

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
February 4, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

President Bilodeau called to order the February 4, 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
Denis Bilodeau
Cathy Green
Fred Jung
Dina Nguyen (absent)
Natalie Meeks
Stephen Sheldon (closed session only)
Van Tran
Erik Weigand
Roger Yoh

Staff

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

VISITOR PARTICIPATION

OC LAFCO Representative Jim Fisler provided an update on recent LAFCO activities.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Meeks and carried [8-0] as follows:

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

Absent: Nguyen, Sheldon

1. Approval of Cash Disbursements

MOTION NO. 26-11
APPROVING CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Payment of bills for the period of January 15, 2026 through January 28, 2026 in the total amount of \$11,934,245.98 is ratified and approved.

2. Limited-Term Employment Agreement for Auto & Equipment Mechanic Assistant – Markus Cooper

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2-16
APPROVING LIMITED-TERM EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR AUTO & EQUIPMENT
MECHANIC ASSISTANT – MARKUS COOPER

RESOLVED, that a Limited-Term Employment Agreement for Auto & Equipment Mechanic Assistant Markus Cooper for a one-year period commencing February 9, 2026, contingent upon successful completion of background check and physician examination, is hereby approved.

3. Resolution Commemorating SAWPA'S 50th Anniversary

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2-17
COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
SANTA ANA WATERSHED PROJECT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) was formed in 1975 as a joint powers authority comprised of five member agencies: Eastern Municipal Water District, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Orange County Water District, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, and Western Municipal Water District; and

WHEREAS, SAWPA develops and maintains regional plans, programs, and projects to protect the Santa Ana Watershed and its water resources to maximize beneficial uses in an economically and environmentally responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, as a member agency of SAWPA, the Orange County Water District appoints a Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner to lead the agency and implement policy that advances SAWPA's mission to make the Santa Ana River Watershed sustainable through fact-based planning and informed decision-making, regional and multijurisdictional coordination, and the innovative development of policies, programs, and projects; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Water District has long valued its partnership with SAWPA and derives value from its membership through facilitated collaboration to address common goals and tackle problems that are larger than any individual entity; and

WHEREAS, SAWPA has continued to advance the Inland Empire Brine Line; which offers multiple benefits to the watershed including protecting and improving groundwater quality through removal of 500,000 pounds of salt per day; and

WHEREAS, SAWPA's One Water One Watershed program encourages integrated management of water resources and provides funding for multi-benefit projects that support watershed sustainability; and

WHEREAS, SAWPA is collaborating with key stakeholders, including the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians and the University of California, Riverside, to develop a Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan (CARP) to identify risks and reduce vulnerabilities on water resources, ecosystems and communities within the watershed; and

WHEREAS, SAWPA's leadership and programs have strengthened the resilience of the Santa Ana River Watershed and contributed significantly to the reliability and sustainability of water supplies relied upon by millions of people; and

WHEREAS, the year 2025 marked the 50th anniversary of SAWPA's formation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District wishes to congratulate the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority on its 50th anniversary

4. Award Contract BP-2026-1 Buena Park Linden Well Packer Installation to General Pump

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2-18

AWARDING CONTRACT BP-2026-1 BUENA PARK LINDEN WELL PACKER INSTALLATION TO GENERAL PUMP COMPANY, INC.

WHEREAS, a Notice Inviting Bids for Contract No. BP-2026-1 Buena Park Linden Well Packer Installation, was published in The Orange County Register on January 6, 2026 and Addendum No. 1 was issued on January 13, to revise the pre-bid meeting date and requirements, update the permit requirements in the specifications, and add City-specific insurance requirements to the contract; and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received and opened on January 27, 2026:

General Pump Company, Inc	\$352,510
Layne Christensen Company	\$507,385
Living Water Industries, LLC	\$754,775

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board recommends awarding Contract BP-2026-1 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, General Pump Company, Inc, in the amount of \$352,510.

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board further recommends establishing a Project budget in the amount of \$618,000.

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 BP-2026-1 Buena Park Linden Well Packer Installation project is received and filed.

Section 2: Issuance of Addenda 1 is hereby ratified.

