

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
February 18, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

President Bilodeau called to order the February 18, 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
Denis Bilodeau
Cathy Green (arrived @ 6:05 p.m.)
Fred Jung
Natalie Meeks
Dina Nguyen (absent)
Stephen Sheldon (absent)
Van Tran
Erik Weigand
Roger Yoh

Staff

Mehul Patel, Executive Director
Jeremy Jungreis, General Counsel
Christina Fuller, District Secretary

VISITOR PARTICIPATION

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

Absent: Green, Nguyen, Sheldon

1. Approval of Cash Disbursements

MOTION NO. 26-12
APPROVING CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Payment of bills for the period of January 29, 2026 through February 11, 2026 in the total amount of \$5,984,125.66 is ratified and approved.

2. Minutes of Board of Directors Meetings held January 21 and February 4, 2026

MOTION NO. 26-13
APPROVING MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the Board of Directors meetings held January 21 and February 4, 2026 are hereby approved as presented.

3. 2024-2025 Engineer's Report on Groundwater Conditions, Water Supply and Basin Utilization

MOTION NO. 26-14
RECEIVING AND FILING 2024-2025 ENGINEER'S REPORT ON GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS,
WATER SUPPLY AND BASIN UTILIZATION
AND SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARINGS

The draft 2024-25 Engineer's Report is hereby received and filed, and public hearings are scheduled for March 18, 2026 to present the Report's findings and on April 15, 2026 to consider establishing the Replenishment Assessment, Basin Equity Assessment and Basin Production Percentage for the 2026-27 water year.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
FEBRUARY 11

4. Fall Protection Replacements for the GWRS and Green Acres Project Facilities

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2-22
AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH DIVERSIFIED FALL PROTECTION FOR SERVICES AND
HARDWARE TO UPGRADE FALL PROTECTIONS SYSTEMS FOR THE GWRS AND GAP
FACILITIES

RESOLVED, that an agreement with Diversified Fall Protection is authorized in the amount of \$371,278 for services and hardware to upgrade fall protections systems for the GWRS and GAP facilities.

5. Fall Protection Replacements for the Field Headquarters Facilities

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2-23
AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH DIVERSIFIED FALL PROTECTION FOR SERVICES AND
HARDWARE TO UPGRADE FALL PROTECTIONS SYSTEMS FOR THE FIELD HEADQUARTERS
FACILITIES

RESOLVED, that an agreement with Diversified Fall Protection is authorized in the amount of \$211,770 for services and hardware to upgrade fall protection systems for the Field Headquarters facilities.

6. Authorize Issuance of Services Agreement to Yellow Jacket Drilling Services for Destruction of Westbay Monitoring Well SAR-3

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2-24
AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH YELLOW JACKET DRILLING SERVICES FOR DESTRUCTION
OF WESTBAY MONITORING WELL SAR-3

RESOLVED, that an agreement with Yellow Jacket Drilling Services LLC is authorized in an amount not to exceed \$37,960 for destruction of Westbay monitoring well SAR-3.

7. Construction of AM-63 and AM-21R Monitoring Well Clusters

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2-25

AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF MONITORING WELL CLUSTER AM-63 AND REPLACEMENT
MONITORING WELL CLUSTER AM-21R

WHEREAS, the District staff has reported that due to construction of the OCVIBE in Anaheim, monitoring wells AM-21 and AM-21A were destroyed in May 2025 leaving a data gap in the Shallow and Principal aquifers in the City of Placentia; and

WHEREAS, staff has advised that installation of a cluster of two monitoring wells will improve the accuracy of annual groundwater elevation contour maps used for the basin storage calculation, and provide water quality data in an area where two new production wells have been prevented from going on-line due to arsenic and uranium exceedances; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended that the District construct monitoring wells AM-63A and AM-63B in Placentia and AM-21R and AM-21RA in Anaheim;

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee further recommends filing of a Categorical Exemption for the project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as the project is consistent with the Categorical Exemption for New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Class 3) because it consists of the construction and operation of a limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures;

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

Section 1: Filing of a Categorical Exemption for the construction of AM-63 and AM-21R monitoring well clusters in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

Section 2: Publication of Notice Inviting Bids is authorized for monitoring well construction.

