

MINUTES OF MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
April 15, 2026 5:30 p.m.

President Bilodeau called to order the April 15, 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 (arrived 5:50 p.m.)  
Denis Bilodeau  
Cathy Green  
Fred Jung  
Dina Nguyen  
Natalie Meeks (arrived 5:45 p.m.)  
Stephen Sheldon  
Van Tran  
Erik Weigand  
Roger Yoh

Staff

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

The Board presented the Employee of the Quarter Award to FHQ Maintenance Supervisor Danny Simala.

VISITOR PARTICIPATION

There were no visitors wishing to speak at tonight’s meeting.

1. Public Hearing to Consider Water Year 2026-27 Replenishment Assessments, Basin Equity Assessment, Basin Production Percentage, Production Requirement Limitation and Surcharge

President Bilodeau opened the public hearing for Finding and Determining the Groundwater Basin Overdraft; Levying the RA, Additional RA, and Fixed Charge RA, establishing the BPP, establishing a Production Limitation and a Surcharge, and setting the BEA. Executive Director Chris Olsen explained that The District Act requires a public hearing be held each April to establish the Replenishment Assessment (RA), Additional Replenishment Assessment (ARA), Basin Production Percentage (BPP), Production Limitation and Surcharge, and the Basin Equity Assessments (BEA). He stated that staff recommends setting the RA and ARA each at \$364 per acre-foot. He reported that the BPP remains at 85% and that a Production Limitation of 100% would be established along with a Surcharge of \$2,000/acre-foot for groundwater production above the Production Limitation. Mr. Olsen noted that the rates established by the Board would become effective July 1, 2026. President Bilodeau then opened the hearing for public comment.

There being no persons wishing to present testimony, President Bilodeau declared the hearing closed and the Board took the following actions.

1. Resolution A

Upon motion by Director Bilodeau, seconded by Director Green, the following resolution was adopted [9-0] by roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-4-57  
FINDING AND DETERMINING A GROUNDWATER BASIN OVERDRAFT EXISTS

WHEREAS, the report and recommendation of the General Manager on the amount of the replenishment rates, which includes a consideration of the amount of money necessary for replenishment purposes and to pay the costs of initiating, carrying on and completing any of the powers, projects and purposes of the District, has been heard; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Orange County Water District Act, an engineering investigation and report concerning the condition of the groundwater supplies of the Orange County Water District has been filed and presented to the Board of said District, and a public hearing was held on March 18, 2026, for the purpose of considering the groundwater conditions of said District and to hear persons supporting or protesting the written engineering investigation and report on file with said District; and

WHEREAS, all notices as required regarding said hearing were given and all persons were permitted an opportunity to submit any evidence to this Board; and said matter was submitted to this Board of Directors for their finding and determination;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District finds and determines that an overdraft, both annual (based on normal hydrology) and accumulated, does exist in the groundwater supplies of said District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board of Directors hereby finds and determines as follows:

1. That the average annual overdraft for the immediate past five water years without supplemental replenishment water is ..... 109,700 AF
2. That the annual basin overdraft for the current water year, July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 without supplemental replenishment water is estimated to be ..... 121,000 AF
3. That the estimated annual basin overdraft for the ensuing water year, July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 without supplemental replenishment water is ..... 132,000 AF
4. That the accumulated overdraft as of the last day of the preceding water year, June 30, 2025, is ..... 183,000 AF
5. That the accumulated overdraft as of the last day of the current water year, assuming average hydrology June 30, 2026 is estimated to be ..... 174,000 AF
6. That the maximum amounts of water which could be purchased pursuant to the District Act from the Replenishment Fund for the replenishment of the groundwater supplies of the District for the ensuing water year is ..... 128,000 AF
7. That the recommended amount of water to be purchased for the replenishment of the groundwater supplies of the District for the ensuing water year, excluding supplies for the Talbert seawater intrusion barrier, is ..... 23,000 AF

- 8. That the amount of money necessary to purchase the recommended amount of water to replenish the groundwater supplies of the District for the water year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 is.....\$28.3 million

2. Resolution B

Upon motion by Director Meeks, seconded by Director Jung, the following resolution was adopted [9-0] by roll call vote.

