

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
November 19, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

President Bilodeau called to order the November 19, 2025 regular meeting of the Orange County Water District Board of Directors at 5:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the District Secretary called the roll and reported a quorum as follows. Public access was also provided via Zoom webinar.

Directors

Valerie Amezcua
Denis Bilodeau
Cathy Green
Fred Jung
Natalie Meeks
Dina Nguyen
Stephen Sheldon
Van Tran
Erik Weigand
Roger Yoh

Staff

John Kennedy, General Manager
Jeremy Jungreis, General Counsel
Christina Fuller, District Secretary

CONSENT CALENDAR

President Bilodeau removed Item No. 10, *Agreement with Orange County Sanitation District and Irvine Ranch Water District*, from the Consent Calendar to be discussed separately due to requests by the public to speak on this item. The remainder of the Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Weigand, seconded by Director Green and carried [10-0] as follows:

Ayes: Amezcua, Bilodeau, Green, Jung, Meeks, Nguyen, Sheldon, Tran, Weigand, Yoh

1. Approval of Cash Disbursements

MOTION NO. 25-99
APPROVING CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Payment of bills for the period of October 30, 2025 through November 12, 2025 in the total amount of \$6,316,958.01 is ratified and approved.

2. Minutes of Board of Directors Meetings held October 15 and November 5, 2025

MOTION NO. 25-100
APPROVING MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the Board of Directors meetings held October 15 and November 5, 2025 are hereby approved as presented.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
NOVEMBER 12

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-11-190
APPROVING SIXTH AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO IMPLEMENT FIRO AT PRADO DAM

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 18-1-5 adopted January 17, 2018, OCWD approved an agreement with the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations study at Prado Dam; and

WHEREAS, the District staff has presented and recommended 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve the Sixth Amended Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (Appendix H) with the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the Review and Processing of Water Control Plan Deviation for Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO) for Prado Dam, California as outlined herein; and, upon approval as to form and content by District's General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized.

4. Authorize RFP for GWRS Decarbonation Process Enhancements

RESOLUTION NO. 25-11-191
AUTHORIZING RFP FOR GWRS DECARBONATION PROCESS ENHANCEMENTS

RESOLVED, that issuance of a Request for Proposals for design of GWRS Decarbonation Process Enhancements is authorized.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-11-192
AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH FALCON SERVICES FOR ABOVEGROUND GASOLINE STORAGE TANK

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. R23-8-105 adopted August 16, 2023 and previously amended, OCWD authorized an agreement to Falcon Services & Construction, Inc. for Installation of Aboveground Gasoline Storage Tank; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended issuance of Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No.1547 with Falcon Services & Construction, Inc. to cover the additional \$3,309 effort of

regulatory permitting requirements and to extend the termination date to November 30, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve issuance of Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. 1547 with Falcon Services & Construction, Inc. as outlined herein; and, upon approval as to form by General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-11-193
AUTHORIZING PURCHASE ORDER TO MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR AN AUTOMATED FLOW
INJECTION ANALYZER

RESOLVED, that 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 is authorized.

7. Purchase Order to PromoChrom Technologies, Ltd. for three replacement SPE-03 Solid Phase Extractors

RESOLUTION NO. 25-11-194
AUTHORIZING PURCHASE ORDER TO PROMOCHROM TECHNOLOGIES LTD FOR
THREE SPE-03 UNITS

RESOLVED, that 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 is authorized.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-11-195
AUTHORIZING NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR ANNEX BUILDING ROOF
REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Accept completion of work and authorize filing a Notice of Completion for Contract No. FV-2024-1: Annex Building Roof Replacement Project.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-11-196
AUTHORIZING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FIELD HEADQUARTERS DIESEL FUEL
TANK REPLACEMENT AND VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN

RESOLVED, that issuance of RFP for FHQ Diesel Fuel Tank Replacement and Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Design is authorized.

10. Agreement with Orange County Sanitation District and Irvine Ranch Water District

This item was removed from the consent calendar and considered separately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-11-197
AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH BUTIER ENGINEERING, INC FOR
FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. R25-5-68 adopted May 21, 2025, OCWD authorized an agreement with Butier Engineering, Inc. for construction management and inspection services; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended issuance of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No.1732 with Butier Engineering, Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$85,478 for construction management and inspection services;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve issuance of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No.1732 with Butier Engineering, Inc as outlined herein; and, upon approval as to form by General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized.

12. Notice Inviting Bids for Contract No. FV-2025-1: Multi-Building Roof Replacement Project

RESOLUTION NO. 25-11-198
AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR CONTRACT NO. FV-2025-1:
MULTI-BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Publication of Notice Inviting Bids is authorized for Contract No. FV-2025-1: Multi-Building Roof Replacement Project.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-11-199
APPROVING AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH BUTIER ENGINEERING, INC FOR
FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. R23-11-147 adopted November 1, 2023, OCWD authorized an agreement with Butier Engineering, Inc. for construction management and inspection services; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve issuance of Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No.1558 with Butier Engineering, Inc as outlined herein; and, upon approval as to form by General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-11-200

AUTHORIZING FILING OF A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF MONITORING WELL SAR-3 AND AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

WHEREAS, the area adjacent to Westbay multi-level monitoring well SAR-3 will be redeveloped as a park playground by the City of Anaheim;

WHEREAS, with the pending playground development and the well nearing the end of its useful life, staff recommends destroying this well;

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board recommends filing of a Categorical Exemption for the destruction of monitoring well SAR-3 in compliance with CEQA guidelines;

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board further recommends issuing a Request for Proposals for services for the destruction of Westbay monitoring well SAR-3.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1: Publication of Request for Proposals is authorized for services for the destruction of Westbay monitoring well SAR-3.

