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

2nd Vice President Weigand called to order the March 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		Staff
Valerie Amezcua	(arrived @ 6:00 p.m.)	John Kennedy, General Manager
Denis Bilodeau	(absent)	Jeremy Jungreis, General Counsel
Cathy Green		Christina Fuller, District Secretary
Fred Jung		
Dina Nguyen		
Natalie Meeks		
Stephen Sheldon		
Van Tran		
Erik Weigand		
Roger Yoh		

VISITOR PARTICIPATION

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

1. Public Hearing on 2024-25 Engineer's Report on Groundwater Conditions, Water Supply and Basin Utilization

2nd Vice President Weigand opened the Public Hearing to review the 2024-25 Engineer's Report on Groundwater Conditions, Water Supply and Basin Utilization. Director of Engineering Ryan Bouley reviewed the key findings of the Engineer's Report as contained in the staff report for tonight's meeting as follows:

1) Groundwater production totaled 302,214 acre-feet (af);
2) Groundwater stored in OCWD's basin decreased by 50,000 af;
3) The accumulated overdraft on June 30, 2025 was 183,000 af;
4) The annual overdraft was 165,300 af;
5) Average annual overdraft for the immediate past five water years was 109,700 af;
6) Projected annual overdraft for the current 2025-26 water year is 121,000 af;
7) Projected annual overdraft for the ensuing 2026-27 water year is 132,000 af;
8) Projected accumulated overdraft on June 30, 2026 is 174,000 af;
9) Under the provisions of Section 27 of the District Act, a portion of the RA for the ensuing 2026-27 water year could be equal to an amount necessary to purchase up to 128,000 AF of replenishment water.

Mr. Bouley then reviewed the Water Supply and Basin Utilization summary of findings as follows: 1) water usage from all supplemental sources and non-local water sources totaled 60,066 af; 2) water usage from recycled water produced from within OCWD including the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS) totaled 132,372 af; 3) water demands within OCWD totaled 379,370 af; and 4) estimated demands for groundwater for the ensuing 2026-27 water year are 299,000 AF.

2nd Vice President Weigand then opened the hearing for public comment. There being no persons wishing to present testimony, 2nd Vice President Weigand declared the hearing closed and the Board took the following action.

MOTION NO. 26-23
RECEIVING AND FILING ENGINEER'S REPORT ON GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS, WATER SUPPLY AND BASIN UTILIZATION

Upon motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Yoh and carried [8-0], the 2024-25 Engineer's Report on Groundwater Conditions, Water Supply and Basin Utilization for the water year ending June 30, 2025 is hereby received and filed.
Ayes: Green, Jung, Meeks, Nguyen, Sheldon, Tran, Weigand, Yoh
Absent: Amezcua, Bilodeau

CONSENT CALENDAR

General Manager John Kennedy reported that staff is removing Item No. 23 from tonight's Consent calendar. He advised that the item will be presented at a future meeting. The remainder of the Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Jung, seconded by Director Yoh and carried [8-0] as follows:
Ayes: Green, Jung, Meeks, Nguyen, Sheldon, Tran, Weigand, Yoh
Absent: Amezcua, Bilodeau

2. Approval of Cash Disbursements

MOTION NO. 26-24
APPROVING CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Payment of bills for the period of February 26, 2026 through March 11, 2026 in the total amount of $6,219,089.28 is ratified and approved.

3. Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting Held February 18 and March 4, 2026

MOTION NO. 26-25
APPROVING MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held February 18 and March 4, 2026 are hereby approved as presented.

4. Ratification of Information Services Job Classification Adjustment

MOTION NO. 26-26
RATIFICATION OF INFORMATION SERVICES JOB CLASSIFICATION ADJUSTMENT

The revision and retitling of the Programmer/Analyst classification series to Enterprise Systems Analyst and approve the establishment of the Principal Data Scientist classification, including associated salary range assignments, effective March 18, 2026 is hereby ratified.

5. Ratification of Grounds Maintenance Manager Job Classification

MOTION NO. 26-27
RATIFICATION OF GROUNDS MAINTENANCE MANAGER JOB CLASSIFICATION

The creation of the Grounds Maintenance Manager job classification and R-16 salary range effective March 18, 2026 is hereby ratified.

6. Purchase of Chevrolet Silverado EV Truck to Replace T-108

RESOLUTION NO. 26-3-40
AUTHORIZING PURCHASE ORDER TO NATIONAL AUTO FLEET GROUP FOR A CHEVROLET SILVERADO EV E4WD CREW CAB TRUCK

Issuance of a Purchase Order to National Auto Fleet Group for a Chevrolet Silverado EV e4WD Crew Cab Truck for an amount not to exceed $74,000 (including tax), and place truck, T-108, on the surplus equipment list when the new truck is delivered is hereby authorized.

