

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
February 19, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

President Bilodeau called to order the February 19, 2025 regular meeting of the Orange County Water District Board of Directors at 5:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the District Secretary called the roll and reported a quorum as follows. Public access was also provided via Zoom webinar.

Directors

Valerie Amezcua (arrived 5:40 p.m.)
Denis Bilodeau
Cathy Green
Fred Jung
Dina Nguyen
Natalie Meeks
Stephen Sheldon
Van Tran
Erik Weigand
Roger Yoh

Staff

John Kennedy, General Manager
Jeremy Jungreis, General Counsel
Christina Fuller, District Secretary

VISITOR PARTICIPATION

There were no visitors wishing to address the Board this evening.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Sheldon requested to pull Item No. 7, *First Responder Appreciation Luncheon*. The remainder of the Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Meeks, seconded by Director Tran and carried [9-0] as follows:

Ayes: Bilodeau, Green, Jung, Meeks, Nguyen, Sheldon, Tran, Weigand, Yoh
Absent: Amezcua

1. Approval of Cash Disbursements

MOTION NO. 25-11
APPROVING CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Payment of bills for the period of January 30, 2025 through February 12, 2025 in the total amount of \$5,731,544.12 is ratified and approved.

2. Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting Held January 15 and February 5, 2025

MOTION NO. 25-12
APPROVING MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held January 15 and February 5, 2025 are hereby approved as presented.

3. 2023-2024 Engineer’s Report on Groundwater Conditions, Water Supply and Basin Utilization

MOTION NO. 25-13

RECEIVING AND FILING 2023-2024 ENGINEER’S REPORT ON GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS,
WATER SUPPLY AND BASIN UTILIZATION
AND SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARINGS

The draft 2023-24 Engineer’s Report is hereby received and filed, and public hearings are scheduled for March 19, 2025 to present the Report’s findings and on April 16, 2025 to consider establishing the Replenishment Assessment, Basin Equity Assessment and Basin Production Percentage for the 2025-26 water year.

4. Approve Addendum No. 2 to Legal Services Agreement with PFAS Litigation Counsel

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2-10

APPROVING ADDENDUM NO. 2 TO LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PFAS LITIGATION
COUNSEL

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to execute Addendum No. 2 to the PFAS Legal Services Agreement.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 6

5. State Legislative Update

MOTION NO. 25-14

ADOPTING POSITION ON STATE LEGISLATION

The following position on State legislation is hereby adopted:

Bill Number/Author	Short Title	Recommendation
AB 259 Blanca Rubio (D-West Covina)	Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences	Support

6. Water Bottle Filling Station Program

MOTION NO. 25-15

AUTHORIZING SPONSORSHIP OF A WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATION AT HERITAGE
MUSEUM OF ORANGE COUNTY

Sponsoring of a water bottle filling station at Heritage Museum of Orange County for an amount not to exceed \$6,000 is hereby approved.

7. First Responder Appreciation Luncheon

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
FEBRUARY 12

8. Authorization Resolution for WaterSMART Title XVI Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects and Grant Applications

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2-11

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE WATERSMART TITLE XVI WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE NATION (WIIN) ACT WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024 INCLUDING ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS) REMOVAL PROGRAM AND THE EXECUTION OF GRANT DOCUMENTS WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors adopted a PFAS Policy in November 2019 in preparation for the impacts of PFAS on Orange County groundwater supplies. Among other items, the policy states that the Orange County Water District (OCWD) funds the lowest reasonable and efficient treatment system design and construction costs to remove PFAS contaminants from groundwater for affected cities and water agencies (also called the groundwater producers) in OCWD's service area. Additionally, the policy states that OCWD provides a fifty percent subsidy for operation and maintenance expenses up to \$75 per acre-foot;

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors approved the design and the construction of PFAS Removal Projects for groundwater wells that were taken out of service for exceeding the State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Drinking Water response levels of 10 parts per trillion (ppt) for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and 40 ppt for perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS);

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors continues the approval of design and construction of PFAS Removal Projects for additional groundwater wells affected by the National Primary Drinking Water Standard of 4 ppt for PFOA and PFOS established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency on April 10, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, has announced the second-round grant funding program entitled "WaterSMART: Title XVI Water Recycling Projects Under WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024" ("Grant") provided by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to assist in identifying and investigating opportunities to reclaim and reuse wastewater and promote the availability of new sources of clean water while promoting water and energy efficiency and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, this resolution certifies the Board of Directors' approval of the OCWD's submission of an application package for the Grant.