Section 3: Issuance of an agreement to General Pump Company, Inc, in the amount of \$352,510 is hereby authorized.

Section 4: A project budget in the amount of \$618,000 is hereby established.

5. Professional Services Agreement Craftwater Engineering Prado Dam OCWD Support, Task Order #2

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2-19

AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE TASK ORDER #2 WITH CRAFTWATER ENGINEERING, INC. TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL, REGULATORY, AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT SUPPORT RELATED TO PRADO DAM OPERATIONS

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to execute Task Order #2 with Craftwater Engineering, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$109,676, to provide technical, regulatory, and project management support related to Prado Dam operations, sediment management, and coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD JANUARY 23

6. Amendment to License Agreement with T.E. Roberts for Storing of Construction Equipment Located at Huckleberry Basin, Anaheim

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2-20
 APPROVING AMENDMENT TO LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH T.E. ROBERTS
 FOR STORING CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AT HUCKLEBERRY BASIN, ANAHEIM

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 18-1-2 adopted January 3, 2018, as subsequently amended, OCWD issued a License Agreement to T.E. Roberts, Inc. to allow equipment storage at the District’s Huckleberry Pond property in Anaheim utilizing the District’s maintenance roads; and

WHEREAS, the Property Management Committee has recommended execution of Amendment Eleven to such License Agreement extending the expiration date to January 31, 2027, for a fee of \$1,462 per month, with all other Agreement terms to remain the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve Amendment Eleven 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.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT RETIREMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
 HELD JANUARY 27

7. 401 (a) Money Purchase Retirement Plan Investment Line-Up and 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan Red Flag Fund Review

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2-21
 APPROVING ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH 457(B) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN
 INVESTMENT FUND LINE-UP REVIEW, AND RECEIVING AND FILING
 RETIREMENT PLAN INVESTMENT PORTFOLIOS

The following actions in connection with the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan investment funds are hereby approved, and the 401(a) Money Purchase Retirement Plan and the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan investment portfolios are hereby received and filed.

401(a) Review	
Investment Fund	Action
Fidelity Global Commodity Stock	Red Flag
Fidelity Low-Priced Stock K6	Keep Red Flag
American Funds New Perspective R6	Grey Flag
Victory Sycamore Small Company Opp I	Red Flag
Victory Sycamore Established Value I	Red Flag
T. Rowe Price All-Cap Opportunities I	Keep Red Flag
Parnassus Core Equity Inv	Red Flag
JPMorgan Equity Income R6	Red Flag
457 Review	
Investment Fund	Action
T. Rowe Price Health Sciences	Keep Red Flag

MFS International Growth R4	Grey Flag
MFS International Equity R6	Grey Flag
Franklin Small Cap Value Adv	Red Flag
Touchstone Mid Cap Y	Remove and map to Carillion Scout Mid-Cap
MFS Mid Cap Value R4	Keep Red Flag
AB Large Cap Growth I	Remove and map to Loomis Sayles Growth Y
T. Rowe Price All-Cap Opportunities-I	Red Flag

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8. Public Affairs Outreach Report

Director of Public Affairs Gina Ayala reported on the Children’s Water Education Festival to be held in April as well as other upcoming events and speakers bureaus.

9. SAWPA Update

President Bilodeau reported on recent SAWPA activities noting that SAWPA celebrated its 50th anniversary on January 22nd.

10. 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.

11. Verbal Reports

President Bilodeau reported that he attended a conference today hosted by Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley that addressed sediment removal behind Prado Dam and the desire to place it on the beaches.

General Manager John Kennedy introduced new HR Director David Albaugh. Mr. Kennedy reported that the groundwater replenishment system has been recognized by the American Water Works Association and the American Membrane Technology Association as the Large Membrane Facility of the year. He noted the award recognizes the excellence in advanced membrane treatment, operational efficiency, environmental stewardship, safety, and regulatory compliance.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

- CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS [Government Code Section 54957.6] OCWD designated representative: District President Denis Bilodeau, Non-Represented Employee: General Manager

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 6:30 p.m.

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Denis Bilodeau, President

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Christina Fuller, District Secretary