7. Appointment Process and Nomination Period for Orange County LAFCO Regular and Alternate Special District Member Seats

RESOLUTION NO. 26-3-41
DESIGNATING THE BOARD PRESIDENT TO CAST OCWD's VOTE IN THE UPCOMING LAFCO REGULAR AND ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICTS ELECTION

WHEREAS, the nomination period for the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (OC LAFCO) Regular and Alternate Special District Member seats is now open; and

WHEREAS, East Orange County Water District Director Doug Davert and El Toro Water District Director Kathryn Freshley have requested the District's support;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve the following:

Section 1: Nomination of East Orange County Water District Director Doug Davert for OC LAFCO Regular Special District seat is authorized.

Section 2: Nomination El Toro Water District Director Kathryn Freshley for OC LAFCO Alternate Special District seat is authorized.

Section 3: The Board President is designated to cast OCWD's vote in the upcoming LAFCO Regular and Alternate Special Districts election.

ITEM RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 27

8. Corona Recreation, Inc. Lease Renewal

RESOLUTION NO. 26-3-42
AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT ELEVEN TO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CORONA RECREATION, INC.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 06-9-123 adopted September 20, 2006, as subsequently amended, OCWD approved a Lease with Corona Recreation, Inc. for operation of a fishing concession at Warner Basin and Anaheim Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Property Management Committee of this Board has presented and recommended approval of Amendment Eleven to such Lease which allows for the extension of the term of the Lease for an additional five years, extending the Lease expiration date to September 30, 2031, with all other terms and conditions of the Lease to remain the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve Amendment Eleven to the Lease with Corona Recreation, Inc. as described herein; and, upon approval as to form by District General Counsel, its execution by the District's officers is authorized.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-3-43
AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT WITH TAIT AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE 2025 ASPHALT PAVEMENT REHABILITATION DESIGN

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 25-5-74 adopted May 21, 2025, OCWD Authorized issuance of a service Agreement to Tait and Associates, Inc. for the 2025 Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation Design; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended issuance of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement 1735 with Tait and Associates, Inc. for an amount not to exceed $3,815 to perform the first year of rehabilitation design;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement 1735 with Tait and Associates, Inc. as described herein; and, upon approval as to form by District General Counsel, its execution by the District's officers is authorized.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-3-44

AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF AGREEMENT TO GEOPHYSICAL IMAGING PARTNERS FOR A GEOPHYSICAL INVESTIGATION OF THE LOWER SANTA ANA RIVER CHANNEL AND RAYMOND BASIN

RESOLVED, that issuance of an 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 is authorized.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-3-45
AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF AGREEMENT TO WEST YOST ASSOCIATES, INC.
TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE SCADA INTEGRATION AT THE GARDEN GROVE WELLS 22, 26, AND 27 PFAS WATER TREATMENT PLANTS

WHEREAS, the District staff has advised the final plans and specifications for the Garden Grove Wells 22, 26, and 27 PFAS Water Treatment Plants Project are nearly complete;

WHEREAS, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) integration services are required to fully functionalize all three sites and integrate them into the City's existing SCADA system;

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended issuing a Notice Inviting Bids for Contract Number GG-2025-1 Garden Grove Wells 22, 26, and 27 PFAS Water Treatment Plants and authorizing a sole source agreement with the City's approved SCADA firm, West Yost Associates, Inc., for an amount not to exceed $359,287 for SCADA Integration Services; 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. GG-2025-1, Garden Grove Wells 22, 26, and 27 PFAS Water Treatment Plants Project.

Section 2: Issuance of an Agreement to West Yost Associates, Inc., is authorized as outlined herein to provide professional engineering services for the SCADA integration at the Garden Grove Wells 22, 26, and 27 PFAS Water Treatment Plants.

12. Bond Basin Slope Repair: Authorize Amendment No. 2 to Butier Engineering Inc. and Budget Increase

RESOLUTION NO. 26-3-46
AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO BUTIER ENGINEERING INC.
AND BUDGET INCREASE

WHEREAS, the District staff has advised that early-season above-average rainfall and unforeseen changes in field conditions encountered during the storm drain construction have extended the project completion date into Fall 2026;

WHEREAS, due to construction impacts and changes to the project schedule, staff recommends authorizing Amendment No. 2 with Butier Engineering Inc. for additional construction management and inspection services in the amount of $132,605 and increasing the project budget by $277,910; and

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

Section 1: An increase to the project budget by $277,910 for a total budget amount of $4,127,324 is hereby established.

Section 2: Amendment No. 2 with Butier Engineering, Inc., as outlined herein is authorized.

13. Authorize RFP for HVAC Services Contract

RESOLUTION NO. 26-3-47
AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR
AN HVAC SERVICES AGREEMENT

RESOLVED, that issuance of Request for Proposals for an HVAC services agreement is authorized.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-3-48
AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH 374WATER FOR PILOT TESTING OF SUPERCRITICAL WATER OXIDATION ION EXCHANGE RESIN DESTRUCTION

RESOLVED, that 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 is authorized.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-3-49
AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AERIAL IMAGERY AND LIDAR DATA ACQUISITION OF PRADO BASIN AND THE SANTA ANA RIVER

RESOLVED, that issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) is authorized for proposals for aerial imagery and LiDAR data acquisition of Prado Basin and the Santa Ana River.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-3-50
AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A MULTI-YEAR SERVICES AGREEMENT TO WELL TEC SERVICES, INC. FOR INJECTION WELL MAINTENANCE SERVICES

RESOLVED, that 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 is authorized.