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

Section 1: The Board of Directors hereby authorizes and directs the General Manager to sign, submit and file, for and on behalf of the Orange County Water District, a Grant application package to the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, in response to the announcement of the Funding Opportunity Number R23AS00464 to support the design and the construction of PFAS projects identified in OCWD PFAS Removal Program.

Section 2: The Board of Directors hereby agrees and further authorizes the General Manager or his designee, to provide the assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the Grant, to negotiate and execute any documents related to this Grant, including a financial assistance agreement and any amendments or changes thereto, and to accept a financial assistance from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation.

Section 3: If the Grant application package is approved, the Orange County Water District has the financial capability to provide the cost-sharing funds to match the requirements of the Grant.

Section 4: The Orange County Water District will work with the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, to meet established deadlines for entering into a financial assistance agreement.

9. Award Contract GBM-2024-3 Construction of Shallow Aquifer Piezometers and Talbert Gap Monitoring Well Cluster

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2-12
AWARDING CONTRACT GBM-2024-3 TO J&H DRILLING CO, INC. DBA MR DRILLING FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF SHALLOW AQUIFER PIEZOMETERS AND TALBERT GAP
MONITORING WELL CLUSTER

WHEREAS, a Notice Inviting Bids for Contract No. GBM-2023-1, Installation Of Shallow Aquifer Monitoring Wells, was published in The Orange County Register on November 21, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received and opened on December 30, 2024:

MR Drilling	\$ 199,025
ABC Liovin Drilling	\$ 276,590
BC2 Environmental, LLC	\$1,245,470

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended award of said Contract to the lowest responsive bidder, J&H Drilling Co, Inc. dba MR Drilling, for an amount not to exceed \$199,025; and

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

Section 1: The Affidavit of Publication of Notice Inviting Bids for Contract No. GBM-2024-3 is received and filed.

Section 2: The lowest responsive bid of J&H Drilling Co, Inc. dba MR Drilling., in the amount of \$199,025 is accepted and all other bids are rejected.

10. Service Agreement with Besst, Inc. for a Depth-Specific Flow and Water Quality Survey at Buena Park's Linden Well

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2-13
AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH BESST, INC. FOR A DEPTH-SPECIFIC FLOW AND WATER
QUALITY SURVEY AT BUENA PARK'S LINDEN WELL

RESOLVED, that issuance of a service Agreement is authorized to BESST, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$40,700 to provide depth-specific data collection services at Buena Park's Linden well.

11. Authorize General Manager Approval of Agreement with USACE for Surface Water Level Monitoring at Prado Dam
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RESOLUTION NO. 25-2-14

AGREEMENT WITH USACE FOR SURFACE WATER LEVEL MONITORING AT PRADO DAM

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to execute a 5-year license agreement with the USACE for surface water level monitoring at two sites, subject to approval as to form by the District's General Counsel.

12. Contract SB-2025-1 Bond Basin Slope Repair Categorical Exemption and Notice Inviting Bids

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2-15

AUTHORIZING FILING OF A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FOR THE BOND BASIN SLOPE REPAIR PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE INVITING BIDS

WHEREAS, the District staff has advised that the final plans and specifications for the Bond Basin Slope Repair Project are complete.

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board recommends filing a Categorical Exemption for the project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and issuing a Notice Inviting Bids for the construction contract.

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

Section 1: Publication of Notice Inviting Bids is authorized for No. SB-2025-1, Bond Basin Slope Repair Project.

