

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE  
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
September 10, 2025 @ 12:00 p.m.

Director Green called the Water Issues Committee meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. in Conference Room L-1. Public access was also provided via Zoom webinar. The Secretary called the roll and reported a quorum as follows:

Committee Members

Cathy Green  
Erik Weigand  
Roger Yoh  
Van Tran  
Dina Nguyen

Alternates

Valerie Amezcua arrived @ 12:03 p.m.  
Fred Jung  
Natalie Meeks absent  
Steve Sheldon absent  
Denis Bilodeau

OCWD

John Kennedy – General Manager  
Chris Olsen – Executive Director of Engineering/Water Resources  
Mehul Patel – Executive Director of Operations  
Jason Dadakis – Executive Director of Water Quality & Technical Resources  
Lisa Haney – Executive Director of Planning & Natural Resources  
Adam Hutchinson – Recharge Planning Manager  
Randy Fick – Treasurer/CFO  
Roy Herndon – Chief Hydrogeologist  
Ryan Bouley – Director of Engineering  
Megan Plumlee – Director of Research  
Brendon Neel – Hydrogeologist  
Sheryl Parsons – Natural Resources Director  
Pat Versluis – Director of Water Quality  
Ben Smith – Director of Recharge & Wetland Operations  
Shawn Neville – Principal Planner  
Jeremy Jungreis – General Counsel  
Leticia Villarreal – Assistant District Secretary

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**Ayes: Green, Weigand, Yoh, Tran, Nguyen**

1. Minutes of Water Issues Committee Meeting

**The Minutes of the Water Issues Committee meeting held August 13, 2025, were approved as presented.**

2. Purchase Solar Mixer for Santiago Basin

**Recommended for approval at September 17 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Purchase Order to IXOM Watercare for \$70,758 to purchase a solar mixer for Santiago Basin.**

3. Award Contract No. A-2025-1 to TE Roberts, Authorize Agreement to MKN for Construction Management and Inspection Services, Authorize Amendment No. 2 to Agreement 1681 with MKN, and Budget Increase

**Recommended for approval at September 17 Board meeting:**

1. **Receive and file Affidavit of Publication of Notice Inviting Bids for Contract A-2025-1 Anaheim Lake Valve Vault Project;**
2. **Ratify issuance of Addendum 1 to Contract No. A-2025-1;**
3. **Approve request for withdrawal of bid by Minako America Corporation without penalty due to clerical error in filling out the bid;**
4. **Accept bid and award contract A-2025-1 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, TE Roberts, in the amount of \$3,246,910;**
5. **Authorize Amendment No. 2 to Agreement 1681 with MKN for a not-to-exceed amount of \$416,216 and;**
6. **Increase project budget by \$1,160,845 for a total project budget in the amount of \$4,175,000**

4. Annex Building Flooring Refurbishment – Publication of Notice Inviting Bids

**Recommended for approval at September 17 Board meeting: Authorize publication of Notice Inviting Bids for Annex Building Flooring Refurbishment Project.**

5. Reject Bids for Contract No. PB-2025-1 Prado Basin Short Term Sediment Removal Compliance Project

**Recommended for approval at September 17 Board meeting:**

1. **Receive and file Affidavit of Publication of Notice Inviting Bids for PB-2025-1 Prado Basin Short Term Sediment Removal Compliance Project – Phase I;**
2. **Ratify issuance of Addendum No. 1;**
3. **Reject all bids for Contract PB-2025-1 Prado Basin Short Term Sediment Removal Compliance Project – Phase I.**

6. Award Contract No. FUL-2025-1 Fullerton Main Plant (Wells 5, 6, & 8) PFAS Water Treatment Plant Project to Pacific Hydrotech

**Recommended for approval at September 17 Board meeting:**

1. **Receive and file Affidavit of Publication of Notice Inviting Bids for Contract FUL-2025-1, Fullerton Main Plant (Wells 5, 6 & 8) PFAS Water Treatment Plant Project;**
2. **Ratify issuance of Addenda 1 & 2;**
3. **Accept bid and award contract FUL-2025-1 to the lowest responsive bid and responsible bidder, Pacific Hydrotech Corporation, in the amount of \$8,765,900;**
4. **Ratify Work Order No. 1B to Agreement No. 1581 to Tetra Tech, Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$102,804; and,**
5. **Establish the Fullerton Main Plant (Wells 5, 6, & 8) PFAS Water Treatment Plant Project budget in the amount of \$12,442,399.**

7. Contract No. LAB-2024-1 Authorize Notice of Completion and Ratify Change Orders

**Recommended for approval at September 17 Board meeting:**

1. **Ratify issuance of Change Order No. 2 to RBA for a total amount of \$12,996; and**
2. **Accept completion of work and authorize filing a Notice of Completion for Contract No. LAB-2024-1: Laboratory Washroom Refurbishment.**

8. Authorize Agreement with Brown and Caldwell for Flow Reversal Reverse Osmosis Retrofit Constructability Study

**Recommended for approval at September 17 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Agreement to Brown and Caldwell for an amount not to exceed \$199,415 to provide**

**professional consulting services for the development of a Flow Reversal Reverse Osmosis Retrofit Constructability Study.**

9. Contract No. ORA-2022-1 City of Orange Wells 20, 21, & 22: Change Order Ratification and Budget Increase
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**Recommended for approval at September 17 Board meeting:**