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

Absent: Amezcuca

RESOLUTION NO. 26-4-58  
 LEVYING REPLENISHMENT ASSESSMENT FOR WATER PRODUCED  
 DURING WATER YEAR 2026-27

WHEREAS, the engineering investigation and report concerning the condition of the groundwater supplies of the Orange County Water District has been made and filed; and

WHEREAS, the report and recommendation of the General Manager on the amount of the replenishment rate, which includes a consideration of the amount of money necessary for replenishment purposes and to pay the costs of initiating, carrying on and completing any of the powers, projects and purposes of the District, has been heard; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2026, the District provided public documents on a potential increase to the Replenishment Assessment to be levied and imposed on each groundwater producer, and the basis and reasons for the proposed Replenishment Assessment; and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing was held on March 18, 2026 concerning the condition of the groundwater supplies of this District and a duly noticed public hearing was held on April 15, 2026 for the purpose of determining the need and desirability of levying a Replenishment Assessment; and

WHEREAS, no written protests were filed against the adoption, levy and imposition of the proposed Replenishment Assessment; and

WHEREAS, this Board has found and determined that an annual and accumulated overdraft does exist;

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

Section 1: That the Board of Directors does hereby find and determine that it is necessary and desirable to levy a Replenishment Assessment and to fix the rate thereof for the purchase of water to replenish the groundwater supplies of said District and to pay the costs of initiating, carrying on and completing any of the powers, projects and purposes of the District for the ensuing water year.

Section 2: That, based upon the staff report and presentation, the proposed fiscal year 2026-27 budget presented by the General Manager, and the testimony and evidence presented at the public hearing, the Board of Directors finds and declares as follows:

- (a) In accordance with Sections 23 and 27 of the Orange County Water District Act, the purposes of the Replenishment Assessment are to generate revenues sufficient to acquire water to replenish the average annual overdraft for the immediate five years plus an additional amount of water sufficient to eliminate over a period of not less than 10 years nor more than 20 years the accumulated overdraft, and to provide the services and to pay the costs of initiating, carrying on, and completing the powers, projects and purposes for which the District was organized and which are authorized by the Board of Directors;
- (b) The revenues derived from the levy and imposition of the Replenishment Assessment do not exceed the reasonable costs to the District of acquiring water, providing the groundwater management and replenishment services and carrying out the powers, projects and purposes for which the District was organized, and which are authorized by the Board of Directors;
- (c) The Replenishment Assessment is imposed for groundwater management and replenishment services to pay the costs of initiating, carrying on, and completing the powers, projects, and purposes for which the District was organized, and which are authorized by the Board of Directors, which are not provided to, or which do not provide a benefit to persons who are not charged directly or indirectly the Replenishment Assessment;
- (d) The manner in which the Replenishment Assessment is allocated to and imposed on any operator of a groundwater producing facility bears a fair and reasonable relationship to the operator's burdens on, or benefits received from, the District's groundwater management and replenishment services and such other projects and purposes for which the District was organized, and which are authorized by the Board of Directors; and
- (e) No Replenishment Assessment shall be levied or imposed upon any operator of any groundwater producing facility unless that operator produces groundwater.

Section 3: That pursuant to the provisions of Section 27 of the Orange County Water District Act, and based upon the finding that an overdraft, either annual or accumulated, exists, a Replenishment Assessment is hereby levied and assessed against all persons operating water producing facilities and producing water during the ensuing water year, from July 1, 2026 to and including June 30, 2027, from the groundwater supplies of said District at the uniform rate of \$364 per acre-foot of water produced by all persons during the ensuing water year. The Board of Directors finds and determines that the replenishment rate of \$364 per acre-foot of water produced by all persons during the ensuing water year does not exceed the amount necessary to purchase sufficient water to replenish the average annual overdraft for the immediate five years, plus an additional amount of water sufficient to eliminate over a period of not less than 10 years nor more than 20 years the accumulated overdraft, plus an amount to pay the costs of initiating, carrying on and completing the powers, projects and purposes for which the District was organized.

Section 4: That the Secretary of this District is hereby instructed and directed to give notice of the levy of this Replenishment Assessment as required by the Orange County Water District Act.

### 3. Resolution C

Upon motion by Director Weigand, seconded by Director Green, the following resolution was adopted [9-0] by roll call vote.

