

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
December 17, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

President Bilodeau called to order the December 17, 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

1. Director Service Award

General Manager John Kennedy presented service awards to Director Cathy Green for fifteen years of service, Director Stephen Sheldon for 20 years of service and President Denis Bilodeau for 25 years of service.

2. Employee Service Award

Mr. Kennedy presented service awards to Darla Cirillo, Pete Doplito, David Field, Christina Fuller, Jim Hammersmith, Janice Kovacevic, Rae Krause, Dave Mark, Don Supernaw, and Sterling Vamvas for 20 years of service. President Bilodeau presented a service award to General Manager John Kenendy for 30 years of service.

VISITOR PARTICIPATION

There were no visitors wishing to address the Board this evening.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Meeks and carried [10-0] as follows:

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

3. Approval of Cash Disbursements

MOTION NO. 25-106
APPROVING CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Payment of bills for the period of November 13, 2025 through December 10, 2025 in the total amount of \$9,938,685.77 is ratified and approved.

4. Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting held November 19, 2025

MOTION NO. 25-107
APPROVING MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held November 19, 2025 are hereby approved as presented.

5. Order 2024-25 Annual Engineer's Investigation and Report on Groundwater Conditions, Water Supply and Basin Utilization

RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-203
APPROVING ORDERING 2024-25 ANNUAL ENGINEER'S INVESTIGATION AND REPORT ON GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS, WATER SUPPLY AND BASIN UTILIZATION

Ordering of the annual engineering investigation and report on groundwater conditions, water supply and basin utilization for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, for delivery to the General Manager on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 is authorized.

6. Resolution Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Municipal Water District of Orange County

RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-204
COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Municipal Water District of Orange County ("MWDOC") was established in 1951 to facilitate the delivery of imported water supplies from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California ("Metropolitan") to Orange County; and

WHEREAS, MWDOC serves as the Metropolitan member agency for the Orange County Water District ("OCWD") and 26 retail water agencies and is recognized as the third-largest Metropolitan member agency; and

WHEREAS, MWDOC is organized as an independent special district governed by a seven-member Board of Directors elected by division, providing policy direction and oversight on regional water matters affecting its service area; and

WHEREAS, MWDOC administers core programs, including Water Use Efficiency, Water Loss Control, Water Education initiatives, and the Water Emergency Response Organization of Orange County (WEROC), which support residents, businesses, local agencies, and schools in the efficient use of water and in planning for future water supply and emergency response needs; and

WHEREAS, OCWD and MWDOC have collaborated on regional water supply and reliability initiatives, including: a Conjunctive Use Program with Metropolitan providing storage of up to 66,000 acre-feet of imported water in the Orange County Groundwater Basin; an \$86 million Metropolitan Local Resources Program operating subsidy for the Groundwater Replenishment System; a 100,000 acre-foot Metropolitan Cyclic Storage Agreement allowing pre-delivery of replenishment water to OCWD; the South Orange County Emergency Service Program to provide water to south Orange County agencies during emergencies; and a Supplemental Storage Program with Metropolitan providing temporary storage for excess imported water supplies; and

WHEREAS, OCWD and MWDOC share an administrative building and campus, including associated maintenance costs, to maximize operational efficiency. This facilitates close collaboration in the delivery and coordination of imported and groundwater supplies, resulting in one of the most secure and reliable water supplies in Southern California; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, OCWD co-founded the Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) with MWDOC, Coastal Municipal Water District, and the Cities of Anaheim, Fullerton, and Santa Ana to advance regional communication and coordination on water; and

WHEREAS, January 11, 2026, marks the 75th anniversary of MWDOC's formation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District wishes to congratulate the Municipal Water District of Orange County on its 75th anniversary.

7. Agreement to CEDG Architects for Conceptual Design Plans for Prado Constructed Wetlands and Field Office

RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-205

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH CEDG ARCHITECTS FOR CONCEPTUAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE PRADO CONSTRUCTED WETLANDS AND FIELD OFFICE

RESOLVED, that an agreement with CEDG Architects for conceptual design services for the Prado Constructed Wetlands and Field Office for an amount not to exceed \$43,500 is authorized.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD DECEMBER 10

8. Tech Connect Support Agreement with Rockwell Automation for Three-Year Support Renewal on Medium Voltage and Low Voltage Drives Equipment and Software Support

RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-206

AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A 3-YEAR PURCHASE ORDER AGREEMENT TO ROCKWELL AUTOMATION TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE SUPPORT FOR ROCKWELL AUTOMATION DEVICES AND SOFTWARE

RESOLVED, that issuance of a 3-year purchase order agreement to Rockwell Automation for an amount not to exceed \$26,366 per year, or \$79,097 over 3 years, to provide electrical equipment and software support for Rockwell Automation devices and software is authorized.

