

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
March 9, 2022, @ 8:00 a.m.

Due to the continuing state of emergency declared by the Governor and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e), Director Green called the Water Issues Committee meeting to order via Zoom webinar. Members of the Board and the public participated via Zoom. The Secretary called the roll and reported a quorum as follows:

Committee Members

Cathy Green
Dina Nguyen
Roger Yoh
Kelly Rowe
Bruce Whitaker

OCWD

Mike Markus – General Manager
John Kennedy – Executive Director
Christina Fuller – Assistant District Secretary
Jeremy Jungreis – General Counsel

Alternates

Nelida Mendoza
Harry Sidhu
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Denis Bilodeau
Steve Sheldon (absent)

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Rowe, seconded by Director Whitaker and carried [5-0], as follows.

Ayes: Green, Nguyen, Yoh, Rowe, Whitaker

1. Minutes of Water Issues Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Water Issues Committee meeting held February 9, 2022 were approved as presented.

2. Award Contract GBM-2022-1 for Installation of Shallow Aquifer Monitoring Wells for Annual Water Level Maps and Storage Calculation

Recommended for approval at March 16 Board meeting: 1) Receive and file Affidavit of Publication of Notice Inviting Bids for Contract GBM-2022-1; and 2) Accept bid and Award Contract No. GBM-2022-1 to BC2 Environmental, LLC. For an amount not to exceed \$90,710.

3. Second Amended Agreement with United States Army Corps of Engineers to Process Deviation Request to Prado Dam Water Control Plan for Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations

Recommended for approval at March 16 Board meeting: 1) Authorize approval of the Second Amended Cooperative Research and Development Agreement with the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations Study (Appendix D) subject to approval as to form and content by District's General Counsel, for an additional \$120,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$215,000 to fund Army Corps staff time in reviewing and processing the deviation, subject to review as to form and content by District Legal Counsel; and 2) Authorize approval of agreement with Q3 Consulting to perform hydrologic modeling to support the Corps evaluation of the deviation at Prado Dam for an amount not to

exceed \$35,280.

4. Contract YLWD-2020-1: Change Order Ratification and Budget Increase

Recommended for approval at March 16 Board meeting: Ratify issuance of Change Order Nos. 1-8 and increase project budget by \$600k for a total project budget of \$27.6 million.

5. Amendment to Agreement with Aqueous Vets for PFAS Treatment Pressure Vessel Systems

Recommended for approval at March 16 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Amendment No. 5 to Agreement No. 1422 with Aqueous Vets, for an amount not to exceed \$2,942,490.

6. Contract No. IRWD-2021-1 Irvine Ranch Water District Well OPA-1 PFAS Treatment System: Award Construction Contract to Innovative Construction Solutions

Recommended for approval at March 16 Board meeting: Adopt the attached resolution, which includes the following actions: 1) Establish the Irvine Ranch Water District Well OPA-1 PFAS Treatment Plant project budget in the amount of \$5,897,000; 2) Receive and file Affidavit of Publication of Notice Inviting Bids for Contract IRWD-2021-1, Irvine Ranch Water District Well OPA-1 PFAS Treatment Plant; and, 3) Accept bid and award contract IRWD-2021-1 to the lowest responsive bid and responsible bidder, Innovative Construction Solutions in the amount of \$3,485,000.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

7. Agreement with City of Santa Ana and Moulton Niguel Water District

Executive Director John Kennedy recalled that the District previously executed an agreement with Moulton Niguel Water District (MNWD) in 2019 to study the development of a new program which could provide MNWD water during emergency events. He stated that the proposed agreement with the city of Santa Ana, MNWD and the District primarily calls for: (1) completing the preliminary design of the infrastructure improvements necessary to the city's water system to provide emergency water supplies to MNWD; and (2) completing necessary CEQA documents. He advised that MNWD is funding the cost of the work. Mr. Kennedy reported that staff discussed the agreement with the Groundwater Producers in February and will discuss the document at the March 9 Producers meeting. He stated that staff will provide a summary of that meeting to the Board.

Upon motion by Director Rowe, seconded by Director Whitaker and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its March 16 Board meeting: Authorize execution of the proposed agreement with the city of Santa Ana and the Moulton Niguel Water District. Ayes – Green, Nguyen, Yoh, Rowe, Whitaker

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

8. Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-23 Water Purchase Budget

Mr. Kennedy advised that the proposed fiscal year (FY) 2022-23 water budget totals \$8.2 million and that no money is budgeted to purchase Metropolitan Water District (MWD) untreated full-service water due to PFAS-related reduced groundwater pumping. He stated that the remaining budget items include the purchase of 3,000 acre-feet of water to inject into the Alamitos Barrier at \$4.0 million, the MWDOC Groundwater charge of \$367,469, the MWD Capacity Charge of \$0.7 million, and the MWD Readiness-to-serve charge of \$3.2 million. Mr. Kennedy reported the proposed FY 2022-23 budget would maintain the accumulated overdraft at current levels assuming average hydrology, no MWD water is received and recharged, and a BPP of 77%.

CHAIR DIRECTION AS TO ITEMS IF ANY TO BE AGENDIZED AS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE MARCH 16 BOARD MEETING

It was agreed to place all items on the Consent calendar for the March 16 Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

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Cathy Green 4/14/2022
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Cathy Green, Chair