Section 2: Filing of a Categorical Exemption for the Bond Basin Slope Repair project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

13. City of Orange Wells 25 and 27 PFAS Treatment Plant Project: Engineer's Report and Categorical Exemption
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RESOLUTION NO. 25-2-16

AUTHORIZING FILING OF A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FOR THE CITY OF ORANGE WELLS 25 AND 27 PFAS TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT AND APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT

WHEREAS, the District staff has advised that the design for the city of Orange Wells 25 and 27 PFAS Treatment Plant project is currently in progress and recommends approving the Engineer's Report for the project;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); staff has determined that Wells 25 and 27 PFAS Treatment Systems Project is consistent with the Categorical Exemption for

New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures because it consists of the construction and operation of a limited number of new, small facilities or structures; and

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

Section 1: Filing of a Categorical Exemption for the City of Orange Wells 25 and 27 PFAS Treatment Plant Project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

Section 2: The Engineer's Report for the City of Orange Wells 25 and 27 PFAS Treatment Plant Project is approved and the project is deemed feasible, necessary and beneficial to the lands of the District.

- 14. K-2025-1: Kraemer Basin Check Valve Replacements: Award Construction Contract to Innovative Construction Solutions
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RESOLUTION NO. 25-2-17

AWARDING CONTRACT K-2025-1: KRAEMER BASIN CHECK VALVE REPLACEMENTS TO INNOVATIVE CONSTRUCTION SOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, a Notice Inviting Bids for Contract No. K-2025-1: Kraemer Basin Check Valve Replacements, was published in The Orange County Register on December 12, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received and opened on January 28, 2025:

Innovative Construction Solutions	\$347,500
Pacific Hydrotech Corporation	\$370,700
Big Ben Engineering	\$411,797
RE Chaffee	\$418,000
T.E Roberts	\$419,562
Vicon Enterprises	\$422,500
Myers & Sons Construction	\$426,700
W.A Rasic	\$437,880
R C Foster	\$464,000
Doty Bros	\$558,456
GCI Construction Inc	\$568,800
MMC Inc	\$595,000
G&A Nelos Construction	\$615,871

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended award of said Contract to the lowest responsive bidder, Innovative Construction Solutions, for an amount not to exceed \$347,500; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has further recommended an increase to the project budget by \$165,000 to cover the anticipated construction and contingency expenses for a total project budget of \$365,000.

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

Section 1: The Affidavit of Publication of Notice Inviting Bids for Contract No. No. K-2025-1 is received

and filed.

Section 2: The lowest responsive bid of Innovative Construction Solutions., in the amount of \$347,500 is accepted and all other bids are rejected.

Section 3: An increase in the project budget allocation by \$165,000, for a total project budget of \$365,000 is hereby authorized as outlined herein.

- 15. Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with T.E. Roberts Santiago Basin Floating Pump Station Power Wire and Conduit Repairs
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RESOLUTION NO. 25-2-18

AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH T.E. ROBERTS FOR THE SANTIAGO BASIN FLOATING PUMP STATION POWER WIRE AND CONDUIT REPAIRS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 24-6-68, adopted June 19, 2024, OCWD authorized issuance of an Agreement to T.E. Roberts in the amount of \$452,456 for the Santiago Basin Floating Pump Station Power Wire and Conduit Repairs; and

WHEREAS, staff has recommended issuance of Amendment No.1 to such Agreement with T.E. Roberts for an amount not to exceed \$64,757 for additional work to replace damaged floats and to install new stainless-steel tethers to buoy and connect the 12-inch conduit to the 36-inch discharge pipeline;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve issuance of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 1610 with T.E. Roberts as outlined herein; and, upon approval as to form by District General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized.

