

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE  
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
April 13, 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 (absent)  
Roger Yoh  
Kelly Rowe (arrived 8:05 a.m.)  
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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**Ayes: Green, Yoh, Whitaker, Mendoza, Sidhu**

1. Minutes of Water Issues Committee Meeting

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

2. Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with Intera for Model Evaluation Regarding Underflow Across County Line

**Recommended for approval at April 20 Board meeting: Authorize execution of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 1414 between OCWD and Intera, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.**

3. Extension of Agreements with Habitat West and Endemic Environmental Services for on-Call Restoration Planting and Maintenance in Prado Basin

**Recommended for approval at April 20 Board meeting: Authorize Amendment No. 2 to Agreement with Habitat West and Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with Endemic Environmental Services for a total amount not to exceed \$225,000 for a three-year period with a \$75,000 annual limit for hourly work associated with planting, irrigation systems and weed management in Prado Basin through June 30, 2025.**

4. Agreements for On-Call Environmental Services

**Recommended for approval at April 20 Board meeting: Authorize renewal of existing**

**Agreements for on-call environmental analysis services with SageCrest, Psomas, and Environmental Science Associates for an additional term of three years, extending the termination date to August 31, 2025.**

5. Alamitos Barrier Project: Monitoring Well Cluster 35k1 Destruction and Replacement Agreement With OC San

**Recommended for approval at April 20 Board meeting: 1) Authorize execution of the well relocation agreement for Alamitos Barrier monitoring well cluster OCWD-35K1 with the Orange County Sanitation District; and, 2) Approve payment to the U.S. Department of the Navy in the amount of \$20,265 to procure a new well site OCWD-35K1 easement on the Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach and within the Orange County Sanitation District easement.**

6. Contract PB-2021-1 Phase 2 Prado Basin Monitoring Wells: Ratify Change Order No. 2 and Approve Change Order No. 3 with BC2 Environmental, LLC

**Recommended for approval at April 20 Board meeting: 1) Ratify Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. PB-2021-1 that incorporates the terms of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers license agreement (DACW09-3-22-3251) and easement agreement (DACW09-2-22-2184) with no cost increase to the contract ; 2) Authorize execution of Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. PB-2021-1 to repair and rehabilitate storm-damaged monitoring wells OCWD-PD26 and OCWD-PD26B increasing the contract by \$11,850 for a new contract total of \$98,966; and, 3) Increase the project budget from \$129,452 to \$141,302.**

7. Contract No. ORA-2022-1 City of Orange Wells 20, 21 & 22 PFAS Treatment Systems: Engineers Report, Categorical Exemption, and Notice Inviting Bids

**Recommended for approval at April 20 Board meeting: 1) Approve the Engineer's Report for the City of Orange Wells 20, 21 & 22 PFAS Treatment Systems Project and determine the project feasible, necessary and beneficial to the lands of the District; 2) Authorize filing of a Categorical Exemption for the City of Orange Wells 20, 21 & 22 PFAS Treatment Systems Project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines; and, 3) Authorize publication of Notice Inviting Bids for Contract No. ORA-2022-1, City of Orange Wells 20, 21 & 22 PFAS Treatment Systems.**

8. Contract No. GSWC-2022-1 Golden State Water Company Wells Bradford 4 and Fairhaven 1 & 3 PFAS Water Treatment Systems: Engineers Report, Categorical Exemption, and Notice Inviting Bids

**Recommended for approval at April 20 Board meeting: 1) Approve the Engineer's Report for GSWC Wells Bradford 4 and Fairhaven 1 & 3 PFAS Treatment Systems Project and determine the project feasible, necessary and beneficial to the lands of the District;; 2) Authorize filing of a Categorical Exemption for GSWC Wells Bradford 4 and Fairhaven 1 & 3 PFAS Treatment Systems Project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines; and, Authorize publication of Notice Inviting Bids for Contract No. GSWC-2022-1, GSWC Wells Bradford 4 and Fairhaven 1 & 3 PFAS Treatment Systems Project.**

9. Award Contract GBM-2022-2 Construction of Monitoring Well Cluster SC-7 to ABC Liovin Drilling, Inc. and Authorize Agreement With Wood Rodgers for Inspection Services

**Recommended for approval at April 20 Board meeting: 1) Receive and file Affidavit of Publication of Notice Inviting Bids for Contract GBM-2022-2; 2) Accept bid and Award Contract GBM-2022-2 to ABC Liovin Drilling, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$354,825;**

**3) Authorize issuance of a services agreement to Wood Rodgers for inspection services during construction of the SC-7 monitoring well cluster for an amount not to exceed \$79,841; and 4) Establish a project budget of \$515,980.**

10. Serrano Water District PFAS Water Treatment Plant: Authorize Notice of Completion, Ratify and Approve Change Orders

**Recommended for approval at April 20 Board meeting: 1) Increase project budget by \$296,934 for a total project budget of \$5,953,934; 2) Ratify issuance of Change Order Nos. 2-5 and Authorize Change Order No. 6 to Pacific Hydrotech Corp for a total amount of \$236,771; 3) Accept completion of work and authorize filing a Notice of Completion for Contract No. SWD-2020-1: Serrano PFAS Water Treatment Plant; and, 4) Authorize the General Manager to transfer the Serrano PFAS treatment system to the Serrano Water District effective the date of filing the Notice of Completion and quitclaim any property rights obtained for the project..**

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

11. Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-23 Capital Improvement Program Budget

Director of Engineering Chris Olsen provided an overview of the proposed fiscal year 2022-23 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget totaling \$146.6 million for 18 projects. He presented the larger items that are included in the proposed CIP Budget.

12. Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-23 Water Purchase Budget

Executive Director John Kennedy recalled that staff reviewed the proposed water budget with the Water Issues Committee in March. He stated that at that time staff recommended that no money be budgeted to purchase Metropolitan Water District untreated full-service water due to reduced groundwater pumping because of the PFAS issue. He reported that an option to increase the water reserve fund to support the purchase of 5,000 acre-feet of MWD purchases was discussed with the Groundwater Producers at the March 9 meeting. Mr. Kennedy advised that this option will be further discussed at the April 13 Producers meeting. He noted that adding this line item into the budget would require raising the FY 2022-23 Replenishment Assessment an additional \$14/acre-foot.

13. State Notification Level Recommendation for Perfluorohexane Sulfonic Acid (PFHXS) in Drinking Water

Executive Director Jason Dadakis provided an update on State Level Recommendation for PFHXS in drinking water.

14. Update on Petition to List Southern California Steelhead as Endangered Species Under California Endangered Species Act

Executive Director Greg Woodside stated that the California Fish and Game Commission will consider a petition to list the Southern California Steelhead an endangered species at a meeting in April 2022. He recalled that the Board directed staff in December 2021 to oppose the petition. He reported that staff submitted a previous comment letter to the Commission opposing the petition and submitted a letter this month requesting that the Santa Ana River watershed be excluded from the listing area due to the highly modified nature of the Santa Ana River.

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

It was agreed to place all items on the Consent calendar for the April 20 Board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

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*Cathy Green* 5/26/2022  
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Cathy Green, Chair