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

Absent: Amezcu

RESOLUTION NO. 26-4-59  
LEVYING ADDITIONAL REPLENISHMENT ASSESSMENT AND FIXED CHARGE  
REPLENISHMENT ASSESSMENT FOR WATER PRODUCED

DURING WATER YEAR 2026-27, AND DETERMINING THE REPLENISHMENT ASSESSMENT  
AND ADDITIONAL REPLENISHMENT ASSESSMENT  
EXEMPT FROM CEQA

WHEREAS, the engineering investigation and report concerning the condition of the groundwater supplies of the Orange County Water District has been made and filed; and

WHEREAS, the report and recommendation of the General Manager on the amount of the additional replenishment rate, which includes a consideration of the amount of money necessary for replenishment purposes and to pay the costs of initiating, carrying on and completing any of the powers, projects and purposes of the District, has been heard; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2026 the District provided public documents on a potential increase to the Additional Replenishment Assessment to be levied and imposed on each groundwater producer, and the basis and reasons for the proposed Additional Replenishment Assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Additional Replenishment Assessment is paid by all persons operating water producing facilities for all purposes other than irrigation as defined in the District Act; and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing was held on March 18, 2026 concerning the condition of the groundwater supplies of this District and a duly noticed public hearing was held on April 15, 2026 for the purpose of determining the need and desirability of levying an Additional Replenishment Assessment, and fixing the rate thereof; and

WHEREAS, no written protests were filed against the adoption, levy and imposition of the proposed Additional Replenishment Assessment; and

WHEREAS, this Board has heretofore levied a Replenishment Assessment against all persons operating water producing facilities and producing water during the ensuing water year, from July 1, 2026 to and including June 30, 2027, from the groundwater supplies of said District at the uniform rate of \$364 per acre-foot of water produced by all persons during the ensuing water year;

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

Section 1: That the Board of Directors does hereby find and determine that it is necessary and desirable to levy an Additional Replenishment Assessment and to fix the rate thereof to pay the costs of initiating, carrying on and completing any of the powers, projects and purposes of the District for the ensuing water year.

Section 2: That, based upon the staff report and presentation, the proposed fiscal year 2026-27 budget presented by the General Manager, and the testimony and evidence presented at the public hearing, the Board of Directors finds and declares as follows:

- (a) In accordance with Sections 23 and 27.1 of the Orange County Water District Act, the purpose of the Additional Replenishment Assessment is to generate revenues sufficient to provide the services and to pay the costs of initiating, carrying on, and completing the powers, projects, and purposes for which the District was organized, and which are authorized by the Board of Directors;

- (b) The revenue derived from the levy and imposition of the Additional Replenishment Assessment shall not exceed the reasonable cost to the District of providing the groundwater management and replenishment services and carrying out the powers, projects, and purposes for which the District was organized, and which are authorized by the Board of Directors;
- (c) The Additional Replenishment Assessment is imposed for groundwater management and replenishment services and to pay the costs of initiating, carrying on, and completing the powers, projects and purposes for which the District was organized, and which are authorized by the Board of Directors, which are not provided to or which do not provide a benefit to persons who are not charged directly or indirectly the Additional Replenishment Assessment;
- (d) The manner in which the Additional Replenishment Assessment is allocated to and imposed on any operator of a groundwater producing facility bears a fair and reasonable relationship to that operator's burdens on, or benefits received from the District's groundwater management and replenishment services and such other projects and purposes for which the District was organized, and which are authorized by the Board of Directors; and
- (e) No Additional Replenishment Assessment shall be levied or imposed upon any operator of any groundwater producing facility unless that operator produces groundwater for purposes other than irrigation.

Section 3: That pursuant to the provisions of Section 27.1 of the Orange County Water District Act, the Board of Directors hereby finds and determines that it is necessary and advisable to levy an Additional Replenishment Assessment against all persons operating water producing facilities for all purposes other than irrigation at a uniform rate per acre-foot for water produced during the ensuing year for the purpose of paying the costs of initiating, carrying on and completing the powers, projects and purposes for which the District is organized. The Board of Directors further finds that the Additional Replenishment Assessment rate of \$364 per acre-foot of water produced from the groundwater supplies of the District is necessary for the protection of the water supplies of the District and that the amount is reasonable. An Additional Replenishment Assessment is hereby levied and assessed against all persons operating water producing facilities and producing water from the groundwater supplies of said District for all purposes other than irrigation during the ensuing water year from July 1, 2026 to and including June 30, 2027 at the uniform rate of \$364 per acre-foot of water for a total of \$728 per acre-foot of water produced by said persons during the ensuing water year for purposes other than irrigation.

