

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
October 12, 2022, @ 8:00 a.m.

Due to the continuing state of emergency declared by the Governor and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e), Director Green called the Water Issues Committee meeting to order via Zoom webinar. Members of the Board and the public participated via Zoom. The Secretary called the roll and reported a quorum as follows:

Committee Members

Cathy Green
Dina Nguyen (arrived 8:05 a.m.)
Roger Yoh
Kelly Rowe
Bruce Whitaker (absent)

OCWD

Mike Markus – General Manager
John Kennedy – Executive Director
Christina Fuller – Asst. District Secretary
Jeremy Jungreis – General Counsel

Alternates

Nelida Mendoza (arrived 8:05 a.m.)
Gloria Ma’ae
Tri Ta
Denis Bilodeau
Steve Sheldon (absent)

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Ayes: Green, Yoh, Rowe, Ma’ae, Ta

1. Minutes of Water Issues Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Water Issues Committee meeting held September 14, 2022 were approved as presented.

2. Notice of Completion for Contract GBM-2022-2: Construction of Monitoring Well Cluster SC-7 for GWRS Recharge Permit Compliance

Recommended for approval at October 19 Board meeting: 1) Ratify issuance of Change Order No. 1 to ABC Liovin to decrease the Contract amount by \$1,500; and 2) Accept completion of the work and authorize filing a Notice of Completion for Contract GBM-2022-2, Construction of SC-7 Monitoring Well Cluster.

3. Professional Services Agreement with Emerson Reliability Services for Four Year Preventive Maintenance Program on Medium Voltage Equipment & 480 Volt Switchgear for the Fountain Valley Site Electrical Distribution

Recommended for approval at October 19 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of a Professional Service Agreement to Emerson Electrical Reliability Services for an amount not-to-exceed \$203,680 to provide electrical equipment maintenance services over a four-year period. Costs for services in the first year are not to exceed \$51,970.

4. OCWD Continuing Participation in Adopt a Channel Program

Recommended for approval at October 19 Board meeting: 1) Authorize continued participation in the OC Public Works Adopt A Channel program in the portion of the Santa Ana River where OCWD conducts recharge operations; and, 2) Authorize Amendment 3 to Agreement No. 1136 with the Orange County Conservation Corps to conduct graffiti and trash removal for three years for an annual cost of \$33,580 with a total cost of not to exceed \$100,740.

5. Contract No. FV-2019-1 Video Monitoring System Upgrades: Authorize Notice of Completion, Authorize Change Order, and Increase Budget

Recommended for approval at October 19 Board meeting: 1) Authorize Contract Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$9,300 for additional contractor effort and a five-year Genetec Advantage Renewal for the remote VMS recorders; 2) Authorize filing of the Notice of Completion; and 3) Authorize a budget increase in the amount of \$15,000 for a new Employee Identification Badge Printer and Camera Placement Upgrades to improve VMS coverage after GWRSE Building Modifications.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

6. Listing of Southern California Steelhead as Endangered Species Under California Endangered Species Act

Executive Director Greg Woodside recalled that in April 2022, the Commission determined listing the southern California steelhead as endangered under CESA may be warranted which resulted in the southern California steelhead being listed as a 'candidate species'. He reported that The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is required to prepare a status review, which is a key report that will be used by the Commission in its final listing decision next year. He advised that this status review is currently being prepared and is anticipated to be completed in April 2023. Mr. Woodside advised that a group of water agencies in southern California are considering preparing a separate, alternative status review. He advised that staff recommends that the District contribute to funding this alternative status review so that the Commission has the best information available to make its decision on the final listing. He reported that staff also recommends that the District's General Counsel be authorized to develop a common interest agreement with other interested parties for development of the alternative status review. Mr. Woodside stated the purpose of the proposed agreement is to allow the agencies developing the HCP to share confidential and privileged information among themselves and advised that the proposed common interest agreement would be brought back to the Board for approval.

Upon motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Yoh and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its October 19 Board meeting: 1) Authorize contributing up to \$50,000 to a joint effort to prepare an alternative status review of the southern California steelhead, and 2) Authorize the District General Counsel to develop a common interest agreement with other interested parties for development of the alternative status review and related advocacy.

Ayes: Green, Nguyen, Yoh, Rowe, Mendoza

CHAIR DIRECTION AS TO ITEMS IF ANY TO BE AGENDIZED AS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE OCTOBER 19 BOARD MEETING

It was agreed to place all items on the Consent calendar for the October 19 Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

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Cathy Green 11/9/2022
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Cathy Green, Chair