

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Water Issues Committee  
Orange County Water District  
November 12, 2025 @ 12:00 p.m.

Director Green 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

Cathy Green  
Erik Weigand  
Roger Yoh  
Van Tran  
Dina Nguyen (arrived 12:10 p.m.)

Alternates

Valerie Amezcua  
Fred Jung  
Natalie Meeks  
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  
Randy Fick – Treasurer/CFO  
Sheryl Parsons – Natural Resources Director  
Kevin O’Toole – Senior Planner  
Jeremy Jungreis – General Counsel  
Leticia Villarreal – Assistant District Secretary

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

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

1. Minutes of Water Issues Committee Meeting

**The Minutes of the Water Issues Committee meeting held October 8, 2025, were approved as presented.**

2. Sixth Amended Agreement with United States Army Corps of Engineers to Implement FIRO at Prado Dam

**Recommended for approval at November 19 Board meeting: Authorize execution of the Sixth Amended Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (Appendix H) with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to support implementation of FIRO at Prado Dam, including Water Control Manual update coordination, continued participation in the FIRO Steering Committee, and related activities, subject to approval as to form and content by District’s General Counsel, for an additional \$125,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$495,000.**

3. Authorize RFP for GWRS Decarbonation Process Enhancements

**Recommended for approval at November 19 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of a Request for Proposals for design of GWRS Decarbonation Process Enhancements.**

4. Amendment 3 to Agreement 1547 with Falcon Services for Field Headquarters Aboveground Gasoline Storage Tank

**Recommended for approval at November 19 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Amendment No. 3 to Agreement 1547 with Falcon Services & Construction, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$3,309 and to extend the termination date to November 30, 2025.**

5. Purchase Order to Multiple Vendors for an Automated Flow Injection Analyzer for the Philip L. Anthony Laboratory

**Recommended for approval at November 19 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Purchase Orders to FIAlab Instruments, Inc., Environmental Express, and EZkem in the amounts of \$68,558, \$13,173, and \$6,872 respectively for the purchase of instrumentation to support the lab's Nitrate, Nitrite, Ammonia, and Total Cyanide analyses.**

6. Purchase Order to Promochrom Technologies Ltd for Three Spe-03 Units for the Philip L. Anthony Water Quality Laboratory

**Recommended for approval at November 19 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Purchase Order to PromoChrom Technologies, Ltd. in the total amount of \$76,942 for the trade-in purchase of three replacement SPE-03 Solid Phase Extractors.**

7. Contract No. FV-2024-1 Authorize Notice of Completion

**Recommended for approval at November 19 Board meeting: Accept completion of work and authorize filing a Notice of Completion for Contract No. FV-2024-1: Annex Building Roof Replacement Project.**

8. Authorize Request for Proposals for Field Headquarters Diesel Fuel Tank Replacement and Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Design

**Recommended for approval at November 19 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of RFP for FHQ Diesel Fuel Tank Replacement and Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Design.**

9. Agreement Extension with Orange County Sanitation District and Irvine Ranch Water District

**Recommended for approval at November 19 Board meeting: Authorize execution of the GAP/GWRS Flows Agreement with the Orange County Sanitation District and the Irvine Ranch Water District subject to minor edits by legal counsel and/or the General Manager.**

10. Bond Basin Slope Repair Authorize Amendment No. 1 to Butier Engineering Inc.

**Recommended for approval at November 19 Board meeting: Authorize Amendment No. 1 to Agreement 1732 with Butier Engineering, Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$85,478.**

11. Multi-Building Roof Replacement Project - Publication of Notice Inviting Bids

**Recommended for approval at November 19 Board meeting: Authorize publication of Notice Inviting Bids for Contract No. FV-2025-1: Multi-Building Roof Replacement Project.**

12. Contract No. TUS-2022-1: Amendment No. 3 to Butier Engineering

**Recommended for approval at November 19 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. 1558 with Butier Engineering Inc. for construction management and inspection services in the amount of \$63,132.**

13. Request for Proposals for Destruction of Westbay Monitoring Well SAR-3

**Recommended for approval at November 19 Board meeting: 1) Authorize filing of a Categorical Exemption for the destruction of monitoring well SAR-3 in compliance with CEQA guidelines; and 2) Authorize issuance of Request for Proposals for services for the destruction of Westbay monitoring well SAR-3.**

**MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

14. Santa Ana River Ecoflow Study

Natural Resources Director Sheryl Parsons reported that OCWD is required under its regulatory agreements with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to ensure riparian habitat within Prado Basin is not adversely affected by inundation caused by water storage behind Prado Dam. She stated that while the District's Digital Twin project is analyzing how inundation, groundwater levels, and sediment deposition can influence habitat, the role of Santa Ana River baseflows in sustaining the riparian forest has not been quantified and is a critical data gap that needs to be resolved. She advised that an Ecoflow study of the Santa Ana River and its tributaries will determine the minimum flow needed to support the habitat behind Prado Dam. Ms. Parsons stated that staff recommends entering into a sole source agreement with the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project to conduct this study for a cost not to exceed \$120,000.

**Upon motion by Director Weigand, seconded by Director Amezcua and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended for approval at the November 19 Board Meeting: Approve entering into agreement with Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) to conduct the Santa Ana River Ecoflow Study for an amount not to exceed \$120,000.**

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

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

15. Future of Santa Ana River Baseflows

Senior Planner Kevin O'Toole stated that staff closely monitors baseflows in the Santa Ana River and the factors that affect them. He advised that baseflows are defined as all flows not attributed to storm events and predominately consist of wastewater effluent, rising groundwater and dry weather urban runoff. Mr. O'Toole provided an overview of the factors impacting future baseflow in the Santa Ana River and the history and future drivers of Santa Ana River Baseflows. He reported on new efforts and tools that are being developed to better understand and anticipate future baseflows in the Santa Ana River available to OCWD for groundwater recharge.

**CHAIR DIRECTION AS TO ITEMS IF ANY TO BE AGENDIZED AS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NOVEMBER 19 BOARD MEETING**

It was agreed to place all items on the Consent Calendar for the November 19 Board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

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Cathy Green, Chair