1. **Ratify issuance of Change Order Nos. 1-7; and**
2. **Increase project budget by \$498,899 for a total Project budget in the amount of \$14,654,959.**

10. Agreement to Yellow Jacket Drilling Services for Monitoring Well SC-4 Redevelopment, and Increase Purchase Order Amount to Westbay for Extended Specialized Tool Rental
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**Recommended for approval at September 17 Board meeting:**

1. **Authorize issuance of a Services Agreement to Yellow Jacket Drilling Services, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$96,800; and**
2. **Increase purchase order to Westbay Instruments by \$3,982 for specialized Westbay tool rental.**

11. Expense Charges to C16001 Burris Basin Booster Pump Station
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**Recommended for approval at September 17 Board meeting: Authorize staff to expense \$28,985 charged to capital project C16001 for the Burris Basin Booster Pumps Station and Outlet due to the District terminating that project.**

12. Contract No. IRWD-2021-1 Authorize Notice of Completion, Ratify Change Orders, and Authorize Transfer
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**Recommended for approval at September 17 Board meeting:**

1. **Ratify issuance of Change Order No. 9 and Authorize issuance of Change Order No. 10 to Innovative Construction Solutions for a total amount of \$216,642;**
2. **Accept completion of work and authorize filing a Notice of Completion for Contract No. IRWD-2021-1: IRWD Well OPA-1 PFAS Water Treatment Plant;**
3. **Authorize the General Manager to transfer the IRWD Well OPA-1 PFAS Water Treatment Plant to the Irvine Ranch Water District effective the date of filing the Notice of Completion and quitclaim any property rights obtained for the project.**

13. Ratify Change Orders and Authorize Budget Increase to Contract No. SA-2022-1 City of Santa Ana PFAS Water Treatment Plant Well No. 38
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**Recommended for approval at September 17 Board meeting:**

1. **Ratify issuance of Change Order Nos. 1-3; and**
2. **Increase project budget by \$430,200 for a total project budget of \$7,336,771.**

**MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

14. California Water for All Coalition

Craig Miller from Western Municipal Water District presented on the coalition and the District's possible participation and funding a \$20,000 contribution. Mr. Miller shared that CA Water for All is a statewide effort seeking to educate policymakers on the need for a legislative solution to address California's ongoing water supply challenges. He stated the program mission is to bring focus for the water community, policymakers, and stakeholders and support to ensure a successful path to a legislative victory for long-term water supply planning. He added the Legislative Solution would be

SB 72 (Caballero) that would establish water supply targets, modernize the CA Water plan for a 21<sup>st</sup> century climate and ensure accountability for state agencies on water management issues.

**Upon Motion by Director Yoh, seconded by Director Green and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended for approval at the September 17 Board Meeting: Authorize issuance of a one-time contribution of \$20,000 for CA Water for All.**

**Ayes: Green, Weigand, Yoh, Tran, Nguyen**

15. Santa Ana Sucker Translocation

Director of Natural Resources Sheryl Parsons discussed the District's obligation to complete a translocation of the Santa Ana Sucker. She recalled that at the August 20 Board Meeting, Heather Dyer from San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, provided background on the Upper Santa Ana River Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and how it is essentially the only option to move forward with a translocation. Ms. Parsons outlined the need for the translocation, explained what a translocation entails and discussed anticipated costs for completing the process.

**Upon motion by Director Yoh, seconded by Director Weigand and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended for approval at the September 17 Board meeting: Enter into an Agreement with San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD) to complete a translocation of the Santa Ana sucker for \$935,000 over 7 years.**

**Ayes: Green, Weigand, Yoh, Tran, Amezcua**

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

16. Emergency Water Supplies to South Orange County Update

Executive Director of Engineering Chris Olsen provided an update on the July 30 meeting with East Orange County Feeder No. 2 (EOCF#2) owners and stakeholders to discuss the existing emergency supply agreements with Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD), South OC agencies, OCWD, City of Santa Ana and Moulton Niguel Water District (MNWD) Agreement and proposed project elements. He reported that key discussions included institutional matters with focus on identifying benefits for the basin and groundwater producers, establishing a mechanism for use of the EOCF#2 pipeline, and clarifying elements of the draft framework to align more closely with the IRWD model. He advised that next steps include presenting the item at the October WACO meeting, holding another stakeholders meeting, and a future Metropolitan meeting regarding potential connections to EOCF#2 for emergency operations. He noted that updates will continue to the Committee.

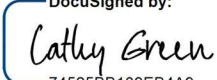
17. Basin Storage Update for Water Year 2024-25

Hydrogeologist Brendan Neel reported that staff evaluated water level conditions throughout the basin and constructed groundwater elevation contour maps representing the end of the water year. He advised that using the "full basin" benchmark for all three aquifer layers in the basin, an accumulated overdraft of 183,000 acre-feet (AF) was calculated as of June 30, 2025. He noted that the basin experienced an annual storage decrease of 50,000 AF for water year (WY) 2024-25. Mr. Neel presented details of the water level change and accumulated overdraft calculation.

## **CHAIR DIRECTION AS TO ITEMS IF ANY TO BE AGENDIZED AS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE SEPTEMBER 17 BOARD MEETING**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

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Cathy Green, Chair