

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
January 21, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

President Bilodeau called to order the January 21, 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 and reported a quorum as follows. Public access was also provided via Zoom webinar.

Directors

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

Staff

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

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER AWARD

The Board presented the Employee of the Quarter and Year Award to Principal Programmer Analyst Vickie Nguyen.

VISITOR PARTICIPATION

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Meeks, seconded by Director Green and carried [7-0] as follows:

Ayes: Bilodeau, Green, Meeks, Sheldon, Tran, Weigand, Yoh

Absent: Amezcua, Jung, Nguyen

*Dir. Jung audio issue

1. Approval of Cash Disbursements

MOTION NO. 26-2
APPROVING CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Payment of bills for the period of January 1, 2026 through January 14, 2026 in the total amount of \$5,707,081.60 is ratified and approved.

2. Minutes of Board of Directors Meetings held December 17, 2025 and January 7, 2026

MOTION NO. 26-3
APPROVING MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the Board of Directors meetings held December 17, 2025 and January 7, 2026 are hereby approved as presented.

ITEM RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD JANUARY 8

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-1-3
APPROVING THE 2026 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE GOALS AND STRATEGY

The 2026 State and Federal Legislative Goals and Strategy are hereby approved as presented.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD JANUARY 14

4. ACWA PFAS Cost of Compliance Study Contribution

MOTION NO. 26-4
AUTHORIZING CONTRIBUTION TO ACWA FOR A PFAS COST OF COMPLIANCE STUDY

A \$5,000 contribution to ACWA for a PFAS Cost of Compliance Study is authorized.

5. Agreement with Jacobs for a South Basin Groundwater Protection Project Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan

RESOLUTION NO. 26-1-4
AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH JACOBS FOR A SOUTH BASIN GROUNDWATER PROTECTION PROJECT PRE-DESIGN INVESTIGATION WORK PLAN

RESOLVED, that issuance of an Agreement to Jacobs Engineering Group for preparation of a South Basin Groundwater Protection Project Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan is authorized.

6. Purchase of Reverse Osmosis Replacement Membrane Elements for GWRS Reverse Osmosis System

RESOLUTION NO. 26-1-5
APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS TO MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR REVERSE OSMOSIS MEMBRANES AND AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDS

WHEREAS, staff recommends the issuance of three separate purchase orders for 1,060 RO membranes for each of three units of RO Train A to Dupont Water Solutions, Toray Membrane USA, and Water Surplus for a

total cost of \$1,850,287; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended an increase to the R25006 budget in the amount of \$100,287 for a total budget of \$1,850,287.

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

Section 1: Issuance of a Purchase Order to Dupont Water Solutions for an amount not to exceed \$541,798 for 1,060 BW30XFRLE reverse osmosis membranes for one unit in the GWRS reverse osmosis system is authorized.

Section 2: Issuance of a Purchase Order to Toray Membrane, USA for an amount not to exceed \$502,440 for 1,060 TLF-400DG reverse osmosis membranes for one unit in the GWRS reverse osmosis system is authorized.

Section 3: Issuance of a Purchase Order to Water Surplus for an amount not to exceed \$806,049 for 1,060 NanoStack coated BW30XFRLE reverse osmosis membranes for one unit in the GWRS reverse osmosis system is authorized.

Section 4: Additional funds in the amount of \$100,287 for R&R account R25006 is authorized.

7. K-2025-1: Kraemer Basin Check Valve Replacements: Notice of Completion and Ratify Change Order

RESOLUTION NO. 26-1-6
ACCEPTING COMPLETION OF CONTRACT K-2025-1: KRAEMER BASIN CHECK VALVE
REPLACEMENTS

WHEREAS, the District staff has reported that Innovative Construction Solutions has completed work for Contract No. K-2025-1: Kraemer Basin Check Valve Replacements; and

WHEREAS, staff has advised of issuance of Change Order No 1, which included additional work to remove and replace mortar on the flange joints, and removal and replacement of grout in the pipe saddle supports, and was executed under the General Manager's authority; 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 No. 1 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.