9. Multipurpose Center Feasibility Study Request for Proposals

RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-207
AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A MULTIPURPOSE CENTER
FEASIBILITY STUDY

RESOLVED, that issuance of Request for Proposals for a Multipurpose Center Feasibility Study is authorized.

10. Westbay Monitoring Well System Winch, Cable, and Counter Display Replacement

RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-208
AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO MOUNT SOPRIS INSTRUMENT
COMPANY, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE MOUNT SOPRIS MXC-1-0-7-3 1000-METER WINCH
SPOOLED WITH 1000 METERS OF SINGLE CONDUCTOR CABLE AND ONE 5MDA-1000 DEPTH-
SPEED DISPLAY

RESOLVED, that issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$32,509 which includes tax to Mount Sopris Instrument Company, inc. for the purchase of one Mount Sopris MXC-1-0-7-3 1000-meter Winch spooled with 1000 meters of single conductor cable and one 5MDA-1000 Depth-Speed Display (MX Series) is authorized.

11. Contract No. SB-2026-1 Santiago Pump Station Modifications Notice of Inviting Bids

RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-209
AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR CONTRACT NO. SB-2026-1,
SANTIAGO PUMP STATION MODIFICATIONS PROJECT

RESOLVED, that publication of Notice Inviting Bids for Contract No. SB-2026-1, Santiago Pump Station Modifications Project is authorized.

12. Request for Proposals: OCWD Gap Reservoir Assessment

RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-210
AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE OCWD GAP RESERVOIR
ASSESSMENT

RESOLVED, that issuance of Request for Proposals for the OCWD GAP Reservoir Assessment is authorized.

13. Contract GBM-2024-3 Construction of Shallow Aquifer Piezometers and Talbert Gap Replacement Monitoring Well Cluster Notice of Completion

RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-211

AUTHORIZING NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CONTRACT GBM-2024-3, CONSTRUCTION OF SHALLOW AQUIFER MONITORING WELLS AND TALBERT GAP MONITORING WELL CLUSTER

WHEREAS, the District staff has reported that J&H Drilling Co, Inc. dba MR Drilling (MR Drilling) has completed all work under Contract GBM-2024-3 for construction of Shallow Aquifer piezometers (monitoring wells) and a Talbert Gap replacement monitoring well cluster; and

WHEREAS, District staff has advised that after completion of Change Order Nos. 1 and 2, the total cost for well construction was \$199,939, which is \$914 over the initially awarded contracted amount, but \$6,280 under the amended contract amount; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended that the District accept completion of said work and that a Notice of Completion be filed for recordation and the balance of payment be made, pursuant to the terms and conditions of such contract;

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

Section 1: Issuance of Change Order Nos. 1 and 2 to such Contract is hereby ratified.

Section 2: Work under such Contract is accepted as complete, and the District staff is authorized and directed to execute a Notice of Completion and record said Notice in the Office of the County Recorder.

14. Authorize Agreement with Jacobs for Engineering and Hydrogeologic Services - Santa Ana River Riverbed Filtration System Feasibility Study

RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-212

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH JACOBS TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING AND HYDROGEOLOGIC SERVICES FOR THE SANTA ANA RIVER RIVERBED FILTRATION SYSTEM FEASIBILITY STUDY

RESOLVED, that an Agreement with Jacobs for an amount not to exceed \$188,750 to provide engineering and hydrogeologic services for the Santa Ana River Riverbed Filtration System Feasibility Study is hereby authorized.

15. City of Orange Well 29 PFAS Treatment Systems Project: Engineer's Report and Categorical Exemption

RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-213

APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE CITY OF ORANGE WELL 29 PFAS TREATMENT SYSTEMS PROJECT AND FILING OF A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, the District staff has reported the design for the City of Orange Well 29 PFAS Treatment Systems Project is currently in progress; and

WHEREAS, District staff has further reported that the design, construction, construction management and other eligible project costs will be funded, in part, by an Emerging Contaminant Principal Forgiveness Grant through the State Water Resources Control Board; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended that the District approve the Engineer's Report for the project and filing a Categorical Exemption in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines;

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

Section 1: The Engineer's Report for the City of Orange Well 29 PFAS Treatment Systems Project is hereby approved, and the project is determined feasible, necessary and beneficial to the lands of the District.