Section 4: Pursuant to Section 29 of the Orange County Water District Act, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby provide that the operator of any water producing facility within the District which has a discharge opening not greater than two inches in diameter and which does not provide domestic or irrigation water for an area in excess of one acre, in lieu of filing a sworn statement as to the production of groundwater, may pay a fixed Replenishment Assessment and Additional Replenishment Assessment in the amount of \$728 for water produced in the ensuing water year, namely July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

Section 5: Based upon the staff report and presentation, the proposed fiscal year 2026-27 budget presented by the General Manager, and the testimony and evidence presented at the public hearing, the Board of Directors finds and declares that the adoption, levy and imposition of the Replenishment Assessment and Additional Replenishment Assessment do not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and are exempt from CEQA under Public Resources Code Section

21080(b)(8) and State CEQA Guidelines §§ 15378(b)(4) and 15273, because the Replenishment Assessment and Additional Replenishment Assessment: (a) involve the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment; and (b) are for the purposes of meeting operating expenses (including employee wage rates and fringe benefits), purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment or materials, meeting financial reserve needs and requirements, and obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain the level of service within the District's existing boundaries.

Section 6: That the Board of Directors does hereby find and determine that a producer who operates a groundwater production facility for irrigation purposes as defined in the District Act is not subject to payment of the Additional Replenishment Assessment due to the benefits the District receives from agricultural activity. These benefits include:

- Open tilled agricultural fields contribute to natural incidental recharge of the groundwater basin;
- The District does not incur the costs to provide water quality groundwater testing for agricultural users, which is provided to the operators of water producing facilities for purposes other than agriculture;
- The District and the operators of water producing facilities for agricultural purposes have little to minimal interaction in annual operations. Conversely the District and the operators of facilities for non-agricultural purposes regularly interact and/or coordinate operations. Examples include the MWD Conjunctive Use Program, the Coastal Pumping Transfer Program, attending meetings, coordinating on MWD issues, legislative advocacy, public outreach and the In-lieu program; and
- Some agricultural irrigation water migrates back into aquifer reducing the net impact of groundwater production for agricultural purposes.

Section 7: That the Secretary of this District is hereby instructed and directed to give notice of the levy of the Replenishment Assessment and this Additional Replenishment Assessment as required by the Orange County Water District Act, and to file a Notice of Exemption in accordance with CEQA.

#### 4. Resolution D

Upon motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Weigand, the following resolution was adopted [10-0] by roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-4-60  
ESTABLISHING THE BASIN PRODUCTION PERCENTAGE, PRODUCTION LIMITATION,  
PRODUCTION LIMITATION SURCHARGE, AND DETERMINING THE NEED AND  
DESIRABILITY TO LEVY BASIN EQUITY ASSESSMENTS AND AMOUNT THEREOF, AND  
DETERMINING SUCH ACTIONS TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 31.5 of the Orange County Water District Act, an engineering report on water production and the condition of water supplies within the Orange County Water District has been filed and presented to the Board of Directors of said District, and a hearing relating to said production and condition of water supplies was held on Wednesday, March 18, 2026; and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing was held on April 15, 2026 and evidence submitted for the purpose of determining the need and desirability of levying Basin Equity Assessments and the amount

thereof, as well as the need for establishing production requirements, limitations, and surcharges to enforce said limitations, and the extent thereof, and said matters having been submitted to the Board of Directors for its findings and determinations;

WHEREAS, as documented with Resolution A, Finding and Determining a Groundwater Basin Overdraft Exists, an annual and accumulated overdraft exists with the groundwater basin and the District does not want excessive unexpected quantities of groundwater to be produced, or production of groundwater to occur in a manner that has the potential to harm users of groundwater within the District, which the setting of a Production Limitation and a Surcharge will discourage and penalize.

