project cost. Mr. Patel reported that OCWD was selected to submit an application as a result of the LOI. He reported that staff is currently preparing the application and will submit it in spring 2018 and advised this loan would recover approximately 49% of the projects design and construction cost, if received.

### **5. GWRS 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY UPDATE**

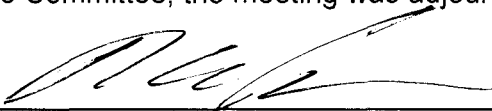
Director of Public Affairs Eleanor Torres provided an update and tentative schedule of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary event to be held on February 16.

### **6. Quarterly Outreach Report [October – December 2017]**

Ms. Torres stated the report and media clips are included in the packet.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

  
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OCWD Director Roger Yoh, Chair