

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
March 13, 2024, @ 12:00 p.m.

Director Whitaker 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

Bruce Whitaker
Dina Nguyen (absent)
Roger Yoh
Van Tran
Erik Weigand

Alternates

Denis Bilodeau Arrived 12:07 p.m.
Steve Sheldon
Valeria Amezcua (absent)
Natalie Meeks (absent)
Cathy Green

OCWD

John Kennedy – General Manager
Chris Olsen – Executive Director of Engineering/Water Resources
Lisa Haney – Executive Director of Planning and Natural Resources
Adam Hutchinson – Recharge Planning Manager
Leticia Villarreal – Assistant District Secretary
Jeremy Jungreis – General Counsel

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Ayes: Whitaker, Yoh, Tran, Weigand, Sheldon

1. Minutes of Water Issues Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Water Issues Committee meeting held February 14, 2024 were approved as presented.

2. Amendments to Agreements for Emergency On-Call Repair Services

Recommended for approval at March 20 Board meeting: 1) Authorize issuance of Amendments to Agreements 1450, 1451 and 1452 with Doty Bros. Equipment Company, Inc.; W.A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc.; and TE Roberts, Inc., respectively, for Emergency On-Call Repair Services for a three-year term commencing April 1, 2024; and 2) Authorize the General Manager to initiate emergency repairs with the on-call firms for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 per emergency occurrence with Board ratification after the work is complete.

3. Ratify and Authorize Change Orders to Contract No. IRWD-2021-1-1 and Authorize Budget Increase

Recommended for approval at March 20 Board meeting: 1) Ratify issuance of Change Order Nos. 4-7, 2) Authorize issuance of Change Order No. 8; and, 3) Increase project budget by \$369,000 for a total project budget of \$7,176,000.

4. Award Contract SG-2024-1 Construction of OCWD-BS29 Monitoring Well Cluster to BC2 Environmental, LLC and Authorize Agreement to Wood Rodgers for Inspection Services

Recommended for approval at March 20 Board meeting: 1) Receive and file Affidavit of Publication of Notice Inviting Bids for Contract SG-2024-1; 2) Accept bid and award Contract No. SG-2024-1 to BC2 Environmental, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$352,605; and 3) Authorize issuance of a services agreement to Wood Rodgers for inspection services during construction of the OCWD-BS29 monitoring well cluster for an amount not to exceed \$80,646.

5. Garden Grove Wells 21, 23, 28, 29 and 30 PFAS Water Treatment Plants: Increase Project Budget

Recommended for approval at March 20 Board meeting: Authorize Budget Increase in the amount of \$492,300 for a total budget of \$24,336,000, for additional Construction Management and PFAS Treatment Vessel invoices received after the Notice of Completion.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-25 Water Purchase Budget

Executive Director of Engineering and Water Resources Chris Olsen reported the proposed fiscal year water budget for 2024-25 totals \$6.0 million but does not include the purchase of any Metropolitan Water District (MWD) untreated full service water. He advised that the District normally budgets for and purchases untreated imported water, which currently cost \$903/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 staff is recommending to temporarily deviate from this budgeting strategy due to several reasons which include:

- Groundwater pumping remains less than normal due to the PFAS issue;
- The recent expansion of the GWRS is providing the District with additional recharge water;
- The groundwater basin is in very good condition; and
- The recommended Replenishment Assessment increase would be higher than what is currently being considered.

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

7. Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO) at Prado Dam: Completion of Final Viability Assessment and Implementation Roadmap

Lisa Haney – Executive Director of Planning and Natural Resources and Adam Hutchinson – Recharge Planning Manager provided technical details of the Final Viability Analysis and additional implementation information. Ms. Haney covered the status of the 508 ft minor deviation at Prado Dam and presented the roadmap for integrating FIRO into the Corps Water Control Manual.

CHAIR DIRECTION AS TO ITEMS IF ANY TO BE AGENDIZED AS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE MARCH 20 BOARD MEETING

It was agreed to place all items on the Consent Calendar at the March 20 Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

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Bruce Whitaker

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Bruce Whitaker, Chair