

MINUTES OF MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
March 3, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

President Sheldon called to order the March 3, 2021 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. Due to the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20, members of the Board participated via Zoom webinar from remote locations. Public access was also provided via Zoom webinar.

Directors

Denis Bilodeau  
Jordan Brandman  
Cathy Green  
Nelida Mendoza  
Dina Nguyen  
Kelly Rowe  
Stephen Sheldon  
Tri Ta  
Bruce Whitaker  
Roger Yoh

Staff

Michael R. Markus, General Manager  
Jeremy Jungreis, General Counsel  
Janice Durant, 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 Brandman, seconded by Director Whitaker and carried [9-0] as follows.

Ayes: Bilodeau, Brandman, Green, Nguyen, Rowe, Sheldon, Ta, Whitaker, Yoh=  
Absent: Mendoza

1. Approval of Cash Disbursements

MOTION NO. 21-20  
APPROVING CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Payment of bills for the period of February 11, 2021 through February 24, 2021 in the total amount of \$18,235,927.17 is ratified and approved.

2. Approval of Minutes of Board Meetings

MOTION NO. 21-21  
APPROVING MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held February 3, 2021 are hereby approved as presented.

3. Resolution Nominating and Supporting Director Cathy Green for ACWA Vice President

RESOLUTION NO. 21-3-33  
NOMINATING AND SUPPORTING  
OCWD DIRECTOR CATHY GREEN AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF  
ACWA VICE PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, ACWA has announced that a Nominating Committee has been formed to develop a slate for the Association's statewide positions of President and Vice President; and,

WHEREAS, the individual who fills an officer position will need to have a working knowledge of water industry issues and concerns, possess strength of character and leadership capabilities, and be experienced in matters related to the performance of the duties of the office; and,

WHEREAS, this person must be able to provide the dedication of time and energy to effectively serve in this capacity; and,

WHEREAS, Director Green has served on the ACWA board since 2016 and she has served on the ACWA Board Executive Committee since 2020; and,

WHEREAS, Director Green has served as ACWA Region 10 Chair (2018-19) and is currently serving her second term as ACWA Region 10 Vice Chair (2016-17, current), and she has served as a ACWA Region 10 board member since 2012; and,

WHEREAS, Director Green serves on the ACWA Water Quality Committee (2012-current), ACWA Energy Committee (2019-current), and she previously served on the ACWA State Legislative Committee (2012-15); and,

WHEREAS, Director Green has served in a leadership role at Orange County Water District (OCWD). She was elected to the OCWD Board of Directors in November 2010 and was re-elected in 2012, 2016 and 2020. She was selected by the Board to serve as its 2015 and 2016 President, and currently serves as First Vice President, a position she previously held in 2013, 2014, and since 2019; and,

WHEREAS, Director Green currently serves as the Chair of the Water Advisory of Committee of Orange County (WACO), Chair of the OCWD Water Issues Committee and Vice Chair of the OCWD Communications and Legislative Liaison Committee; and

WHEREAS, prior to Director Green's service on OCWD's Board, she was elected to two consecutive terms on the Huntington Beach City Council (2002-2010) where she served two terms as Mayor (2003, 2009). Director Green has been involved as a council liaison and committee member on many city boards, commissions, and committees; and,

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the OCWD Board of Directors that Director Green possesses all of the qualities needed to fulfill the duties of the office of ACWA Vice President;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCWD Board of Directors does hereby nominate and support Director Cathy Green as a candidate for the office of ACWA Vice President, pledging the District's support of her endeavors in fulfilling the duties of this office if elected.

Director Mendoza arrived at this point in tonight's meeting.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4. Agreement with FD Thomas, Jamison Engineering, and CSI for GWRS Pipeline Repair Work in 2021

GWRS Program Manager Sandy Scott-Roberts recalled that in April 2020, there was a scheduled 14-day GWRS outage for work associated with the GWRSFE Project. During this outage, she stated staff inspected the GWRS pipeline Unit I epoxy coating and also the condition of the cement mortar lining of Unit II and Unit III. Ms. Scott-Roberts stated that staff discovered multiple areas in Unit II where the cement mortar lining had been completely eroded, exposing bare steel in the GWRS pipeline. Therefore, she stated staff is requesting authorization to enter into agreements with Jamison Engineering, FD Thomas, Inc., and CSI to do a full inspection of Unit I and Unit II and repair the eroded coating in Unit II with epoxy. After discussion, the following action was taken.

Upon motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Ta, the following resolution was unanimously carried [10-0].

