

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
February 9, 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
Roger Yoh
Kelly Rowe
Bruce Whitaker

OCWD

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

Alternates

Nelida Mendoza
Harry Sidhu
Tri Ta
Denis Bilodeau
Steve Sheldon

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Ayes: Green, Nguyen, Yoh, Rowe, Whitaker

1. Minutes of Water Issues Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Water Issues Committee meeting held January 12, 2022 were approved as presented.

2. Limited Term Employment Agreement with James Kalinowski for Technical Support Services

Recommended for approval at February 16 Board meeting: Authorize execution of a Limited Term Employment Agreement with James Kalinowski for an amount not to exceed \$190,000 per year for one year for technical consulting services for the period of March 16, 2022 to March 16, 2023.

3. Prado Basin SMDP – Augment Budget \$100,000

Recommended for approval at February 16 Board meeting: Authorize Budget Augmentation for Project C9005, Prado Basin SMDP, in the amount of \$100,000.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

4. Project Funding Contract with the Water Research Foundation for Study of Bench-Scale Methods to Predict Performance of IX and Novel Adsorbents for PFAS

Research Director Megan Plumlee stated that the District has been awarded \$220,000 grant funding from the Water Research Foundation (WRF) 2021 Tailored Collaboration Program to evaluate

alternative bench-scale laboratory methods to predict drinking water treatment performance of ion exchange (IX) and novel adsorbents for removal of per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS). She reported that the \$220,000 award consists of a \$100,000 funding match from WRF and \$120,000 in cash co-funding from multiple water agency and technology partners, including a \$20,000 cash contribution from the District. Ms. Plumlee advised that the award will be applied to a combination of District staff labor and subawards to project partners Water Quality & Treatment Solutions, Inc. for bench-scale laboratory methods assessment and Jacobs Engineering Group for key technical advisory support.

Upon motion by Director Rowe, seconded by Director Yoh and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its February 16 Board meeting: 1) Approve and authorize agreement with The Water Research Foundation (WRF) in the amount of \$220,000 for the study Evaluation of Bench-Scale Methods to Predict Drinking Water PFAS Removal Performance of Ion Exchange and Novel Adsorbents at Pilot- and Full-Scale, subject to approval as to form by OCWD General Counsel; 2) Authorize \$20,000 pre-payment to WRF for study co-funding (District cash contribution); and 3) Authorize the General Manager to execute contractor subaward agreements necessary for completion of the grant study subject to approval as to form and content by General Counsel with Water Quality & Treatment Solutions, Inc. for \$156,600 and Jacobs Engineering Group for \$20,000. Ayes – Green, Nguyen, Yoh, Rowe, Whitaker

CHAIR DIRECTION AS TO ITEMS IF ANY TO BE AGENDIZED AS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE FEBRUARY 16 BOARD MEETING

It was agreed to place all items on the Consent calendar for the February 16 Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

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Cathy Green 3/9/2022
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Cathy Green, Chair