Section 3: The General Manager is authorized to finalize and execute no-cost License Agreements with the AM-21R Site property owner, OCVIBE.

Section 4: Construction of monitoring well cluster AM-63 and replacement monitoring well cluster AM-21R is authorized.

Section 5: Issuance of an RFP for construction inspection services is authorized.

Section 6: A project budget in the amount of \$1,060,000 is authorized.

8. Request for Proposals for Destruction of Monitoring Wells OM-2 and OM-2A

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2-26
AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR SERVICES FOR THE
DESTRUCTION OF MONITORING WELLS OM-2 AND OM-2A

WHEREAS, the District staff has reported the area adjacent to monitoring wells OM-2 and OM-2A will be redeveloped by the property owner, the County of Orange (County);

WHEREAS, staff has advised that per the terms of the License Agreement, the County has requested that these wells be destroyed; and

WHEREAS, staff has evaluated the project and determined that it qualifies for an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Class 3, Section 15303, as the project involves limited activities on narrow-diameter wells at a site devoid of sensitive habitat and occurring within previously developed roadways;

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

Section 1: Filing of a Categorical Exemption for the destruction of monitoring wells OM-2 and OM-2A in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

Section 2: Issuance of Request for Proposals for services for the destruction of monitoring wells OM-2 and OM-2A is authorized.

9. Agreement to Bender/CCP for Reverse Osmosis Transfer Pump A01 Vertical Turbine Pump Inspection and Rehabilitation
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-2-27

AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF AN AGREEMENT TO BENDER/CCP INC. AND ESTABLISHING THE REVERSE OSMOSIS TRANSFER PUMP A01 VERTICAL TURBINE PUMP INSPECTION AND REHABILITATION PROJECT BUDGET

RESOLVED, that issuance of an Agreement to Bender/CCP Inc. is authorized for an amount not to exceed \$300,000 and the Reverse Osmosis Transfer Pump A01 Vertical Turbine Pump Inspection and Rehabilitation project budget in the amount of \$300,000 is hereby established.

10. Agreement to Bender/CCP for GWRS Product Water Pump A02 Vertical Turbine Pump Inspection and Rehabilitation
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-2-28

AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF AN AGREEMENT TO BENDER/CCP INC. AND ESTABLISHING THE REVERSE OSMOSIS TRANSFER PUMP A02 VERTICAL TURBINE PUMP INSPECTION AND REHABILITATION PROJECT BUDGET

RESOLVED, that issuance of an Agreement to Bender/CCP Inc. is authorized for an amount not to exceed \$500,000 and the Product Water A02 Vertical Turbine Pump Inspection and Rehabilitation project budget in the amount of \$500,000 is hereby established.

11. Amendment No. 8 to Agreement No. 1175 with Intera, Inc. for Additional Groundwater Modeling Services Regarding Sunset Gap
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-2-29

AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH INTERA, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL GROUNDWATER MODELING SERVICES REGARDING SUNSET GAP

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 16-7-102 adopted July 20, 2016, as subsequently amended, OCWD issued Agreement No. 1175 to Intera, Inc. for expanding the Alamitos Gap groundwater model into the Sunset Gap area; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended issuance of Amendment No. 8 to such Agreement in the amount of \$71,957 for additional groundwater basin modeling of the Sunset Gap area;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve the aforementioned Amendment to Agreement No. 1175 as outlined herein; and, upon approval as to form by General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized.

12. Amendment to Agreement with Aqueous Vets for Pressure Vessel Systems Storage and Tax Rate Modification

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2-30

AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH AQUEOUS VETS FOR PRESSURE VESSEL SYSTEMS STORAGE AND TAX RATE MODIFICATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 20-5-56 adopted May 6, 2020, as subsequently amended, OCWD authorized issuance of Agreement No. 1422 to Aqueous Vets for the purchase of PFAS treatment pressure vessel systems; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended issuance of Amendment No. 9 to such Agreement with Aqueous Vets for an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for additional storage costs for Orange Well 29 and increased tax rates for vessels delivered to Santa Ana;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve issuance of Amendment No. 9 to Agreement No. 1422 with Aqueous Vets as outlined herein; and, upon approval as to form by District General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized.

