

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE  
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
February 8, 2023, @ 8:00 a.m.

Due to the continuing state of emergency declared by the Governor and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e), Director Whitaker 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

Bruce Whitaker  
Dina Nguyen  
Roger Yoh  
Van Tran (absent)  
Kelly Rowe

OCWD

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

Alternates

Denis Bilodeau (arrived 8:05 a.m.)  
Steve Sheldon  
Valeria Amezcua  
Natalie Meeks (absent)  
Cathy Green

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

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

1. Minutes of Water Issues Committee Meeting

**The Minutes of the Water Issues Committee meeting held January 11, 2023 were approved as presented.**

2. Replace Steel Cable on Westbay Pressure Profile Reel

**Recommended for approval at February 15 Board meeting: Authorize increase of \$2,000 (for a total not to exceed \$13,000) for the cost to replace the Hydrogeology Department's Westbay pressure profile reel cable, including all taxes and shipping.**

3. Groundwater Replenishment System Final Expansion Project Approved and Executed Change Orders

**Recommended for approval at February 15 Board meeting: Ratify issuance of Change Order Nos. 1 – 30 to Shimmick Construction Company, Inc. for a credit to OCWD in the total amount of \$2,685,514.**

4. Request For Cost Proposals for Monitoring Well IDM-3 Redevelopment and Disinfection

**Recommended for approval at February 15 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of a Request for cost Proposals for services to redevelop and disinfect monitoring well IDM-3 casing No. 3.**

5. Amendment No. 5 to Agreement with Intera for Additional Groundwater Modeling Support for the North Basin Feasibility Study

**Recommended for approval at February 15 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Amendment No. 5 to Agreement No. 998 with Intera increasing the contract amount by \$68,920.**

6. Authorize Issuance of Amendment No. 2 with Butier Engineering for Construction Management Services for the Groundwater Replenishment System Final Expansion Project

**Recommended for approval at February 15 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of amendment No. 2 to the agreement with Butier Engineering, Inc. for construction management services for the Groundwater Replenishment System Final Expansion Project in an amount not to exceed \$238,174.**

7. Cost Share Agreement for Studies Regarding Listing the Southern California Steelhead as an Endangered Species Under California Endangered Species Act

**Recommended for approval at February 15 Board meeting: Authorize approval of Cost Sharing Letter Agreement for Technical Analyses related to southern California Steelhead, subject to approval as to form and content by the District's General Counsel.**

#### **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

8. Conditional Approval of Feasibility Study and Authorization to Request Proposals for South Basin Groundwater Protection Project CEQA Evaluation

Principal Hydrogeologist Bill Leever stated that the District, in consultation with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), and Engineering Analytics (EA), recently completed the Feasibility Study (FS) for the South Basin Groundwater Protection Project (SBGPP). He reported that the FS describes and evaluates various remedial alternatives to address groundwater contamination in the South Basin area. Mr. Leever advised that staff requests Board authorization to proceed with the next steps, which are to prepare a proposed Interim Remedial Action Plan and prepare CEQA compliance documentation for the tentatively identified preferred remedial alternative.

**Upon motion by Director Rowe, seconded by Director Nguyen and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its February 15 Board meeting: 1) Select Alternative 3, groundwater extraction and treatment with discharge to sewer and GWRS, described in the South Basin Groundwater Protection Project Feasibility Study Report, as the tentatively identified preferred remedial alternative, subject to completion of environmental documentation; and 2) Authorize issuance of a Request for Proposals to the District's three on-call environmental consultants to prepare programmatic CEQA compliance documentation of Alternative 3 described in the South Basin Groundwater Protection Project Feasibility Study Report**

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

#### **CHAIR DIRECTION AS TO ITEMS IF ANY TO BE AGENDIZED AS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE FEBRUARY 15 BOARD MEETING**

It was agreed to place Item No. 8 as a Closed Session item at the February 15 Board meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting

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*Bruce Whitaker*

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Bruce Whitaker, Chair