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

Section 1: That the Board of Directors does hereby find and determine for the ensuing water year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 as follows:

- a. The estimated total amount of water to be produced by all persons or operators within the District from the groundwater within the District is 299,000 acre-feet. Approximately 13,500 acre-feet of this amount has been determined to receive either a partial or full Basin Equity Assessment exemption pursuant to Section 38.1 of the OCWD Act.
- b. The estimated total amount to be produced by such persons and operators from groundwater and supplemental sources is 352,000 acre-feet.
- c. The Basin Production Percentage is 85 percent. There are no basin Production Requirements.
- d. The Production Limitation is 100 percent for all 19 retail Groundwater Producers and is necessary for the protection of the water supply of the District. The Surcharge for production in excess of the Production Limitation is \$2,000 per acre-foot.
- e. The Basin Equity Assessment and Production Limitations from groundwater within the District established by this resolution are necessary to prevent excessive groundwater production and to protect the water supply of the District and users of groundwater within the District.
- f. The Basin Equity Assessment shall be set at \$0 per acre-foot for agricultural irrigation use producers who do not have a supplemental water connection, and that such amount is reasonable.
- g. The Basin Equity Assessments to be levied against all other persons and operators in a dollar amount per acre-foot of water produced from the groundwater supply (in excess of the basin production percentage) for all purposes including irrigation are as follows:

h.

**Table 1 - Basin Equity Assessments**

<b><u>Groundwater Producer</u></b>	<b><u>BEA (\$/AF)</u></b>
City of Anaheim	463
City of Buena Park	781
East Orange County Water District	801
City of Fountain Valley	859
City of Fullerton	867
City of Garden Grove	859
Golden State Water Company	872
City of Huntington Beach	882
Irvine Ranch Water District	831
City of La Palma	868
Mesa Water District	850
City of Newport Beach	884
City of Orange	835
City of Santa Ana	821
City of Seal Beach	897
Serrano Water District	741
City of Tustin	795
City of Westminster	883
Yorba Linda Water District	758
All producers for agricultural irrigation use	1,124
Producers for agricultural Irrigation Use without MWD Access	0
All Others	844

j. The amount of each such Basin Equity Assessment is reasonable.

k. During the ensuing water year, upon the District giving published notice thereof, pursuant to Section 6061 of the Government Code, in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published within the District at least 10 days prior to such hearing, a subsequent public hearing may be held to modify the basin production percentage, any Basin Equity Assessments, any surcharge, or any production requirement or limitation established by the District.

Section 2: That pursuant to Section 31.5(h) of the Orange County Water District Act, all persons and operators who produce 25 acre-feet or less of water from groundwater within the District shall be excluded from the levy of the Basin Equity Assessments and production requirements and limitations provided for herein.

Section 3: The Board of Directors finds and determines that the establishment of the basin production percentage, production limitations, and the adoption, levy and imposition of basin equity assessments and surcharges are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) under State CEQA Guideline §15378(b)(2) since they involve continuing administrative activities such as general policy and procedure making.

Section 4: Based upon the staff report and presentation, the proposed fiscal year 2026-27 budget presented by the General Manager, and the testimony and evidence presented at the public hearing, the Board of Directors finds and declares that the adoption, levy and imposition of the basin equity assessments, production limitations and surcharges do not constitute a “project” within the meaning of CEQA and are exempt from CEQA under Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) and State CEQA Guidelines §§ 15378(b)(4) and 15273, because the basin equity assessments production limitations and surcharges: (a) involve the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment; and (b) are for the purposes of meeting operating expenses (including employee wage rates and fringe benefits), purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment or materials, meeting financial reserve needs and requirements, and obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain the level of service within the District’s existing boundaries.

Section 5: That the Secretary of this District is hereby instructed and directed to give notice of the Basin Production Percentage, Basin Equity Assessments, the Production Limitation and the Production Limitation Surcharge as required by the Orange County Water District Act, and to file a Notice of Exemption in accordance with CEQA.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent calendar was voted on at the start of the meeting before Directors Amezcua and Meeks arrived.

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

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

Absent: Amezcua, Meeks

2. Approval of Cash Disbursements

MOTION NO. 26-36  
APPROVING CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Payment of bills for the period of March 26, 2026 through April 8, 2026 in the total amount of \$5,137,079.88 is ratified and approved.

