

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT SYSTEM STEERING COMMITTEE
Monday, January 12, 2026**

OC San Director Gallagher called the Groundwater Replenishment System Steering Committee meeting to order in the OCWD Boardroom. Public access was also provided via Zoom webinar. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, the Secretary called the roll and reported a quorum.

Committee Members

Ryan Gallagher
Cathy Green
Chad Wanke
Denis Bilodeau (absent)
Jon Dumitru
Van Tran

Alternates

Roger Yoh
Bob Ooten
Dina Nguyen (absent)
Andrew Nguyen
Fred Jung
Pat Burns

*OCWD Director Erik Weigand was also in attendance

OCWD Staff	OC SAN Staff
John Kennedy, Mehul Patel, Gina Ayala, Leticia Villarreal	Robert Thompson, Jennifer Cabral

• **Annual Reorganization of GWRS Steering Committee Officers**

GWRS Steering Committee member Ryan Gallagher stated the Steering Committee reorganizes on an annual basis. It was a consensus of the Committee members present to approve the following nomination:

- 2026 GWRS Steering Committee Chair – OCWD Director Cathy Green
- 2026 GWRS Steering Committee Vice Chair – OC San Director Jon Dumitru

Director Green conducted the remainder of the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was moved, seconded and duly carried [5-0] as follows.
Yes – Gallagher, Green, Wanke, Dumitru, Yoh

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the GWRS Steering Committee meeting held July 14, 2025, are approved as presented.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. **GWRS Operations Update**

Executive Director of Operations Mehul Patel reported that the daily production for the quarter, October to December 2025, was 105 – 110 mgd. He stated that production was limited during

this period due to rehab of product water pump A01. He reported that high groundwater levels limited injection flows to seawater intrusion barrier and mid-basin well.

3. GWRS Fourth Quarter Outreach Report (October – December 2025)

Director of Public Affairs Gina Ayala reported that for the fourth quarter of 2025 a total of 33 GWRS tours were conducted accounting for 760 guests. She reported that OCWD received the Sustainable Water Utility Management Award from the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies for leadership in sustainable water management, including operation of the Groundwater Replenishment System.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

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Cathy Green 4/13/2026
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OCWD Director Cathy Green, Chair