

MINUTES OF MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
April 1, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

President Sarmiento called to order the April 1 2020 regular meeting of the Orange County Water District Board of Directors at 5:30 p.m. in the Boardroom at the District office. 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 telephonically from remote locations. Directors Sarmiento and Sheldon attended in person. Public access was also provided telephonically.

Directors

Denis Bilodeau (via teleconference)  
Jordan Brandman (via teleconference)  
Cathy Green (via teleconference)  
Dina Nguyen (via teleconference)  
Kelly Rowe (via teleconference)  
Vicente Sarmiento  
Stephen Sheldon  
Tri Ta (via teleconference)  
Roger Yoh (via teleconference)  
Ahmad Zahra (via teleconference)

Staff

Michael R. Markus, General Manager  
Jeremy Jungreis, General Counsel  
Janice Durant, District Secretary

VISITOR PARTICIPATION

Glen Brooks stated that due to the logging industry shutdown in Northern California there is a surplus of 40 million gallons per day a day of water.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing Regarding Potential Adjustment to Board Member Divisions 5, 6 and 7

President Sarmiento opened the public hearing regarding the potential adjustment of Board member divisions 5, 6, and 7. General Manager Markus reported that tonight’s Public Hearing is the second of two Public Hearings required to rebalance the population of Divisions 5, 6, and 7 as Division 6 is somewhat lacking in numbers. He stated that staff is proposing to redraw the boundaries of those three divisions to help rebalance the population. There being no persons wishing to address the Board, President Sarmiento declared the hearing closed and the Board took the following action.

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

Ayes: Bilodeau, Brandman, Green, Nguyen, Rowe, Sarmiento, Sheldon, Ta, Yoh, Zahra

RESOLUTION NO. 20-4-41  
FINDING THAT A SUFFICIENT CHANGE IN POPULATION HAS OCCURRED  
TO BOARD DIVISIONS FIVE, SIX AND SEVEN MAKING IT DESIRABLE  
TO ADJUST THEIR BOUNDARIES

WHEREAS, the Orange County Water District staff has become aware of a deviation in population data in District Divisions five, six and seven and recommends adjustment of the boundaries of such Divisions five, six and seven to address the population disparity; and

WHEREAS, California Election Code Section 22000 allows a district to adjust the boundaries of any divisions whenever the governing body of the district determines by a two-thirds vote that a sufficient change in population has occurred that makes it desirable in the opinion of the governing body to adjust the boundaries of any divisions; and

WHEREAS, Section 1.2 of the District Act allows revision of the boundaries of divisions one through seven in compliance with Section 22000 of the Elections Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of OCWD has reviewed such proposed boundary changes per Elections Code §22000(h) and conducted two public hearings per Elections Code §22001, and has thereafter determined that a change in population of these divisions has occurred such that changes to the current boundaries of divisions five, six and seven are in the best interests of the District;

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

Section 1: The Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby find that a sufficient change in population has occurred to Board Divisions five, six and seven, so as to make it desirable to adjust their boundaries and make divisions five, six and seven more closely aligned with the average population of each elected division.

Section 2: The Board directs that the boundaries of divisions five, six and seven be revised as presented to the Board on March 18, 2020, and April 1, 2020, and that the map of the revised boundaries be kept on file at the District office.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Rowe and carried [10-0] by roll call vote as follows.

Ayes: Bilodeau, Brandman, Green, Rowe, Nguyen, Sarmiento, Sheldon, Ta, Yoh, Zahra

2. Approval of Cash Disbursements

MOTION NO. 20-34  
APPROVING CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Payment of bills for the period March 12, 2020 through March 25, 2020 in the total amount of \$7,410,868.44 is ratified and approved.

3. Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting

MOTION NO. 20-35  
APPROVING MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

The minutes of the Board of Directors meetings held February 19, 2020 are approved as presented.

4. Agreement with Kizh Nation Resources Management for Native American Monitoring Services for the Groundwater Replenishment System Final Expansion Project

RESOLUTION NO. 20-4-42  
APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH KIZH NATION RESOURCES MANAGEMENT FOR NATIVE AMERICAN MONITORING SERVICES FOR THE GWRSFE PROJECT

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to negotiate an agreement with Kizh Nation Resources Management for Native American Monitoring Services for the Groundwater Replenishment System Final Expansion (GWRSFE) Project; and, upon approval as to form by District General Counsel, its execution on behalf of the District by the General Manager is authorized.

5. Declaration of Emergency Regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19)

RESOLUTION NO. 20-4-43  
DECLARING EMERGENCY FOR CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC AND APPROVING DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT RESOLUTION FOR NON-STATE AGENCIES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT that the General Manager, is hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the Orange County Water District, a public entity established under the laws of the State of California, this application and to file it with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services for the purpose of obtaining certain federal financial assistance under Public Law 93-288 as amended by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988, and/or state financial assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Orange County Water District, a public entity established under the laws of the State of California, hereby authorizes its agent(s) to provide to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services for all matters pertaining to such state disaster assistance the assurances and agreements required.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget

District Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer Randy Fick presented three options for Board consideration for the proposed FY2020-21 budget. He stated that the options include keeping the budget and Replenishment Assessment (RA) the same as previously presented to the Board, but also presented a new option that would keep the RA at its current level of \$487/af. Mr. Fick advised that the Board will consider setting the FY2020-21 RA and approving the budget at its

upcoming April 15, 2020 meeting. Mr. Markus stated he will speak with the GWP next Wednesday about this new option.

Irvine Ranch Water District representative Paul Weghorst stated that he favors the newest option given the current economic climate. IRWD Director Doug Reinhard concurred noting the coming year will be quite challenging.

7. ACWA/JPIA Retrospective Premium Adjustment Stabilization Refund

Mesa Water District representative Fred Bockmiller presented the District with a retrospective premium adjustment in the amount of \$487,159 from the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority. It was noted that this is the largest refund OCWD has received.

8. Santa Ana Watershed Project Authorities Activities

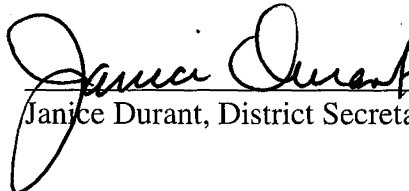
Director Rowe advised that the SAWPA meeting will take place on April 7.


VERBAL REPORTS

Mr. Markus reported that implementation of the Covid-19 response has been successful, with 60% of the staff working from home. He also noted that OCWD still has 15,000 af of water behind Prado Dam.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

  
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Janice Durant, District Secretary

  
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Vicente Sarmiento, President