

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Water Issues Committee
Orange County Water District
March 11, 2026 @ 12:00 p.m.

Director Green called the Water Issues Committee meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. in the District Boardroom. Public access was also provided via Zoom webinar. The Secretary called the roll and reported a quorum as follows:

Committee Members

Cathy Green
Erik Weigand
Roger Yoh (12:02 p.m.)
Van Tran
Dina Nguyen (12:09 p.m.)

Alternates

Valerie Amezcua (12:01 p.m.)
Fred Jung
Natalie Meeks
Steve Sheldon
Denis Bilodeau (12:06 p.m.)

OCWD

John Kennedy – General Manager
Chris Olsen – Executive Director of Engineering/Water Resources
Jason Dadakis – Executive Director of Water Quality & Technical Resources
Lisa Haney – Executive Director of Planning & Natural Resources
Mehul Patel – Executive Director of Operations
Adam Hutchinson – Recharge Planning Manager
Ben Smith – Director of Recharge
Prem Parmar – Laboratory Director
Pat Versluis – Director of Water Quality
Randy Fick – Treasurer/CFO
Ryan Bouley – Director of Engineering
Jeremy Jungreis – General Counsel
Leticia Villarreal – Assistant District Secretary

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Weigand, seconded by Director Green and carried [5-0], as follows:

Ayes: Green, Weigand, Tran, Jung, Meeks

1. Minutes of Water Issues Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Water Issues Committee meeting held February 11, 2026, were approved as presented.

2. Authorize Amendment No 1 to Agreement 1735 with Tait and Associates, Inc. for 2025 Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation Design

Recommended for approval at March 18 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Amendment No 1 to Agreement 1735 with Tait and Associates, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$3,815 for the 2025 Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation Design.

3. Agreement with Geophysical Imaging Partners to Conduct a Geophysical Investigation of the Lower Santa Ana River Channel and Raymond Basin

Recommended for approval at March 18 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of agreement to Geophysical Imaging Partners for a geophysical investigation of the lower Santa Ana River channel and Raymond Basin for an amount not to exceed \$51,000.

4. Garden Grove Wells 22, 26, and 27 PFAS Water Treatment Plants Project Notice Inviting Bids and Agreement to West Yost for SCADA Integration Services

Recommended for approval at March 18 Board meeting:

1. **Authorize publication of Notice Inviting Bids for Contract No. GG-2025-1, Garden Grove Wells 22, 26, and 27 PFAS Water Treatment Plants Project; and**
 2. **Authorize issuance of Agreement to West Yost Associates, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$359,287 to provide professional engineering services for the SCADA integration at the Garden Grove Wells 22, 26, and 27 PFAS Water Treatment Plants.**
5. Bond Basin Slope Repair: Authorize Amendment No. 2 to Butier Engineering Inc. and Budget Increase

Recommended for approval at March 18 Board meeting:

1. **Authorize Amendment No. 2 to Agreement 1732 with Butier Engineer, Inc. for a not-to Exceed Amount of \$132,605; and**
 2. **Increased project budget by \$277,910 for a total budget amount of \$4,127,324.**
6. Authorize RFP for HVAC Services Contract

Recommended for approval at March 18 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of a Request for Proposals for an HVAC services agreement.

7. Agreement with 374Water for Pilot Testing of Supercritical Water Oxidation Ion Exchange Resin Destruction

Recommended for approval at March 18 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of a Professional Services Agreement with 374Water for an amount not to exceed \$135,000 for pilot testing of supercritical water oxidation ion exchange resin destruction.

8. Authorize RFP for Aerial Imagery Lidar Data Acquisition of Prado Basin and Santa Ana River

Recommended for approval at March 18 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of request for proposals for aerial imagery and LiDAR data acquisition of Prado Basin and the Santa Ana River.

9. Authorize Multi-Year Service Agreement to Well Tec Services, Inc. for Injection Well Maintenance

Recommended for approval at March 18 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of a multi-year services agreement to Well Tec Services, Inc. for injection well maintenance services for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 per year for a period of 5 years.

10. Emergency Repair Work Ratification

Recommended for approval at March 18 Board meeting: Ratify Work Order No. 13 of Agreement No. 1451 and payment to W.A. Rasic Construction for emergency repairs totaling \$42,451.

11. Agreement with Matthew Becker Regarding OC San Biosolids Deep Injection

Recommended for approval at March 18 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of a Professional Services Agreement to Dr. Matthew Becker in an amount not to exceed \$18,000 to provide technical review of the proposed OC San Biosolids Deep Injection Project.

12. WF-2025-1: 2025 Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation Construction Contract Award and Inspection Agreement

Recommended for approval at March 18 Board meeting:

1. **Receive and file Affidavit of Publication of Notice Inviting Bids for Contract No. WF-2024-1:**
2. **Increase the 2025 Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation project budget by \$617,000 for a total project budget of \$1,617,000;**
3. **Accept bid and award contract WF-2025-1 to PaveWest LLC for an amount no to exceed \$1,437,881.75; and**
4. **Authorize issuance of Agreement to Ninyo & Moore for an amount not to exceed \$99,660 for inspection services of the 2025 Asphalt Pavement project.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

13. Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Water Purchase Budget

Executive Director of Engineering and Water Resources Chris Olsen reported the proposed fiscal year water budget for 2026-27 totals \$28.3 million; the budget is based on the 2026 and estimated 2027 Metropolitan Water District (MWD) water rates. He advised that the District normally budgets for and purchases untreated imported water, which currently costs \$1,036/acre-foot, to recharge the groundwater basin to support higher levels of groundwater pumping. He stated that in general it is a good financial strategy to budget money for MWD untreated water purchases and noted that during years when no water is purchased, this money stays in the water fund for future purchases. He reported that although staff is recommending budgeting for non-interruptible, untreated MWD water, the money will likely stay in the water fund for the following reasons:

- The GWRS continues to provide the District with additional recharge water;
- It has been an above average year for rainfall, and
- The groundwater basin is in very good condition.

He stated that staff anticipates recommending the inclusion of funding to purchase MWD untreated water in future budgets.

CHAIR DIRECTION AS TO ITEMS IF ANY TO BE AGENDIZED AS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE MARCH 18 BOARD MEETING

All items Consent.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

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Cathy Green, Chair