Section 2: Filing of a Categorical Exemption for the City of Orange Well 29 PFAS Treatment Systems Project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

16. Authorize Notice Inviting Bids for Buena Park Linden Well Packer Installation and Authorize Amendment to Agreement with Besst, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-214
AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR
BUENA PARK LINDEN WELL PACKER INSTALLATION AND AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO
AGREEMENT WITH BESST, INC.

WHEREAS, the District staff has reported that the Work Plan and Specifications are nearly complete for installing an inflatable packer to isolate specific screened intervals in the City of Buena Park (City) Linden Well to reduce PFAS concentrations and avoid the cost of constructing a treatment system; and

WHEREAS, District staff has recommended authorizing publication of a Notice Inviting Bids for BP-2026-1 Inflatable Packer Installation at Buena Park's Linden Well; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended issuance of an amendment to the services agreement with BESST, Inc. (BESST) in the amount of \$173,815 to procure the inflatable packers in parallel with the bidding process, oversee packer manufacturing, and provide field oversight of the testing;

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

Section 1: Publication of a Notice Inviting Bids for BP-2026-1 Inflatable Packer Installation at Buena Park's Linden Well.

Section 2: Issuance of Amendment to Agreement with BESST, as outlined herein; and, upon approval as to form by District General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized .

17. Preparation of Engineer's Report for Lower Santiago Creek Recharge Project

RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-215

AUTHORIZING STAFF TO PREPARE AN ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE LOWER SANTIAGO CREEK PROJECT, INCLUDING UPDATING PROJECT COSTS AND REVIEWING ALL ASPECTS OF THE POTENTIAL PROJECT

RESOLVED, that staff is authorized to prepare an Engineer's Report for the Lower Santiago Creek Project, including updating project costs and reviewing all aspects of the potential project.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT ADMINISTRATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD DECEMBER 11

18. Monthly Cash Control Report

MOTION NO. 25-108

RECEIVING AND FILING THE MONTHLY CASH CONTROL REPORTS

The Summary Cash and Cash Equivalents Control Reports dated November 30, 2025 are hereby received and filed.

19. Investment Portfolio Holdings Reports

MOTION NO. 25-109

RECEIVING AND FILING INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS REPORTS

The Investment Portfolio Holdings Reports dated November 30, 2025 are hereby received and filed.

20. Extension of Agreement 1531 to ACCO Engineered Systems for Maintenance of HVAC

RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-216

AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF AN EXTENSION FOR AGREEMENT 1531 TO ACCO ENGINEERED SYSTEMS FOR MAINTAINING THE HVAC EQUIPMENT

RESOLVED, that issuance of an extension from February 19, 2026 to June 30, 2026 for Agreement 1531 to ACCO Engineered Systems for maintaining the HVAC equipment is authorized.

21. Purchase of Replacement Pump Motor Cooling Coils

RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-217
AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO GE VERNOVA FOR THE PURCHASE OF
THREE STAINLESS STEEL MOTOR COOLING COILS

RESOLVED, that issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$100,485 to GE Vernova for the purchase of three stainless steel motor cooling coils is authorized.

22. Bottle GWRS Water for Demonstration/Educational Purposes

RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-218
AUTHORIZING BOTTLING OF GWRS WATER WITH OCWD AND OC SAN AS GWRS
PROJECT PARTNERS

RESOLVED, that bottling of GWRS water for an amount not to exceed \$30,000, with costs shared equally by OCWD and OC San as GWRS project partners, is authorized.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

23. SAWPA Update

President Bilodeau provided an update on recent SAWPA activities.

24. Water Resources Report

General Manager John Kennedy stated the report is in the packet.

25. 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.

26. Verbal Reports

President Bilodeau reported on his recent trip to Saudi Arabia where he provided a presentation on GWRS.

Mr. Kennedy reported that the District received the Golden Gate Recognition Award for safety from CAL/OSHA. He also provided a recent rain capture update.

General Counsel Jeremy Jungreis provided a report on SB 707 and SB 827.

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 6:45 p.m.

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