13. Authorize Issuance of Services Agreement to Living Water Well Drilling for Monitoring Well FVM-1 Vault Replacement

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2-31

AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A SERVICES AGREEMENT TO LIVING WATER WELL FOR MONITORING WELL FVM-1 VAULT REPLACEMENT

RESOLVED, that issuance of a Services Agreement to Living Water Well Drilling in an amount not to exceed \$44,850 for monitoring well FVM-1 vault replacement is authorized.

14. Request for Proposals for Destruction of OCWD Monitoring Well AMD-5

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2-32

AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF REQUEST FOR QUOTES FOR SERVICES FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF WESTBAY MONITORING WELL AMD-5

WHEREAS, the area encompassing OCWD multi-level monitoring well AMD-5 is being redeveloped by the property owner, the City of Anaheim (City); and

WHEREAS, after initial notification from City staff, OCWD staff informed them of the importance and cost of replacing this well and requested that they reassess their redevelopment plans to allow continued well access.

WHEREAS, City staff reassessed its plans and determined that they could not accommodate the well, which is within the interior of the property and beneath a future building footprint; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended destroying this well, and plans to come back to the Board requesting approval to construct a replacement well after a suitable location has been identified.

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

Section 1: Filing of a Categorical Exemption for the destruction of Westbay monitoring well AMD-5 in compliance with CEQA guidelines is hereby authorized.

Section 2: Issuance of Request for Quotes for services for the destruction of Westbay monitoring well AMD-5 is authorized.

15. Emergency Repair Work Order Ratification

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2-33
RATIFYING WORK ORDER NOS. 5/5A AND PAYMENT TO DOTY BROS. CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS

RESOLVED, that Work Order Nos. 5/5A of Agreement No. 1450 and payment to Doty Bros. Construction Company for emergency repairs totaling \$36,511 is ratified.

16. La Palma Basin Shallow Underground Recharge Demonstration Project Engineer's Report and Categorical Exemption

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2-34
APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND AUTHORIZING FILING OF A CATEGORICAL
EXEMPTION FOR THE LA PALMA BASIN SHALLOW UNDERGROUND RECHARGE
DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the design for the La Palma Basin Shallow Underground Recharge Demonstration Project is currently in progress; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends approving the Engineer's Report for the project and filing a Categorical Exemption in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended that the District approve the Engineer's Report for the La Palma Basin Shallow Underground Recharge Demonstration Project;

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

Section 1: Filing of a Categorical Exemption for the La Palma Basin Shallow Underground Recharge Demonstration Project in compliance with CEQA guidelines.

Section 2: The Engineer's Report for the La Palma Basin Shallow Underground Recharge Demonstration Project is hereby approved, and the project is determined feasible, necessary and beneficial to the lands of the District.

17. Ratification of Access Agreements for Existing Monitoring Well Sites for Second Half of 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2-35
RATIFYING EXECUTION OF WELL ACCESS AGREEMENTS ISSUED TO OCWD

RESOLVED, that execution of well access agreements issued to OCWD for the period of July 1 through December 31, 2025 for a total cost of \$5,183 is hereby ratified.

18. Authorize Agreement with Glumac for Field Headquarters Diesel Fuel Tank Replacement and Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Design

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2-36
AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH GLUMAC FOR FIELD HEADQUARTERS DIESEL FUEL TANK REPLACEMENT AND VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN

WHEREAS, one proposal was received on January 22, 2026 for engineering and design services for the Field Headquarters Diesel Fuel Tank Replacement and Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Design projects; and

WHEREAS, staff has advised of Addendum No. 1, which was issued on January 12, 2026, to respond to potential proposer's questions.

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended authorizing an Agreement with Glumac, a Tetra Tech Company, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$297,780 for engineering and design services.

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

Section 1: Issuance of Addenda 1 is authorized.

Section 2: Agreement with Glumac, a Tetra Tech Company, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$297,780 for FHQ Diesel Fuel Tank Replacement and Vehicle Charging Infrastructure engineering and design services, is authorized.