Section 3: Upon expiration of the interim lien period, providing no liens have been filed, payment of the balance due under such Contract shall be made.

8. Agreement with DDB Engineering for the Preparation of 2025 GWRS Annual Report

RESOLUTION NO. 26-1-7
APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH DDB ENGINEERING FOR PREPARATION
OF 2025 GWRS ANNUAL REPORT

RESOLVED, that issuance of an Agreement is authorized to DDB Engineering Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$60,000 to provide consulting services for the preparation of the calendar year 2025 GWRS Annual Report.

9. Alamitos Seawater Barrier 2026-27 Operations and Maintenance Budget

MOTION NO. 26-5
APPROVING ALAMITOS SEAWATER BARRIER 2026-27 O&M BUDGET

The Alamitos Barrier 2026-27 total Operations & Maintenance (O&M) budget in the amount of \$3,320,000 is approved, and payment of the District's share not to exceed \$1,331,000 payable to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works is authorized after receipt and review of invoices.

10. WF-2025-1: Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation 2026 Publication of Notice Inviting Bids

RESOLUTION NO. 26-1-8
AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE INVITING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING FILING OF A
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FOR CONTRACT NO. WF-2025-1: ASPHALT
REHABILITATION 2026 PROJECT

WHEREAS, the District staff has advised that the bid package, consisting of plans and technical specifications, for the Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation 2026 Project is nearly complete;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); staff has determined that WF-2025-1: Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation 2026 project is consistent with the Categorical Exemption for existing facilities for the repair, maintenance, permitting, or minor alteration of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use (Class 1); and

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

Section 1: Publication of Notice Inviting Bids is hereby authorized for Contract No. WF-2025-1: Asphalt Rehabilitation project 2026.

Section 2: Filing of a Categorical Exemption for the Asphalt Rehabilitation 2026 project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

11. Authorize Work Order to Psomas for Archeological Monitoring at SA-2023-1

RESOLUTION NO. 26-1-9
AUTHORIZING WORK ORDERS TO PSOMAS FOR ARCHEOLOGICAL
MONITORING AT SA-2023-1

RESOLVED, that ratification of work Order No. 1 to PSOMAS in the amount of \$6,260 for Cultural Resources Monitoring Support Services and issuance of Work Order No. 1A in the amount of \$43,980 to continue archeological monitoring during new ground disturbance activities for the construction of City of Santa Ana PFAS Water Treatment Plant Well Nos. 27 & 28 are hereby authorized.

12. Authorize Change Order to Murray Company for Reverse Osmosis Clean-In-Place Pipe Replacement

RESOLUTION NO. 26-1-10
AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER TO MURRAY COMPANY FOR REVERSE OSMOSIS CLEAN-IN-
PLACE PIPE REPLACEMENT AND INCREASING PROJECT BUDGET

RESOLVED, that the Reverse Osmosis CIP Valve Relocation project budget is increased to \$788,827 and issuance of Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$288,827 for emergency repairs is ratified.

13. Award Contract No. SA-2025-1 City of Santa Ana PFAS Treatment at John Garthe Reservoir to Kingmen Construction, Inc. and Budget Increase

RESOLUTION NO. 26-1-11
AWARDING CONTRACT NO. SA-2025-1 CITY OF SANTA ANA PFAS TREATMENT AT JOHN
GARTHE RESERVOIR TO KINGMEN CONSTRUCTION, INC.

