

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
March 1, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

1st Vice President Bilodeau called to order the March 1, 2023 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 (absent)
Dina Nguyen (absent)
Natalie Meeks
Kelly Rowe
Stephen Sheldon (absent)
Van Tran
Bruce Whitaker
Roger Yoh (via teleconference)

Staff

John Kennedy, Executive Director
Jeremy Jungreis, General Counsel
Christina Fuller, Assistant District Secretary

VISITOR PARTICIPATION

There were no visitors wishing to address the Board at tonight's meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Ayes: Amezcua, Bilodeau, Meeks, Rowe, Tran, Whitaker, Yoh

Absent: Green, Nguyen, Sheldon

1. Approval of Cash Disbursements

MOTION NO. 23-25
APPROVING CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Payment of bills for the period of February 9, 2023 through February 23, 2022 in the total amount of \$11,218,191.48 is ratified and approved.

2. Approval of Minutes of Board of Directors Meetings

MOTION NO. 23-26
APPROVING MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held February 1, 2023 are hereby approved as presented.

3. Resolution Nominating and Supporting Pam Tobin for Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA) Executive Committee

RESOLUTION 23-3-27
NOMINATING AND SUPPORTING PAM TOBIN
AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE ACWA JPIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, this district is a member district of the JPIA; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the JPIA provide that in order for a nomination to be made to JPIA's Executive Committee, three member districts must concur with the nominating district, and

WHEREAS, another JPIA member district, the San Juan Water District, has requested that this district concur in its nomination of its member of the JPIA Board of Directors to the Executive Committee of the JPIA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District that this district concurs with the nomination of Pam Tobin of San Juan Water District to the Executive Committee of the JPIA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Secretary is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the JPIA at P.O. Box 619082, Roseville, CA 95661-9082 forthwith.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget

CFO/Treasurer Randy Fick reviewed the fiscal year 2023-24 proposed budget in the total amount of \$269.4 million. He advised that the General Fund budget of \$101.3 million contains \$3.5 million for PFAS Treatment O&M costs for Producers with no increase to headcount. Mr. Fick stated that the water budget is proposed at \$6.2 million and includes 3,000 af of water purchases for the Alamitos Barrier. He reviewed the projects included in the CIP budget of \$101,065,834 and presented the remaining budget components. He stated that next fiscal year's budget is based on an increased Replenishment Assessment of \$624/acre-foot and a Basin Production Percentage of 85%.

5. PFAS Update

Director of Engineering Chris Olsen provided an update on PFAS treatment plant construction activities.

6. Committee/Conference/Meeting Reports

Director Bruce Whitaker reported that he attended the Urban Water Institute Spring Conference February 22nd through 24th in Palm Springs.

7. Verbal Reports

Executive Director John Kennedy provided an update on water behind Prado Dam.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 6:20 p.m.as follows:


- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - INITIATION OF LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): One potential case
- CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS [Government Code Section 54957.6]
OCWD designated representative: Stephanie Dosier
Employee Organization: Orange County Employee Association
- CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS [Government Code Section 54956.8]
Real property located at: West of Imperial Highway, North of the Riverside Freeway (SR-91) and South of the Santa Ana River APN is 358-291-01
OCWD negotiators: Bruce Dosier
Negotiating parties: Journey Investments, Inc.
Under negotiation: Price and terms


RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:00 p.m. whereupon General Counsel Jungreis stated there were no reportable actions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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 Christina Fuller, District Secretary

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 Denis Bilodeau, 1st Vice President