19. Purchase Order to AB Sciex LLC for Support Equipment for One Pal Liquid Injection System for an Existing Liquid Chromatography /Tandem Mass Spectrometer (LC/MS/MS)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2-37
AUTHORIZING PURCHASE ORDER TO AB SCIEX LLC FOR SUPPORT EQUIPMENT FOR ONE PAL LIQUID INJECTION SYSTEM FOR AN EXISTING LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY / TANDEM MASS SPECTROMETER (LC/MS/MS)

Issuance of a Purchase Order to AB Sciex LLC in the total amount of \$2,229 for the purchase of supporting valve and cooling rack for a recently purchased PAL RSI 537 Liquid Injection System is hereby authorized.

20. Authorize Agreement with Jacobs to Update and Add Operational Capabilities to OCWD's Recharge Facilities Model
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-2-38
AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH JACOBS TO UPDATE AND ADD OPERATIONAL
CAPABILITIES TO OCWD'S RECHARGE FACILITIES MODEL

RESOLVED, that issuance of an Agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$99,620 to update and add operational capabilities to OCWD's Recharge Facilities Model is authorized.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT ADMINISTRATION FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 12

21. Monthly Cash Control Report

MOTION NO. 26-15
RECEIVING AND FILING THE MONTHLY CASH CONTROL REPORTS

The Summary Cash and Cash Equivalents Control Reports dated January 31, 2026 are hereby received and filed.

22. Investment Portfolio Holdings Reports

MOTION NO. 26-16
RECEIVING AND FILING INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS REPORTS

The Investment Portfolio Holdings Reports dated January 31, 2026 are hereby received and filed.

23. Authorize Purchase Order to Insulation Labs for FHQ Warehouse Insulation

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2-39
AUTHORIZING PURCHASE ORDER TO INSULATION LABS FOR
FHQ WAREHOUSE INSULATION

Issuance of a Purchase Order to Insulation Labs for an amount not to exceed \$63,258 for installation of the Field Headquarters warehouse insulation.

24. Stephanie Dosier Professional Services Agreement

MOTION NO. 26-17
INCREASING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH STEPHANIE DOSIER

RESOLVED, that an increase to the professional services agreement with Stephanie Dosier by \$2,500 for a total amount of \$12,500 is authorized.

25. District Participation at Singapore International Water Week 2026 Conference and Technical Exchange with Singapore Public Utilities Board (PUB)
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MOTION NO. 26-18

AUTHORIZING THE BOARD PRESIDENT TO SELECT TWO DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SINGAPORE 2026 INTERNATIONAL WATER WEEK CONFERENCE

The Board President is authorized to select two District representatives to participate in the Singapore 2026 International Water Week conference at a cost not to exceed \$5,500 is authorized.

26. Budget to Actual Report for Second Quarter FY 2025–26

MOTION NO. 26-19

RECEIVING AND FILING THE BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT FOR SECOND QUARTER OF FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

The Budget to Actual Report for Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2025-26 ending December 31, 2025 is hereby received and filed.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

27. General Manager Compensation

President Bilodeau stated that the Board recently gave the General Manager a performance evaluation and directed the Board President to negotiate a change to his compensation. He advised that the recommended increase in compensation is commensurate with the General Manager's accomplishments over the past 12 months while considering the market for the same position at similar water districts in the region.

Upon motion by Director Bilodeau, seconded by Director Jung, the following motion was approved [7-0].

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

Absent: Green, Nguyen, Sheldon

MOTION NO. 26-20

APPROVING INCREASE IN GENERAL MANAGER'S COMPENSATION

A 9% increase to the General Manager's annual base salary changing it from \$359,029 to \$391,342 effective retroactively to January 26, 2026; provide a \$15,000 onetime bonus; continue the General Manager's eligibility in the District Deferred Compensation program with a matching contribution up to \$3,250; and continue a car allowance in the amount of \$8,400 per year is authorized.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

28. OC San Biosolids Injection Update

OC San General Manager Rob Thompson provided an update on Biosolids management, treatment challenges and next steps moving forward.

29. SAWPA Update

Director Bilodeau provided an update on recent SAWPA activities.

30. Water Resources Report

Executive Director Mehul Patel stated the report is in the packet.

31. 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.

32. Verbal Reports

Mr. Patel reported that the City of Westminster Tet Parade will be held February 21st and provided a recent rain update advising that we received 14.8 inches, well above our annual precipitation to date.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

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Denis Bilodeau, President

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