- 16. Final Resilience Plan: Adaptive Strategies for Securing Abundant and Reliable Water Supplies

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2-19

RECEIVING AND FILING THE OCWD RESILIENCE PLAN AND AUTHORIZING NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, staff has completed preparation of a new adaptive management plan titled the “OCWD Resilience Plan: Adaptive Strategies for Securing Abundant and Reliable Water Supplies” which will encompass a planning horizon of 5 to 25 years, enabling the District to prepare for and respond to changing conditions with short-term and long-term strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended staff file an exemption from CEQA (Class 6 – Information Collection) for planning studies that do not have any potential to impact the environment; and

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

Section 1: The OCWD Resilience Plan is received and filed.

Section 2: Filing of a Categorical Exemption in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

17. License Agreement for Existing Monitoring Well Site IDM-4 on Orange County Flood Control District Property

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2-20
AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO FINALIZE AND EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FOR CONTINUED ACCESS TO EXISTING MONITORING WELL SITE IDM-4

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to finalize and execute a 10-year term License Agreement with the Orange County Flood Control District, including payment of an administrative fee not to exceed \$5,000, for continued access to existing monitoring well site IDM-4.

18. Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with MKN

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2-21
AMENDMENT TO MKN FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE ANAHEIM LAKE VALVE VAULT PROJECT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 24-11-141, adopted November 20, 2024, OCWD authorized issuance of an Agreement to MKN for design services for the Anaheim Lake Valve Vault Project; and

WHEREAS, staff has recommended issuance of Amendment No.1 to such Agreement with MKN for an amount not to exceed \$33,200 for additional work to revise the structural design of the vault due to increased depth of the existing valves being replaced.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve issuance of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 1681 with MKN as outlined herein; and, upon approval as to form by District General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized.

19. Amendment No. 7 to Agreement with Intera for Additional Groundwater Modeling Services

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2-22
APPROVING AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH INTERA, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL GROUNDWATER MODELING SERVICES REGARDING SUNSET GAP SEAWATER INTRUSION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 16-7-102 adopted July 20, 2016, as subsequently amended, OCWD issued Agreement No. 1175 to Intera, Inc. for expanding the Alamitos Gap groundwater model into the Sunset Gap area; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended issuance of Amendment No. 7 to such Agreement in the amount of \$57,550 for additional groundwater basin modeling of the Sunset Gap area;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve the aforementioned Amendment to Agreement No. 1175 as outlined herein; and, upon approval as to form by General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized.

20. Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with Scheevel Engineering to Assist with Final Design of the District's Prado Basin short-term compliance sediment removal obligation project

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2-23

APPROVING AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH SCHEEVEL ENGINEERING TO ASSIST IN THE SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND LONG-TERM PLANNING NEEDS FOR SEDIMENT REMOVAL WITHIN THE PRADO BASIN

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 24-7-77 adopted July 3, 2024, OCWD issued Agreement No. 1607 to Scheevel Engineering to assist in the Sediment Management Plan development and long-term planning needs for sediment removal within the Prado Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended issuance of Amendment No. 1 to such Agreement in the amount of \$225,000, to assist with final design of the District's Prado Basin short-term compliance sediment removal obligation project;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve the aforementioned Amendment to Agreement No. 1607 as outlined herein; and, upon approval as to form by General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized.

21. Monthly Cash Control Report

MOTION NO. 25-16

RECEIVING AND FILING THE MONTHLY CASH CONTROL REPORTS

The Summary Cash and Cash Equivalents Control Reports dated December 31, 2024 and January 31, 2025 are hereby received and filed.

22. Investment Portfolio Holdings Reports

MOTION NO. 25-17

RECEIVING AND FILING INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS REPORTS

The Investment Portfolio Holdings Reports dated December 21, 2024 are hereby received and filed

23. Investment Portfolio Holdings Reports

MOTION NO. 25-18

RECEIVING AND FILING INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS REPORTS

The Investment Portfolio Holdings Reports dated January 31, 2025 are hereby received and filed.

24. Agreement to Utility Audit, Inc for Utility Bill Auditing Services

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2-24

AGREEMENT WITH UTILITY AUDIT, INC FOR UTILITY BILL AUDITING SERVICE

RESOLVED, that an agreement is authorized to Utility Audit, Inc. to provide Utility Bill Auditing Service for a one-year period, for a fee of 40% of refunds/credits identified and received by the District, and

upon approval as to form by District General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized.