17. Emergency Repair Work Order Ratification

RESOLUTION NO. 26-3-51
RATIFYING WORK ORDER NO. 13 AND PAYMENT TO W.A. RASIC CONSTRUCTION FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS

Work Order No. 13 of Agreement No. 1451 and payment to W.A. Rasic Construction for emergency repairs totaling $42,451 is hereby ratified.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-3-52
AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO DR. MATTHEW BECKER TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED OC SAN BIOSOLIDS DEEP INJECTION PROJECT

RESOLVED, that 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 is hereby authorized.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-3-53
AWARDING CONTRACT NO. WF-2025-1: 2025 ASPHALT PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT TO PAVEWEST LLC AND AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF AGREEMENT TO NINYO & MOORE FOR INSPECTION SERVICES

WHEREAS, a Notice Inviting Bids for Contract No. WF-2025-1: Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation project, was published in The Orange County Register on February 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received and opened on March 3, 2026:

Contractor	Base Bid Amount	City of Santa Ana Additive Bid Amount
PaveWest	$ 1,356,430.50	$ 81,451.25
JB Bostick	$ 1,624,368.50	$ 78,125.00

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board recommends awarding the contract to the lowest responsive bidder PaveWest for an amount not to exceed $1,437,881.75 for Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation project;

WHEREAS, staff solicited proposals from nine qualified firms to perform field inspection services during the construction of the project to ensure quality construction is performed;

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorizing issuance of an Agreement to Ninyo & Moore for an amount not to exceed $99,660 for inspection services of the 2025 Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation project;

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board further recommends increasing the 2025 Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation project budget by $617,000, for a total project budget of $1,617,000.

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 No. WF-2025-1 is received and filed.

Section 2: An increase to the 2025 Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation project budget by $617,000, for a total project budget of $1,617,000 authorized.

Section 3: Accept bid and authorize award of Contract WF-2025-1 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, PaveWest, in the amount of $1,437,881.75.

Section 4: Issuance of Agreement to Ninyo & Moore is authorized for an amount not to exceed $99,660 for inspection services of the 2025 Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation project.

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

20. Monthly Cash Control Report

MOTION NO. 26-28
RECEIVING AND FILING THE MONTHLY CASH CONTROL REPORTS

The Summary Cash and Cash Equivalents Control Reports dated February 28, 2026 are hereby received and filed.

21. Investment Portfolio Holdings Reports

MOTION NO. 26-29
RECEIVING AND FILING INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS REPORTS

The Investment Portfolio Holdings Reports dated February 28, 2026 are hereby received and filed.

22. Additional Funds for Refurbishment and Replacement Fund R25032: FHQ Infrastructure and Equipment Repair

MOTION NO. 26-30
AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR R&R ACCOUNT R25032 TO REPAIR INFRASTRUCTURE AND EQUIPMENT

Additional funds in the amount of $60,000 for R&R account R25032 to repair infrastructure and equipment is hereby authorized.

23. Memorandum of Understanding 2026-29 with California State University Fullerton Auxiliary Services Corporation for the Continued Operation of the Center for Demographic Research

This item was removed from tonight's agenda.

24. Surplus of Field Headquarters Vehicles, Information Services, and Warehouse Inventory Obsolete Parts

MOTION NO. 26-31
DECLARING ITEMS SURPLUS

Items on Surplus List as of February 11, 2026 are declared surplus and the sale and disposal thereof is hereby authorized.

25. Purchase Water Truck from Velocity Truck Centers

RESOLUTION NO. 26-3-54
AUTHORIZING PURCHASE ORDER TO VELOCITY TRUCK CENTERS TO PURCHASE A FREIGHTLINER WATER TRUCK

RESOLVED, that issuance of a Purchase Order is authorized to Velocity Truck Centers for $384,973 to purchase a Freightliner Water Truck.

26. Single Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

MOTION NO. 26-32
RECEIVING AND FILING OF SINGLE AUDIT REPORT

The Single Audit Report prepared by Davis Farr, LLP for the period ended June 30, 2025 is hereby received and Filed.

27. Newport Beach New Well Construction Loan Agreement

RESOLUTION NO. 26-3-55
AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NEWPORT BEACH TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION LOAN FUNDING

The General Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Newport Beach to provide construction loan funding for the Bushard Street Water Wells in an amount not to exceed 10 million.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

28. SAWPA Update

Director Jung provided an update on recent SAWPA activities.

29. Water Resources Report

General Manager John Kenendy stated the report was in the packet.

30. Committee/Conference/Meeting Reports

The Board reported on attendance at the following Committee meetings, noting the Action Agendas were included in tonight's Board packet.

Feb 27 – Property Management Committee
March 5 – Communications and Legislative Committee
March 11– Water Issues Committee
March 12– Administration and Finance Issues Committee

31. Verbal Reports

There were no verbal reports provided.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

- CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS [Government Code Section 54957.6]
  OCWD designated representative: David Albaugh
  Employee Organization: Orange County Employee Association: and Non-Represented Employees (Confidential and Management)

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 6:30 p.m.

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