3. Minutes of Board of Directors Meetings held March 18 and April 1, 2026

MOTION NO. 26-37  
APPROVING MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the Board of Directors meetings held March 18 and April 1, 2026 are hereby approved as presented.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MARCH 27

4. Renewal of License with Southern California Edison (SCE) for Green Acres Project Pipeline

RESOLUTION NO. 26-4-61

APPROVING RENEWAL OF LICENSE WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON (SCE) FOR GREEN ACRES PROJECT PIPELINE

RESOLVED, that renewal of SCE License Contract No. 9.4068 (formerly Contract No. L2110) required for the Green Acres Project pipeline for a five-year period commencing February 1, 2026, for a total fee of \$141,472 is hereby authorized.

- 5. Status Update on California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Property at Burris Basin and NSM Golf, Inc. D.B.A. The Islands Golf Center

MOTION NO. 26-38

DIRECTING STAFF TO TRANSMIT A LETTER TO CALTRANS TO RE-INITIATE THE “DECERTIFICATION” PROCESS FOR THE 1.3 ACRES AT BURRIS BASIN

Staff is hereby directed to transmit a letter to Caltrans to re-initiate the “decertification” process for the 1.3 acres at Burris Basin.

- 6. Agreement with Dudek for Imperial Highway Property Access

RESOLUTION NO. 26-4-62

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH DUDEK FOR THE PHASE 1 ACCESS ANALYSIS FOR THE IMPERIAL HIGHWAY PROPERTY

RESOLVED, that an agreement with Dudek for the Phase 1 access analysis, in the amount of \$31,270, for the Imperial Highway Property in Anaheim is hereby authorized.

- 7. Lease Proposal at Imperial Highway Property From Treasure Transportation

MOTION NO. 26-39

AUTHORIZING THE TERMS FOR THE EXCLUSIVE DUE DILIGENCE AGREEMENT (EDDA) FOR TREASURE TRANSPORTATION

Setting the terms for the Exclusive Due Diligence Agreement (EDDA) for Treasure Transportation at 3 months is hereby authorized.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING HELD APRIL 2

- 8. State Legislative Update

MOTION NO. 26-40

ADOPTING POSITION ON STATE LEGISLATION

The following position on State legislation is hereby adopted:

Bill Number/Author	Short Title	Recommendation
SB 1153 (Caballero, D-Merced)	Disaster preparedness: Urban retail water suppliers and public water systems: Wildfire	Support

9. Federal Legislative Update

MOTION NO. 26-41  
ADOPTING POSITION ON FEDERAL LEGISLATION

The following position on Federal legislation is hereby adopted:

Bill Number/Authors	Short Title	Recommendation
S. 3738 (Padilla, D-CA)	MORE WATER Act	Support

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD APRIL 8

10. Award Contract No. FV-2025-1 Multi Building Roof Replacement Project to Best Contracting Services

RESOLUTION NO. 26-4-63  
AWARDING CONTRACT FV-2025-1 MULTI BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO BEST CONTRACTING SERVICES

WHEREAS, a Notice Inviting Bids for Contract No. FV-2025-1 Multi Building Roof Replacement Project, was published in The Orange County Register on March 2, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received and opened on March 26, 2026:

Best Contracting Services	\$435,791
FC and Sons Roofing	\$451,133
Letner Roofing	\$454,800
Chapman Coast Roof Company	\$471,422
Riteway Roof	\$489,000
C.I. Services, Inc.	\$532,300
AME Builders	\$592,850
McDonnel Roofing, Inc.	\$693,600
Southland Roofing Company	\$704,000
Universal Coatings Inc.	-

WHEREAS, staff received a bid from Universal Coatings Inc. which was rejected and returned as non-responsive due to the bidder’s failure to attend the mandatory pre-bid conference specified in the Request for Bids;

WHEREAS, Addendum No. 1 was issued on March 18, 2026, to revise the scope of work and bid schedule.

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board recommends awarding the contract to Best Contracting Services Inc. as the lowest responsive bidder for \$435,791 for the Multi Building Roof Replacement project.

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. FV-2025-1 is received and filed.

Section 2: The bid of Universal Coatings Inc. is hereby rejected as non-responsive and the lowest responsive bid of Best Contracting Services Inc, in the amount of \$435,791 is accepted and all other bids are rejected.

Section 3: Issuance of Addenda 1 is authorized.