WHEREAS, a Notice Inviting Bids for Contract No. SA-2025-1 City of Santa Ana PFAS Treatment at John Garthe Reservoir, was published in The Orange County Register on September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received and opened on December 11, 2025:

Kingmen Construction, Inc.	\$ 23,587,500
Pacific Hydrotech Corp.	\$ 24,907,700
Covenant Technical Solutions, Inc.	\$ 25,815,000
GSE Construction Company Inc.	\$ 27,152,900
Caliagua, Inc.	\$ 28,295,600
Innovative Construction Solutions	\$ 28,332,000

ARB, Inc.	\$ 46,377,819
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WHEREAS, a total of seven construction bids were received on December 11, 2025 for the City of Santa Ana PFAS Treatment at John Garthe Reservoir Project, Contract No. SA-2025-1;

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board recommends awarding the contract to Kingmen Construction, Inc for an amount not to exceed \$23,587,500 for the City of Santa Ana PFAS Treatment at John Garthe Reservoir Project;

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board further recommends ratifying issuance of Addenda 1 through 8 and increasing the project budget by \$1,474,850 for a total project budget in the amount of \$31,474,850.

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

Section 1: The Affidavit of Publication of Notice Inviting Bids for Contract No. SA-2025-1 is received and filed.

Section 2: Issuance of Addenda 1-8 are authorized.

Section 3: Accept bid and authorize award of Contract SA-2025-1 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Kingmen Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$23,587,500

Section 4: An increase to the project budget by \$1,474,850 for a total project budget in the amount of \$31,474,850 is hereby established.

14. Bond Basin Slope Repair Authorize Amendment No. 3 to ENGEO, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-1-12
AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH ENGEO, INC.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 23-10-140 adopted October 18, 2023, and subsequently amended, OCWD awarded Agreement No. 1555 to ENGEO for design services for the permanent Bond Basin slope repair and storm drain extension; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended issuance of Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. 1555 with ENGEO, Inc. for engineering construction support services to accommodate construction during the rainy season and upcoming dry season in the amount of \$59,827;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve issuance of Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. 1555 with ENGEO, Inc. 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 JANUARY 15

15. Monthly Cash Control Report

MOTION NO. 26-6
RECEIVING AND FILING THE MONTHLY CASH CONTROL REPORTS

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

16. Investment Portfolio Holdings Reports

MOTION NO. 26-7
RECEIVING AND FILING INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS REPORTS

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

17. Amendment 7 to Agreement 1315 with Valley Cities/Gonzales Fence, Inc., for On-Call Fence Repairs

RESOLUTION NO. 26-1-13
APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 7 TO AGREEMENT WITH VALLEY CITIES/GONZALES FENCE,
INC. FOR ON-CALL FENCE REPAIRS FOR RECHARGE BASINS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No.19-6-91 adopted June 19, 2019, as subsequently modified, OCWD issued Agreement No. 1315 to Valley Cities/Gonzales Fence, Inc., for on-call fence repairs for the recharge basins; and

WHEREAS, the Administration and Finance Issues Committee of this Board has recommended issuance of Amendment No. 7 to Agreement No. 1315 with Valley Cities/Gonzales Fence, Inc. to increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$30,000 for FY 25-26.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve Amendment six to such License Agreement as described herein; and, upon approval, as to form by District General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized.

18. Surplus of Research & Development Equipment, Information Services Parts, Obsolete Equipment, Lab Tools and Board Administration and Office Equipment

MOTION NO. 26-8
DECLARING RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT, LAB TOOLS, INFORMATION SERVICES PARTS,
AND BOARD ADMINISTRATION AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT SURPLUS

Research & Development, Information Services Parts, Obsolete Equipment, Lab Tools, and Board

Administration and Office equipment items on the Surplus List as of 12/29/25 are declared surplus and the sale and disposal thereof is authorized.

19. Ultraviolet Light (UV) Equipment Supply

MOTION NO. 26-9

AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDER TO TROJAN TECHNOLOGIES CORP FOR THE PURCHASE OF UV LAMPS

Issuance of a Purchase Order to Trojan Technologies Corp for the purchase of 1,080 UV lamps in the amount of \$294,534, including freight is authorized.

