

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
January 7, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

President Bilodeau called to order the January 7, 2026 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 as follows. Public access was also provided via Zoom webinar.

Directors

Valerie Amezcua (arrived 5:40 p.m.)
Denis Bilodeau
Cathy Green
Fred Jung
Dina Nguyen (arrived 5:40 p.m.)
Natalie Meeks
Stephen Sheldon
Van Tran
Erik Weigand
Roger Yoh

Staff

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

Director Meeks participated remotely for “just cause” (illness) per GC 54953.8.3 (c)(2).

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 Weigand and carried [8-0] as follows:

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

1. Approval of Cash Disbursements

MOTION NO. 26-1
APPROVING CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Payment of bills for the period of December 11, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in the total amount of \$16,334,740.04 is ratified and approved.

2. Resolution Commemorating Larry D. Dick

RESOLUTION NO. 26-1-1
COMMENDING LARRY D. DICK FOR TWO DECADES OF SERVICE AT THE METROPOLITAN
WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Larry D. Dick was elected to the Board of Directors of the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) in November 2000 and has continuously represented Division 2, serving portions of East Orange County, Garden Grove, and multiple local water agencies; and

WHEREAS, Director Dick was appointed in 2003 to represent Orange County as a representative to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan), participating in board deliberations and policy development affecting Southern California's regional water system; and

WHEREAS, as MWDOC's longest-tenured Metropolitan representative, Director Dick was recognized as Dean of the District's Delegation; and

WHEREAS, during Director Dick's tenure at Metropolitan, he chaired several committees and served as vice chairman of the board during an era marked by historic challenges, pivotal policy decisions and evolving water resource needs; and

WHEREAS, Director Dick played an instrumental role in major regional projects, including the tunnel at Diamond Valley Lake and substantial upgrades to the Weymouth Water Treatment Plant, enhancing delivery flexibility and operational efficiency; and

WHEREAS, During Director Dick's tenure Metropolitan developed a substantial amount of new storage programs and is currently storing record amounts of water; and

WHEREAS, Director Dick brought a calm, stabilizing demeanor to Metropolitan Board discussions while advocating for conservative financial and budgeting policies that protected the rate payer; and

WHEREAS, Director Dick emphasized that Metropolitan's decisions affect the entire service area and encouraged regional collaboration and long-term planning; and

WHEREAS, Director Dick has been active in Orange County's water community since the 1990s, beginning as a board member of Serrano Water District and SWD Recreation, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Director Dick will continue his service on the MWDOC Board of Directors, where he has represented Division 2 since his election in November 2000 and currently serves as president (elected December 11, 2025); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby officially commend and congratulate Larry D. Dick on his successful leadership at Metropolitan and wishes him continued success.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD DECEMBER 19

3. Amendment to Agreement with AECOM to Complete Planning and Remedial Design for the Prado Lead Remediation Project

RESOLUTION NO. 26-1-2

APPROVING AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH AECOM TO COMPLETE THE REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN, INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (IS/MND) FOR CEQA COMPLIANCE AND CONDUCT THE REMEDIAL DESIGN FOR IN-PLACE REMEDIATION

WHEREAS, the District staff has been working with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and consultant AECOM to prepare environmental documentation for remediation of the former shooting areas at Pigeon Hill and the Former Clay Target Range in Prado; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 15-10-141 adopted October 7, 2015, as subsequently modified, OCWD authorized Agreement No. 1321 with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for a focused remedial investigation and feasibility study of such Prado Shooting Areas; and

WHEREAS, the Property Management Committee of this Board has recommended issuance of Amendment No. 10 to Agreement No. 1321 to respond to DTSC comments on the draft CEQA document and draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP), cover the costs of additional vertical sampling requested by staff, and to complete the planning and design phases of the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby authorize issuance of Amendment No. 10 to Agreement No. 1321 with AECOM, as outlined herein; and, upon approval as to form by District General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Proposed Plan for the North Basin Interim Remedy

EPA's Remedial Project Manager Amanda Cruz provided an update on the North Basin Interim Remedy proposed plan, highlighting the five proposed cleanup options, upcoming public meeting dates and the public comment deadline of February 19, 2026.

5. Public Affairs Outreach Report

Public Affairs Director Gina Ayala provided an update on the following topics for November/December 2025:

- Media coverage
- Quarterly webinars
- Tour highlights
- GWRS Bottled Water
- Upcoming events for 2026

6. Committee/Conference/Meeting Reports

The Board reported on attendance at this month's Committee meeting, noting the Action Agenda was included in tonight's Board packet.

7. Verbal Reports

General Manager John Kennedy provided an update on recent rainfall, grant funding received by the District and noted that Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority's 50th anniversary event will be held on January 22nd.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] – OCWD v. 3M Company et al.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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