Section 4: A project budget in the amount of \$458,581 is hereby established.

11. Agreement to Intera to Model Increased Recharge in Raymond Basin Using the North Basin Groundwater Model
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-4-64

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT TO INTERA TO MODEL INCREASED RECHARGE IN RAYMOND BASIN

Issuance of an Agreement in authorized with Intera for an amount not to exceed \$54,200 for groundwater flow and contaminant transport modeling to assess potential impacts of increased recharge in Raymond Basin on North Basin groundwater contamination.

12. Award Agreement to MOCA Systems, Inc. for Multipurpose Center Feasibility Study

RESOLUTION NO. 26-4-65

AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO MOCA SYSTEMS, INC. FOR A MULTIPURPOSE CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY

Issuance of a Professional Services Agreement is authorized to MOCA Systems, Inc. for a Multipurpose Center Feasibility Study for an amount not to exceed \$143,400.

13. Amendment No. 1 to Bender/CCP for GWRS Product Water Pump A01 Vertical Turbine Pump Inspection And Rehabilitation
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RESOLUTION NO. 26-4-66

AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT WITH BENDER/CCP FOR GWRS PRODUCT WATER PUMP A01 VERTICAL TURBINE PUMP INSPECTION AND REHABILITATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 25-8-135 adopted August 20, 2025, OCWD issued Agreement No. 1776 to Bender/CCP Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for GWRS Product Water Pump A01 Vertical Turbine Pump Inspection and Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended issuance of Amendment No. 1 to such Agreement in the amount of \$331,404 for additional repairs on product water pump A01;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve the aforementioned Amendment to Agreement No. 1776 as outlined herein; and, upon approval as to form by General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized and an increase to the project budget by \$331,404 for a total project budget of \$481,404 is approved.

14. Amendment No. 1 to Bender/CCP for Reverse Osmosis Transfer Pump B01 Vertical Turbine Pump Inspection and Rehabilitation

RESOLUTION NO. 26-4-67  
 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT WITH BENDER/CCP  
 FOR REVERSE OSMOSIS TRANSFER PUMP B01 VERTICAL TURBINE PUMP  
 INSPECTION AND REHABILITATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 25-8-137 adopted August 20, 2025, OCWD issued Agreement No. 1778 to Bender/CCP Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for GWRS Reverse Osmosis Transfer Pump B01 Vertical Turbine Pump Inspection And Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended issuance of Amendment No. 1 to such Agreement in the amount of \$296,891 for additional repairs on RO transfer pump B01;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve the aforementioned Amendment to Agreement No. 1778 as outlined herein; and, upon approval as to form by General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized and an increase to the project budget by \$146,981 for a total project budget of \$296,891 is approved.

15. Award Contract GBM-2025-1 Construction of AM-63 and AM-21R Monitoring Well Clusters to J&H Drilling Company Inc. Dba MR Drilling and Authorize Agreement to Wood Rogers Inc. for Inspection Services

RESOLUTION NO. 26-4-68  
 AWARDING CONTRACT GBM-2025-1 CONSTRUCTION OF AM-63 AND AM-21R MONITORING  
 WELL CLUSTERS TO J&H DRILLING COMPANY INC. DBA MR DRILLING AND AUTHORIZING  
 AGREEMENT TO WOOD ROGERS INC. FOR INSPECTION SERVICES

WHEREAS, a Notice Inviting Bids for Contract No. GBM-2025-1 construction of AM-63 and AM-21R Monitoring Well Clusters, was published in The Orange County Register on February 19, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received and opened on March 25, 2026:

J&H Drilling Company Inc. dba MR Drilling	\$615,625
BC2 Environmental	\$664,535
Yellow Jacket Drilling	\$684,850
ABC Liovin Drilling	\$731,725
Gregg Drilling	\$717,840
Layne Christensen Company	\$1,108,781

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board recommends awarding the contract to J&H Drilling

Company Inc. dba MR Drilling for an amount not to exceed \$615,625 for construction of the AM-63 and AM-21R monitoring well clusters.

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board further recommends authorizing a services agreement with Wood Rogers to conduct inspection services during well construction for an amount not to exceed \$129,433.

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. GBM-2025-1 is received and filed.