20. Establish Project Budget to Repair Microfiltration Backwash Piping

RESOLUTION NO. 26-1-14

ESTABLISHING A PROJECT BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF AN AGREEMENT TO MURRAY COMPANY TO REPAIR MICROFILTRATION BACKWASH PIPING

RESOLVED, that issuance of an agreement to Murray Company is authorized for \$1,308,197 to repair microfiltration backwash supply piping and a project budget of \$1,400,000 funded by the R&R fund is hereby established.

21. Basin Production Percentage and Replenishment Assessment Estimates for Fiscal Year 2026-27

MOTION NO. 26-10

PROVIDING BASIN PRODUCTION PERCENTAGE AND REPLENISHMENT ASSESSMENT ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 TO GROUNDWATER PRODUCERS

Staff is authorized to provide the following Fiscal Year 2026-27 Replenishment Assessment and Basin Production Percentage estimates to the Groundwater Producers: Combined Replenishment Assessment & Additional RA - \$728/acre-foot; and Basin Production Percentage - 85%.

22. Extension of Letter of Credit for 2003A Variable Rate Debt

RESOLUTION NO. 26-1-15

AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING LETTER OF CREDIT, AND THE EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS

WHEREAS, the Orange County Water District (the "District"), a political subdivision duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of California, has previously caused Adjustable Rate Revenue Certificates of Participation, Series 2003A (the "2003A Certificates") to be executed and delivered to finance certain facilities of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District previously entered into a Reimbursement Agreement, dated May 1, 2021 (the “Original Reimbursement Agreement”), by and among the District, the OCWD Public Facilities Corporation (the “Corporation”) and Bank of America, N.A. (the “Bank”), as previously amended by a First Amendment to Reimbursement Agreement, dated March 26, 2024 (the “First Amendment” and, together with the Original Reimbursement Agreement, the “Reimbursement Agreement”), among the District, the Corporation and the Bank, pursuant to which the Bank delivered a letter of credit (the “Existing Letter of Credit”) to provide support for the payment of principal and interest evidenced by the 2003A Certificates; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”) has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to authorize an extension of the Existing Letter of Credit;

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

Section 1: The Second Amendment to Reimbursement Agreement (the “Second Amendment to Reimbursement Agreement”), in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and, upon execution as authorized below, made a part hereof as though set forth in full herein, and the extension of the Existing Letter of Credit are each hereby approved. The President, First Vice President or Second Vice President or the General Manager or the designee thereof is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Second Amendment to Reimbursement Agreement with such changes, insertions and omissions as may be recommended by General Counsel, or by the District’s special counsel, Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth LLP (“Special Counsel”), and approved by the officers executing the same, said execution being conclusive evidence of such approval.

Section 2: The Board acknowledges that the good faith estimates required by Section 5852.1 of the California Government Code are disclosed in Exhibit B attached to this Resolution and are available to the public at the meeting at which this Resolution is approved.

Section 3: The President, First Vice President or Second Vice President or the General Manager, the Chief Financial Officer or his/her designee and any other proper officer of the District, acting singly, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents and instruments and to do and cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out the extension of the Existing Letter of Credit and the transactions contemplated by the Second Amendment to Reimbursement Agreement and this resolution, and such actions previously taken by such officers are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Section 4: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

23. Update on Research and Development Activities

Director of Research Megan Plumlee provided an update on current programs and projects. Dr. Plumlee reported on a new research grant for the GWRS microbial water quality study, the PFAS Treatment facilities dashboard and the ongoing project to demonstrate PFAS destruction using vacuum UV (VUV).

24. SAWPA Update

Director Bilodeau provided an update on recent SAWPA activities.

25. Water Resources Report

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

26. 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.

27. Verbal Reports

Mr. Kennedy advised that two of the District’s PFAS federal earmark requests have made it through the federal budget process and are expected to be signed by the President next week.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION


- CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – [Government Code Section 54957.6]
OCWD designated representative: Natasha Issak, Employee Organization: Orange County Employee Association


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 6:35 p.m.

DocuSigned by:

 Denis Bilodeau, President

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 Christina Fuller, District Secretary