

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE  
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
May 11, 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  
Bruce Whitaker

OCWD

Mike Markus – General Manager  
John Kennedy – Executive Director  
Leticia Villarreal – Executive Assistant  
Jeremy Jungreis – General Counsel

Alternates

Nelida Mendoza (arrived 8:08 am)  
Harry Sidhu  
Tri Ta  
Denis Bilodeau  
Steve Sheldon

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

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

1. Minutes of Water Issues Committee Meeting

**The Minutes of the Water Issues Committee meeting held April 13, 2022 were approved as presented.**

2. Environmental Science Association Professional Services Agreement Amendment for Additional Construction Monitoring Services for the Groundwater Replenishment System Final Expansion Project

**Recommended for approval at May 18 Board meeting: Authorize amendment to Environmental Science Association (ESA) Professional Services Agreement No. 1135 for construction monitoring services for the Groundwater Replenishment System Final Expansion Project in an amount not to exceed \$59,075.**

3. Agreement to Cardno for Removal of Gasoline Underground Storage Tank at Field Headquarters and Categorical Exemption

**Recommended for approval at May 18 Board meeting: 1) Establish the Removal of Gasoline Underground Storage Tank project budget in the amount of \$75,000; 2) Authorize filing of a Categorical Exemption for the Removal of Gasoline Underground Storage Tank in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); 3) Authorize issuance of Agreement to Cardno for Removal of Gasoline Underground Storage Tank for an amount not to exceed \$71,281**

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

**Recommended for approval at May 18 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Amendment No. 6 to Agreement No. 1422 with Aqueous Vets, for an amount not to exceed \$34,142**

5. Amendment No. 6 to Agreement with AECOM for Consulting Services for the North Basin Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS)

**Recommended for approval at May 18 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Amendment No. 6 to Agreement No. 1189 with AECOM for an amount not to exceed \$188,000.**

6. Purchase Order to Microtech Scientific for Purchase of Thermo Scientific High Performance Approve Change Order No. 3 with BC2 Environmental, LLC

**Recommended for approval at May 18 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Purchase Order in the amount of \$12,204 to Microtech Scientific for purchase of Thermo Scientific TSX5005CA Refrigerator.**

7. Purchase Orders to AB Sciex LLC and Agilent Technologies for Multi-Year Service Support Agreements to Cover Lab Gas and Liquid Chromatograph / Mass Spectrometers

**Recommended for approval at May 18 Board meeting: 1) Authorize issuance of Purchase Order to SCIEX in the amount of \$70,000 for support service agreements for FY22-23, up to \$150,000 for FY23-24; and up to \$ 155,000 for FY24-25; 2) Authorize issuance of Purchase Order to Agilent Technologies in the amount up to \$97,000 for support service agreements for FY22-23, up to \$90,000 each for FY23-24, FY24-25, and FY26-27.**

#### **MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

8. The Recycled Water Conveyance Improvement Project: Engineer's Report and CEQA

Engineer Fernando Almario reported that the Engineer's Report for the Burriss Basin GWRS pipeline project component has been completed and has determined that the project is feasible, necessary and beneficial to the lands of the District. He stated that the project would provide operational flexibility in recharging different sources of water. Mr. Almario advised that staff does not recommend moving forward with the design and construction of the project until outside grant money can be obtained to assist with the project's financing. He reported that staff will submit grant applications to different state and federal programs and report back to the Board.

**Upon motion by Director Rowe, seconded by Director Whitaker and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its May 18 Board meeting: Authorize execution of the proposed agreement with the city of Santa Ana and the Moulton Niguel Water District. 1) Approve the Engineer's Report for the Burriss Basin GWRS Pipeline Project and determine the project feasible, necessary and beneficial to the lands of the District; 2) Adopt the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the OCWD Recycled Water Conveyance Improvement Project; 3) Adopt resolution certifying the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration; 4) Authorize staff to post Notice of Determination  
Ayes – Green, Yoh, Rowe, Whitaker, Mendoza**

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

9. Annual Santa Ana River Watermaster Report

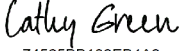
Principal Hydrogeologist Bill Leever presented an overview of the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Report Santa Ana River Watermaster for the Water Year October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021.

**CHAIR DIRECTION AS TO ITEMS IF ANY TO BE AGENDIZED AS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE MAY18 BOARD MEETING**

It was agreed to place all items on the Consent calendar for the May 18 Board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

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Cathy Green, Chair