

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
April 1, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

President Bilodeau called to order the April 1, 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
Natalie Meeks
Stephen Sheldon
Van Tran
Erik Weigand
Roger Yoh

Staff

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

VISITOR PARTICIPATION

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

1. Public Hearing on OCWD Vacancies, Recruitment and Retention Efforts (AB2561-Government Code Section 3502.3)

President Bilodeau opened the Public Hearing on OCWD Vacancies, Recruitment and Retention Efforts. Human Resources Director David Albaugh stated that Assembly Bill (“AB”) 2561 requires all local public agencies to hold annual public hearings each fiscal year to discuss staff vacancies, recruitment and retention efforts prior to the adoption of the final budget. He provided a brief presentation on current vacancies at the District and current recruitment efforts in compliance with AB 2561. He reported that staff reviewed applicable policies, procedures, and recruitment activities to identify any potential obstacles in the District’s hiring process and noted no obstacles were identified.

President Bilodeau then opened the hearing for public comment. Orange County Employees Association (OCEA) Labor Relations Representative Alisha Greene introduced herself along with the OCWD staff members on the OCEA Board. Ms. Greene recalled that last year OCEA submitted a letter commending OCWD for its proactive efforts to recruit and retain top talent and noted that work has continued and wanted to acknowledge that. With no other persons wishing to address the Board, President Bilodeau declared the hearing closed. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board took the following action.

MOTION NO. 26-33
RECEIVING AND FILING REPORT ON OCWD VACANCIES AND RECRUITMENT AND
RETENTION EFFORTS

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Meeks and carried [10-0] as follows:

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

2. Approval of Cash Disbursements

MOTION NO. 26-34 APPROVING CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Payment of bills for the period of March 12, 2026 through March 25, 2026 in the total amount of \$8,440,165.80 is ratified and approved.

3. Authorize Professional Services Agreement to California Consulting, Inc. for Grant Funding Support

RESOLUTION NO. 26-4-56 AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO CALIFORNIA CONSULTING, INC. FOR GRANT FUNDING SUPPORT

RESOLVED, that a Professional Services Agreement with California Consulting, Inc. for a not to exceed amount of \$36,000 for grant funding support is authorized.

4. Purchase of Westbay Equipment

MOTION NO. 26-35 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF WESTBAY EQUIPMENT

Purchase of staff-identified Westbay equipment and parts for an amount not to exceed \$30,000, including tariffs and shipping, is authorized.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. Prado Basin Sedimentation Trends Based on Lidar Analysis

Principal Planner Shawn Nevill and GIS/Database Supervisor Zac Henderson provided an update on sediment conditions in Prado Basin, including regulatory requirements, ongoing sediment removal obligations, and findings from recent LiDAR-based monitoring. Mr. Henderson reported that while long-term accumulation historically reduced storage capacity behind Prado Dam, recent data indicates that sedimentation has stabilized over the past 17 years. He stated that as a result, Prado Basin is retaining more storage capacity than previously projected and noted that this shift has important implications for OCWD's water supply reliability, operational flexibility, regulatory compliance, and long-term sediment management strategy.

6. Public Affairs Outreach Report

Director of Public Affairs Gina Ayala provided a report on a new outreach toolkit unveiled to assist agencies with Water Reuse Communications and OCWD's recent visit to Capital Hill.

7. Committee/Conference/Meeting Reports

Director Jung reported that he attended the Westminster City Council to accept a certificate of recognition on behalf of the District. Director Tran reported on his Legislative trip to Washington D.C. with District staff.

8. Verbal Reports

President Bilodeau reported on his attendance at the Engineering News Record Award of Excellence Gala in New York City to accept an award on behalf of Executive Director of Engineering Chris Olsen who was one of the 25 newsmakers of the year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

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Denis Bilodeau, President

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Christina Fuller, District Secretary