

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE  
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
December 13, 2023, @ 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  
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 (arrived 12:11 p.m.)  
Valeria Amezcua  
Natalie Meeks (absent)  
Cathy Green

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

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

1. Minutes of Water Issues Committee Meeting

**The Minutes of the Water Issues Committee meeting held November 8, 2023, were approved as presented.**

2. Amendment No. 3 to Agreement with Engineering Analytics, Inc. for Consulting Services for the South Basin Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS)

**Recommended for approval at December 20 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. 1428 with EA for an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to provide technical support for the South Basin CEQA evaluation.**

3. Amendment No. Six to Agreement with James Pike for Prado Vireo Monitoring

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

4. GWRS Pipeline Repair Work

**Recommended for approval at December 20 Board meeting: Authorize Amendment No. 2 to FD Thomas, Inc. contract in the amount of \$10,117 for additional repair work to the GWRS pipeline.**

5. Amendment No. 6 to Agreement No. 1175 with Intera, Inc. for Additional Groundwater Modeling Services Regarding Sunset Gap Seawater Intrusion

**Recommended for approval at December 20 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Amendment No. 6 to Agreement No. 1175 with Intera, Inc., in the amount of \$162,920 for additional groundwater modeling of the Sunset Gap area.**

6. Appointment of John Kennedy to SAWPA Project Committee's 22 and 23

**Recommended for approval at December 20 Board meeting: Adopt resolution to appoint John Kennedy to Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority's Project Committees 22 and 23, effective January 27, 2024.**

### **MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

3. Amendment No. Six to Agreement with James Pike for Prado Vireo Monitoring

Director Bilodeau questioned whether the monitoring was to be done yearly or if it could be done biannually as he is concerned about the contract amount. Executive Director of Planning and Natural Resources Lisa Haney clarified that the contract extension and amount is for a two year period and as a part of regulatory regulations, OCWD is required to carry out the survey on an annual basis. She also stated that another regulatory requirement is that we must have four staff in the effort and Mr. Pike qualifies as part of the four.

**Upon motion by Director Bilodeau, seconded by Director Amezcua and carried [5-0], the Committee Recommended for approval at the December 20 Board meeting: Approve Amendment No. Six to Agreement No. 0637 with James Pike to extend the termination date to December 31, 2025, and increase the not-to-exceed reimbursement amount by \$142,000 over a two-year period.**

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

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

7. Update on Field Headquarters Activities in Preparation for the Winter Season

Director of Recharge and Wetland Operations Ben Smith provided an update on how Field Headquarters (FHQ) has been preparing for winter during the summer and fall. He stated Prado Dam was full until June which was later than typical. He shared that they started the process of lowering the water levels in the basins so that they can be cleaned and maintained. He reported that tropical storm Hilary in August resulted in 10,850 AF of water captured. He also reported that all available basins have been cleaned, two of the deeper basins have had challenges with seepage, pump maintenance has been completed, vegetation removal at Prado wetland is complete and vegetation removal at FHQ is nearly complete.

### **CHAIR DIRECTION AS TO ITEMS IF ANY TO BE AGENDIZED AS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE DECEMBER 20 BOARD MEETING**

It was agreed to place all items on the Consent Calendar at the December 20 Board meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

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*Bruce Whitaker*

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Bruce Whitaker, Chair