

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE  
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
September 8, 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  
Roger Yoh  
Vacant  
Kelly Rowe

OCWD

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

Alternates

Bruce Whitaker  
Nelida Mendoza (absent)  
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, Nguyen, Yoh, Rowe, Whitaker**

1. Minutes of Water Issues Committee Meeting

**The Minutes of the Water Issues Committee meeting held August 11, 2021 were approved as presented.**

2. Contract No. SC-2019-1, Santiago Basin Intertie Repair: Authorize Change Order to Innovative Construction Solutions

**Recommended for approval at September 15 Board meeting: 1) Authorize Contract Change Order No. 1 to Innovative Construction Solutions, in the amount of \$237,303, for Buried Concrete Demolition and Excavation; and 2) Establish the Santiago Basin Intertie Repair Project budget in the amount of \$4,127,000.**

3. Contract No. Gap-2021-1 Green Acres Project Santa Ana Reservoir Valve Replacements: Award Construction Contract to Innovative Construction Solutions

**Recommended for approval at September 15 Board meeting: 1) Establish the Green Acres Project Santa Ana Reservoir Valve Replacements project budget in the amount of \$235,000; 2) Receive and file Affidavit of Publication of Notice Inviting Bids for Contract GA-2021-1, Green Acres Project Santa Ana Reservoir Valve Replacements; and, 3) Accept bid and award contract GA-2021-1 to the lowest responsive bidder Innovative Construction Solutions in the amount of \$204,500.**

4. Decommissioning of Talbert Extraction Well OCWD-P10, Contract No. TAL-2021-1 Notice of Completion

**Recommended for approval at September 15 Board meeting: Accept completion of the work and authorize filing a Notice of Completion for Contract TAL-2021-1 Decommissioning of Talbert Extraction Well No. OCWD-P10.**

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

**Recommended for approval at September 15 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. 1422 with Aqueous Vets, for an amount not to exceed \$859,827.**

#### **MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

6. Purchasing Metropolitan Water District Untreated Water

Executive Director John Kennedy reported that the District received \$18.1 million in excess revenues due to greater than planned groundwater pumping. He stated that staff recommends utilizing most of this money to purchase 20,000 acre-feet of untreated Metropolitan Water District (MWD) imported water to recharge the groundwater basin at the total cost of \$15.54 million. He advised that cost of MWD untreated imported water is \$777/acre-foot which will increase to \$799/acre-foot on January 1, 2022. Mr. Kennedy noted that staff would attempt to purchase the 20,000 acre-feet of recommended water prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Upon motion by Director Rowe, seconded by Director Nguyen and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its September 15 Board meeting: Direct staff to purchase up to 20,000 acre-feet of Metropolitan Water District untreated water in FY2021-22 at a cost of \$15,540,000.**

**Ayes – Green, Nguyen, Yoh, Rowe, Whitaker**

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

7. Basin Storage Update For Water Year 2020-21

Principal Engineer Tim Sovich reported that staff evaluated water level conditions throughout the basin and constructed groundwater elevation contour maps representing the end of the water year. He stated that using the “full basin” benchmark for all three aquifer layers in the basin, an accumulated overdraft of 248,000 acre-feet (AF) was calculated as of June 30, 2021. He advised that the basin experienced an annual storage decrease of 48,000 AF for water year 2020-21. Mr. Sovich provided a brief description of the water level change and accumulated overdraft calculation to the Committee.

#### **CHAIR DIRECTION AS TO ITEMS IF ANY TO BE AGENDIZED AS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE SEPTEMBER 15 BOARD MEETING**

It was agreed to place all items on the Consent calendar for the September 15 Board meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

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*Cathy Green* 10/14/2021  
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Cathy Green, Chair