Ayes: Bilodeau, Brandman, Green, Mendoza, Nguyen, Rowe, Sheldon, Ta, Whitaker, Yoh

RESOLUTION NO. 21-3-34  
 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF AGREEMENT TO FD THOMAS, INC; JAMISON  
 ENGINEERING; AND CSI FOR THE GWRS PIPELINE REPAIR WORK IN 2021

WHEREAS, the 13.8-mile Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS) cement mortar lined pipeline was put into service in January 2008; and

WHEREAS, the District staff has found multiple areas in Unit II GWRS pipeline where the cement mortar lining has completely eroded, exposing bare steel in the GWRS pipeline; and

WHEREAS, to repair the pipeline, staff has recommended issuance of an Agreement to Jamison Engineering Contractors, Inc to support the GWRS Pipeline 2021 Inspection Work for an amount not to exceed \$175,000; and

WHEREAS, staff has further recommended issuance of an Agreement to CSI Services, Inc. for inspection services of the existing GWRS pipeline and epoxy coating of Unit II for an amount not to exceed \$40,000; and

WHEREAS, staff has further recommended issuance of an Agreement to FD Thomas, Inc. for epoxy coating of portions of the Unit II GWRS Pipeline for an amount not to exceed \$875,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve issuance of the following agreements and, upon approval as to form by District General Counsel, their execution by the District officers is authorized:

- 1) Jamison Engineering Contractors, Inc to support the GWRS Pipeline 2021 Inspection Work for an amount not to exceed \$175,000;
- 2) CSI Services, Inc. for inspection services of the existing GWRS pipeline and epoxy coating of Unit II for an amount not to exceed \$40,000; and
- 3) FD Thomas, Inc. for epoxy coating of portions of the Unit II GWRS Pipeline for an amount not to exceed \$875,000.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

##### 5. Proposed Fiscal Year 2021- 22 Budget

District Treasurer/CFO Randy Fick review the Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget in the amount of \$366.7 million. He advised that the General Fund budget of \$73.1 million contains \$1.8 million of PFAS Treatment O&M costs for Producers and an increased headcount for 1 new PFAS lab chemist. Mr. Fick stated that the water budget is proposed at \$8.7 million and includes 3,000 af of water purchases for the Alamitos Barrier, and the elimination of the purchase of MWD untreated water. Mr. Fick reviewed the projects included in the CIP budget of \$228,251,750 and presented the remaining budget components. He stated that next fiscal year's budget is based on an increased Replenishment Assessment of \$509/acre-foot and a Basin Production Percentage of 77%.

##### 6. PFAS Update

Executive Director Jason Dadakis advised that the state of California is proceeding with its adoption of drinking water notification and response levels for PFBS. He advised that the State also issued its anticipated third round of statewide monitoring orders for PFAS to public water systems with proximity to Department of Defense facilities, noting that in the OCWD service area 34 wells received these testing orders. Mr. Dadakis indicated that these require quarterly testing to start in the second quarter of this year and to continue until further notice. On the federal side, Mr. Dadakis reported that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has posted

its formal regulatory determination in the Federal Register to set national drinking water regulations for PFOA and PFOS and that the 60-day comment period has begun. Mr. Dadakis advised that the EPA re-released a pre-publication of its unregulated contaminant rule where the EPA requires nationwide water systems to test for unregulated contaminants. He stated this program contains requirements to test for 29 individual PFAS chemicals, as well as lithium and that the District will perform the required sampling testing and reporting for the producers.

As part of the PFAS update, Director of Engineering Chris Olsen provided an update on PFAS treatment facilities construction and design activities.

7. Santa Ana Watershed Project Authorities Activities

Director Whitaker provided a brief update on SAWPA activities.

VERBAL REPORTS

Director Ta reported on his attendance at the MWDOC Water Forum on February 24, and the Orange County Council of Governments meeting on February 25. Director Rowe advised that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has completed the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Prado Basin Ecosystem Restoration and Water Conservation Integrated Feasibility Study. He stated that the review period is over at the end of March and questioned whether staff has seen any comments. He also advised that the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District has released its Santa Ana River Plan and suggested that staff review the Plan and comment if appropriate.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 6:30 p.m. as follows:

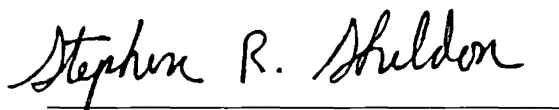
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION –  
[Government Code Section 54956.9(a)] – One case: OCWD v. 3M Company Superior  
Court Case No.: 30-2020-01172419-CU-PL CXC

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

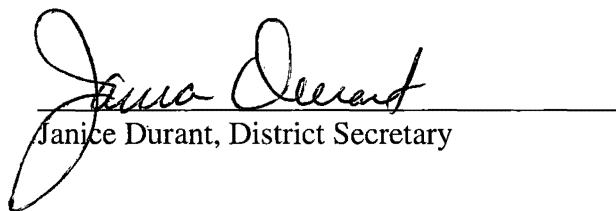
The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:00 p.m. whereupon General Counsel Jungreis advise that no reportable action took place in Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Stephen R. Sheldon, President



Janice Durant, District Secretary