Section 2: Filing of a Categorical Exemption for the destruction of Westbay monitoring well SAR-3 in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

15. Santa Ana River Ecoflow Study

RESOLUTION NO. 25-11-201

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COASTAL WATER RESEARCH PROJECT (SCCWRP) TO CONDUCT THE SANTA ANA RIVER ECOFLOW STUDY

WHEREAS, 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.

WHEREAS, 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.

WHEREAS, an ecoflow study of the Santa Ana River and its tributaries will determine the minimum flow needed to support the habitat behind Prado Dam.

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board recommends 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve issuance of an agreement with Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) as outlined herein; and, upon approval as to form by General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT ADMINISTRATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 13

16. Monthly Cash Control Report

MOTION NO. 25-101
RECEIVING AND FILING THE MONTHLY CASH CONTROL REPORTS

The Summary Cash and Cash Equivalents Control Reports dated October 31, 2025 are hereby received and filed.

17. Investment Portfolio Holdings Reports

MOTION NO. 25-102
RECEIVING AND FILING INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS REPORTS

The Investment Portfolio Holdings Reports dated October 31, 2025 are hereby received and filed.

18. Additional Funds for Water Production R&R Fund 24007

MOTION NO. 25-103
AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR WATER PRODUCTION R&R FUND 24007

Issuance of additional funds in the amount of \$251,990 to the Water Production Refurbishment and Replacement account R24007 is hereby authorized.

19. Statement of Investment Policy Fiscal Year 2025-26

MOTION NO. 25-104
ADOPTING STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

The Statement of Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 is hereby adopted as presented (and on file at the District office).

20. Budget to Actual Report for First Quarter FY 2025–26

MOTION NO. 25-105
RECEIVING AND FILING THE BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT FOR FIRST QUARTER
OF FISCAL YEAR 2025-26

The Budget to Actual Report for First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2025-26 ending September 30, 2025 is hereby received and filed.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

10. Agreement with Orange County Sanitation District and Irvine Ranch Water District

Mesa Water District (Mesa) General Manager Paul Shoenberger requested the Board defer this item so Mesa staff and all five agencies involved in the formula can have time to engage on this agreement. He noted the agreement doesn't expire until 2027 so there should be no rush.

Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) General Manager Rob Thompson urged the Board to approve the agreement tonight so OC San can move forward with this agreement. He stated that this agreement is a win for ecology and a win for OCWD and OC San.

General Manager John Kennedy stated that OCWD benefits from this agreement as IRWD water is used to provide recycled water in the Green Acres Project (GAP) system and/or to provide source water to the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS), which is then treated to drinking water standards. He advised that OCWD receives 4-8 MGD of recycled water at no cost from IRWD every winter.

Upon motion by Director Amezcua, seconded by Director Meeks, the following resolution was unanimously carried [10-0].

Ayes: Amezcua, Bilodeau, Green, Jung, Meeks, Tran, Sheldon, Nguyen, Weigand, Yoh

RESOLUTION NO. 25-11-202
AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF THE GAP/GWRS FLOWS AGREEMENT WITH ORANGE COUNTY
SANITATION DISTRICT AND IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

RESOLVED, that issuance 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 is hereby authorized.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

21. Field Headquarters Recharge Operations Update

Director of Recharge and Wetland Operations Ben Smith updated the Board on the following Field Headquarters topics: Surface Recharge System, Pre-Season Basin Preparation, Maintenance & Mechanics, Atmospheric Rivers and Annual Anaheim Rainfall.

22. Children's Water Education Festival (Festival) Update

Principal Communications Specialist Crystal Nettles provided an update on next year's Festival reporting that Festival will be hosted at Oak Canyon Park on April 15 and April 16, 2026.

23. Public Affairs Outreach Report

Ms. Nettles provided an update on October outreach, events and tours.

24. Orange County Water District State and Federal Legislative Goals & Strategy

Legislative Affairs Liaison Alicia Harasty advised that staff is updating these documents for 2026 and a final proposed draft will be presented at the January 2026 Communications and Legislative Committee meeting.

25. SAWPA Update

Director Bilodeau provided an update on recent SAWPA activities.

26. Water Resources Report

General Manager John Kennedy stated the report for the first four months of the fiscal year is in the packet.

27. Committee/Conference/Meeting Reports

The Board reported on attendance at this month's Committee meetings, noting the Action Agendas were included in tonight's Board packet.

28. Verbal Reports

President Bilodeau thanked staff for their hard work this year and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, [Government Code Section 54956.9 (a),(d) – OCWD v. Sabic et al. (South Basin)
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RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session whereupon General Counsel Jungreis advised that there were no reportable items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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Denis Bilodeau, President

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Christina Fuller, District Secretary