

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
July 14, 2021 @ 8:00 a.m.

Due to the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20, Director Green called the Water Issues Committee meeting to order via Zoom webinar. The Secretary called the roll and reported a quorum as follows:

Committee Members

Cathy Green
Dina Nguyen (absent)
Roger Yoh
Jordan Brandman
Kelly Rowe

OCWD

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

Alternates

Bruce Whitaker (arrived @ 8:05)
Nelida Mendoza (arrived @ 8:05)
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Denis Bilodeau
Steve Sheldon (absent)

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Ayes: Green, Yoh, Brandman, Rowe, Mendoza

1. Minutes of Water Issues Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Water Issues Committee meeting held June 9, 2021 were approved as presented.

2. Amendment to Agreement with DDB Engineering for Additional GWRS Final Expansion Permitting Support

Recommended for approval at July 21 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Amendment to Agreement No. 1273 with DDB Engineering Inc. for an additional \$151,350 for regulatory permitting services in support of the GWRS Final Expansion.

3. Agreement with NWRI to Administer and Facilitate the 2021 GWRS Independent Advisory Panel Meeting

Recommended for approval at July 21 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Agreement to the National Water Research Institute for an amount not to exceed \$38,496 to provide administration and facilitation services for the 2021 GWRS Independent Advisory Panel meeting.

4. Annual Santa Ana River Streamgaging Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey

Recommended for approval at July 21 Board meeting: 1) Approve and authorize Joint Funding Agreement with USGS to conduct streamgaging of the Santa Ana River below Prado Dam and Santiago Creek at Santa Ana for the period of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022; and 2) Authorize payment of \$35,920 to the USGS for OCWD's share of costs for these services.

5. Amendment No. 4 to Agreement with Intera for Additional Groundwater Modeling Support for North Basin Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study

Recommended for approval at July 21 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. 998 with Intera increasing the contract amount by \$14,660.

6. Purchase Order to Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. to Replace Submersible Pump #4 at Anaheim Lake

Recommended for approval at July 21 Board meeting: Authorize Issuance of Purchase Order to Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. in the amount of \$142,293 to provide a replacement for submersible pump #4 at Anaheim Lake, labor to terminate the pump #4 cables and trouble shoot an operational alarm from pump #3.

7. Contract No. GAP-2021-1 Green Acres Project Santa Ana Reservoir Valve Replacements: Categorical Exemption and Notice Inviting Bids

Recommended for approval at July 21 Board meeting: 1) Authorize filing of a Categorical Exemption for the Green Acres Project Santa Ana Reservoir Valve Replacements project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines; and 2) Authorize publication of Notice Inviting Bids for Contract No. GAP-2021-1, Green Acres Project Santa Ana Reservoir Valve Replacements.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

8. Policy to Assist South Orange County Agencies with Water Emergencies

Executive Director John Kennedy recalled that the District is currently working with the Moulton Niguel Water District (MNWD) to potentially develop a program to provide water supplies to it during emergency events and/or shut downs of the imported water system. He stated that staff and MNWD are currently concentrating on the development of an emergency water supply program, noting that staff has also had several meetings with the Groundwater Producers who have provided input on a potential new program. Mr. Kennedy presented staff's recommendation to create a policy to establish the general conditions under which the District would provide water to MNWD and possibly other South Orange County agencies during imported water shortages. General Manager Mike Markus advised that this program has been used mostly for Metropolitan Water District (MET) outages to repair infrastructure, but the real purpose is for use during a natural disaster. Director Brandman questioned whether we are in a State of Emergency based on current conditions. Mr. Markus stated that current impacts to MET are not such to trigger a natural disaster and current water storage is in fairly good shape.

Upon motion by Director Rowe seconded by Director Brandman and carried 5-0, the Committee recommended that the Board at its July 21 Board meeting: Adopt the provided policy principles of when OCWD would assist South Orange County water agencies with water supply emergencies or planned shutdowns of the imported water system.

Ayes – Green, Brandman, Rowe, Whitaker, Ta

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

9. US Army Corps of Engineers Santa Ana River Mainstem Project – Santiago Creek/Santiago Basin Improvements Update

Principal Engineer Ryan Bouley recalled that the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has been working with the Counties of Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino on the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project to construct various improvements along the Santa Ana River that improve flood control during heavy storms. He advised that USACE is currently updating the Design Documentation Report for the Santiago Creek and Santiago Basin improvements that are included in the Mainstem Project.

CHAIR DIRECTION AS TO ITEMS IF ANY TO BE AGENDIZED AS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE JULY 21 BOARD MEETING

It was agreed to place all items on the Consent calendar for the July 21 Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

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Cathy Green 8/12/2021
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Cathy Green, Chair