Section 2: The lowest responsive bid of J&H Drilling Company Inc. dba MR Drilling in the amount of \$615,625 is accepted and all other bids are rejected.

Section 3: Issuance of a services agreement to Wood Rogers Inc. for inspection services during construction of the AM-63 and AM-21R monitoring well clusters for an amount not to exceed \$129,433 is authorized.

16. Potential Financial Contribution to Support Chantilly Storm Drain Diversion to Burris Basin Project
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MOTION NO. 26-42  
CONTINUING ITEM PENDING CLARIFICATION OF FINANCIAL  
AND TECHNICAL MATTERS

Staff was directed to continue the item pending clarification of financial and technical matters. Staff to report back to the Committee within 30 days.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT ADMINISTRATION FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD APRIL 9

17. Monthly Cash Control Report

MOTION NO. 26-43  
RECEIVING AND FILING THE MONTHLY CASH CONTROL REPORTS

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

18. Investment Portfolio Holdings Reports

MOTION NO. 26-44  
RECEIVING AND FILING INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS REPORTS

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

19. Purchase Reverse Osmosis Membrane Cleaning Chemicals from American Water Chemicals, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-4-69  
AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF AWC CLEANFUX BIO RO  
MEMBRANE CLEANING CHEMICAL FROM AMERICAN WATER CHEMICALS, INC.

Purchase of 46,800 pounds of AWC Cleanfux Bio RO membrane cleaning chemical from American Water Chemicals, Inc. for the amount of \$205,615 is hereby approved.

20. Ultraviolet Light (UV) Equipment Supply

RESOLUTION NO. 26-70  
AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO TROJAN TECHNOLOGIES CORP FOR  
THE PURCHASE OF 1,080 UV LAMPS

RESOLVED, that issuance of a Purchase Order to Trojan Technologies Corp is authorized for the purchase of 1,080 UV lamps in the amount of \$280,591, including freight.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

21. Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget

Treasurer/CFO Randy Fick advised that the proposed FY 2026-27 budget has been reviewed in detail with the Board and the Groundwater Producers over the past few months. He reported that the budget expenditures total \$330.6 million and reviewed the various budget components. Mr. Fick noted an increase of \$80,000 to the R&R budget for the replacement of the Breaker Lifting Trucks. The Board then took the following action approving the FY 2026-27 budget.

Upon motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Amezcua, the following resolution was adopted [10-0].

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-4-71  
APPROVING FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Orange County Water District Board of Directors has reviewed the proposed OCWD Budget for fiscal year 2026-27 as presented by the General Manager and District Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve and adopt the fiscal year 2026-27 budget expenditures as follows:

- \$ 111.3 million     General Fund
- \$ 28.3 million     Water Purchase Fund
- \$ 39.0 million     Debt Service Fund
- \$ 99.3 million     Capital Improvement Program
- \$ 0.6 million     Retiree Health Insurance Fund
- \$ 0.6 million     New Capital Equipment Fund
- \$ 42.6 million     Replacement and Refurbishment Fund
- \$ 6.4 million     PFAS O&M
- \$ 2.5 million     Well Loan program

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

22. SAWPA Update

President Bilodeau reported on recent SAWPA activities.

23. Water Resources Summary

General Manager John Kennedy stated the report is in the packet.

24. 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.

- March 27 - Property Management Committee
- April 02 - Communication & Legislative Liaison Committee
- April 08 - Water Issues Committee
- April 09 - Administration and Finance Issues Committee

24. Verbal Reports

Mr. Kennedy stated that a Special Board meeting, Closed Session, will be held on April 22 to discuss the employee association proposal expected to be received tomorrow. He also noted that Director Jung attended the City of Westminster City Council meeting to accept a certificate of recognition for OCWD's participation in the TET Parade of 2026.

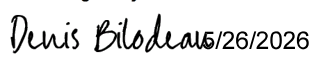
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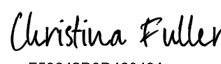
~~CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS [Government Code Section 54957.6] OCWD designated representative: David Albaugh  
Employee Organization: Orange County Employee Association: and Non-Represented Employees (Confidential and Management)~~

General Counsel Jeremy Jungreis advised there was no need for tonight's Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

DocuSigned by:  
  
 Denis Bilodeau, President

DocuSigned by:  
  
 Christina Fuller, District Secretary