

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
November 9, 2016 @ 8:00 a.m.

Director Anthony called the Water Issues Committee meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. in the District Boardroom. The Assistant District Secretary reported a quorum of the Committee as follows.

Committee Members

Denis Bilodeau (arrived 8:25 a.m.)
Phil Anthony (present)
Shawn Dewane (present)
Dina Nguyen (present)
Roman Reyna (present)

OCWD

Mike Markus - General Manager
Joel Kuperberg – General Counsel
John Kennedy – Executive Director
Greg Woodside – Executive Director
Bill Dunivin – Executive Director
Judy- Rae Karlsen – Assistant District Secretary
Roy Herndon, Dave Mark, Chris Olsen

Alternates

Steve Sheldon
Jan Flory
Jordan Brandman (present)
Roger Yoh
Cathy Green (present)

Others

Howard Johnson – Brady
Paul Schoenberger, Phil Lauri - Mesa Water District
Kathy Nakase, Allan Prize - Orange County Farm/Produce
Peer Swan, Ray Bennett - Irvine Ranch Water District
Nabil Saba - City of Santa Ana
Tom McCarthy - City of Anaheim
Hyejin Lee - City of Fullerton
Kathryn Ngo - student

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Dewane, seconded by Director Nguyen and carried [5-0].

[Ayes - Anthony, Dewane, Nguyen, Reyna, Brandman/Noes – 0]

1. Minutes of Meeting

The Minutes of the Administration and Finance Issues Committee meeting held October 12, 2016 were approved as presented.

2. Encroachment Agreement with the City of Fullerton for the North Basin Extraction Well EW-1 Connection to Sanitary Sewer Project

Recommended by Committee for approval at November 16 Board meeting: Approve and authorize execution of Encroachment Agreement with the City of Fullerton and provide a deposit to City in the amount of \$10,000.

3. Contract No. MBI-2017-1 Mid-Basin Injection: Centennial Park Project - Notice Inviting Bids and Agreement To DDB Engineering for Project Permit Assistance

Recommended by Committee for approval at November 16 Board meeting: 1) Authorize publication of Notice Inviting Bids for Contract No. MBI-2017-1, Mid-Basin Injection: Centennial Park; and 2) Authorize issuance of Agreement to DDB Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for permit consulting services.

4. Rebuild Green Acres Project Santa Ana Reservoir Effluent Pump A01

Recommended by Committee for approval at November 16 Board meeting: Authorize payment to Evans Hydro for an amount not to exceed \$16,975 to repair and refurbish Green Acres Project Santa Ana Reservoir Effluent Pump A01.

5. Rebuild Green Acres Project High Pressure Effluent Pump A03

Recommended by Committee for approval at November 16 Board meeting: Approve and authorize payment to Pamco Machine for an amount not to exceed \$33,832 to repair and refurbish Green Acres Project High Pressure Pump A03.

6. Rebuild Green Acres Project Influent Pump A03

Recommended by Committee for approval at November 16 Board meeting: Approve and authorize Pamco Machine to repair and refurbish Green Acres Project Influent Pump A03, for an amount not to exceed \$19,800.

7. Annual Santa Ana River Stream Gauging Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey (USGS)

Recommended by Committee for approval at November 16 Board meeting: 1) Approve and authorize execution of Joint Funding Agreement with USGS to conduct flow and quality monitoring of the Santa Ana River below Prado Dam and Santiago Creek at Santa Ana for the period of November 1, 2016 to October 31, 2017; and 2) Authorize payment of \$59,372 to the USGS for OCWD's share of costs for stream flow and quality monitoring services.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

Director Bilodeau arrived at 8:25 a.m. during the following discussion.

8. OCSD/OCWD Joint Agreement for the GWRS Final Expansion Project

Principal Engineer Sandy Scott-Roberts gave an overview of the joint working relationship between the Orange County Water District (OCWD) and the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD). She reviewed the proposed joint agreement for the GWRS Final Expansion (GWRSFE) Project that outlines the roles and responsibilities of each agency. Ms. Scott-Roberts advised the final phase of the GWRS project will increase production to 130 million gallons per day (MGD) of new local water supplies to recharge the groundwater basin. She reported the following items are part of the proposed joint agency agreement:

- OCSD will continue to provide secondary effluent for GWRS free of charge as per the original agreement
- OCSD will continue to allow OCWD to discharge brine free of charge
- OCWD will pay for the total estimated capital cost of \$252,800,000 for the GWRSFE Project
- OCSD will manage the P2 Headworks Segregation Project and OCWD will reimburse OCSD for the project costs
- OCSD will lease ~10 acres of land to OCWD at \$1/year for the GWRSFE Project
- OCSD to allow OCWD to discharge North and South Basin extraction well flows to OCSD sewers
- OCSD to complete and has completed projects to divert up to ~8 MGD from the SARI line of new wastewater for treatment at the GWRS facility
- OCSD to provide conduit and power for communications/power to/from the Plant No. 2 facilities. OCWD will reimburse OCSD for power costs.

Ms. Scott-Roberts advised the GWRS Final expansion project consists of five projects and the estimated capital cost is \$252,800,000.

Irvine Ranch Water District representative Peer Swan asked for more information about OCSD storage projects and traffic flow issues caused by the guard shack. General Manager Mike Markus advised the enhanced security facilities were defined by Homeland Security and agreed upon by OCWD and OCSD. The Committee discussed the terms and conditions within the proposed joint agency agreement and then took the following action.

Upon motion by Director Dewane, seconded by Director Nguyen and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its November 16 Board meeting: Approve and authorize execution of the Agreement between OCSD and OCWD for each agency's responsibilities for the GWRS Final Expansion Project, subject to minor changes by legal counsel.

[Ayes – Bilodeau, Anthony, Dewane, Nguyen, Reyna/Noes – 0]

9. Draft Basin 8-1 Alternative to Comply with Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

Recharge Planning Manager Adam Hutchinson gave an overview of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Act) and the role of the Department of Water Resources (DWR). He advised the DWR draft Basin 8-1 Alternative to comply with the Act was jointly prepared by the Orange County Water District and agencies with jurisdiction outside of OCWD's boundaries, including the City of La Habra and the Irvine Ranch Water District. Mr. Hutchinson reported that four management areas are described in the Basin 8-1 Alternative as follows:

- La Habra-Brea Management Area
- OCWD Management Area
- South East Management Area
- Santa Ana Canyon Management Area

The Committee briefly discussed the Alternative and each management area. General Counsel Joel Kuperberg advised on the powers of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency, their functions and the financing under Prop 218 compliance. The Committee discussed the process of submitting the Basin 8-1 Alternative and the following visitors expressed support of the alternative plan: Paul Schoenberger (Mesa Water District), Tom McCarthy (City of Anaheim), Ray Bennett (IRWD), and Kathy Nakase (OC Farm Bureau). Mr. Markus advised that staff will incorporate comments and present the final proposal at the December Water Issues Committee and at the December 21 Board meeting.

ITEMS TO BE AGENDIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR AT THE NOVEMBER 16 BOARD MEETING

It was agreed to place Committee recommendations on Items No. 2 - 8 on the Consent Calendar for the November 16 Board meeting.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Dewane congratulated the OCWD Directors that won their elections.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.



Denis Bilodeau, Chairman