25. Request for Proposals for Audit Services

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2-25
AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AUDIT SERVICES

Issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) is authorized for independent auditing services to include the District’s fiscal audit, Single Audit (if required), Money Purchase Plan audit, 457 Plan audit and Ratio analysis.

26. Updated Master Services Agreement with Neogov

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2-26
APPROVING THE UPDATED MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NEOGOV

The updated master services agreement with NeoGov is hereby approved.

27. Termination of North Basin Groundwater Protection Project and Expense Charges and Ratify Payment of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2-27
APPROVING EXPENSE CHARGES TO C07013 THROUGH C07017, AND RATIFYING PAYMENT OF U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY INVOICE

WHEREAS, some of the expenditures charged to capital project numbers C07013 through C07017 for the Board-terminated North Basin Groundwater Protection Project (NBGPP) need to be expensed and not capitalized; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended staff expense \$5,402,916 charged to capital project numbers C07013 through C07017 for the North Basin Groundwater Protection Project due to the District terminating that project; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has further recommended payment of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency invoice of \$249,603 for two years (10/01/2022 – 09/30/2024) of oversight and deliverable review associated with the District conducting a remedial investigation and feasibility study for the North Basin Interim Remedy and increase the Hydrogeology budget for Special Department Expenses by \$249,603 in FY 2024-25

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

Section 1: Staff is authorized to expense \$5,402,916 charged to capital project numbers C07013 through C07017 for the North Basin Groundwater Protection Project due to the District terminating that project.

Section 2: Payment of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency invoice of \$249,603 for two years (10/01/2022 – 09/30/2024) of oversight and deliverable review associated with the District conducting a remedial investigation and feasibility study for the North Basin Interim Remedy is hereby approved and an increase in the Hydrogeology budget for Special Department Expenses by \$249,603 in FY 2024-25 is

hereby authorized.

28. SPLAN Software

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2-28
APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH SPLAN FOR A ONE-TIME IMPLEMENTATION COST AND AN ONGOING ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION COST

RESOLVED, that an agreement is authorized with SPLAN for a one-time implementation cost of \$3,634 and an ongoing annual subscription cost of \$3,836 for Visitor Management Software, subject to approval as to form by the District's General Counsel.

29. Limited-Term Agreement for Environmental Specialist Field Biologist Alec Mang

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2-29
APPROVING LIMITED TERM EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH ALEC MANG AS ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST FIELD BIOLOGIST

RESOLVED, that a Limited Term Employment Agreement is authorized with Alec Mang as an Environmental Specialist Field Biologist for a three-year term commencing February 22, 2025 at a rate of \$42.33 per hour (to be increased by 4% on February 22, 2026 and 4% on February 22, 2027), and, upon motion as to form by District General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized.

30. Limited-Term Employment Request for an Environmental Monitoring/Permitting Specialist

MOTION NO. 25-19
APPROVING ADVERTISEMENT OF A THREE YEAR LIMITED-TERM EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING/PERMITTING SPECIALIST

Advertisement of a three year Limited-Term Employment Agreement for an Environmental Monitoring/Permitting Specialist is hereby approved.

31. Budget to Actual Second Quarter 2024-25

MOTION NO. 25-20
RECEIVING AND FILING THE BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

The Budget to Actual Report for the Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2024-25 ending December 31, 2024 is hereby received and filed.

32. Seal Beach Well Construction Loan Agreement

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2-30
APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SEAL BEACH

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 24-11-151, the Producers Well Construction Loan Program template Agreement was approved on November 20, 2024, and

WHEREAS, in December 2024, the City of Seal Beach (City) submitted an application for the loan program to provide treatment for their high production Lampson Well (4,000 gpm) which has hydrogen sulfide and odor at higher flow rates.

WHEREAS, treatment will provide a meaningful increase in the amount of groundwater the City can safely and reliably produce from the Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended approval of the agreement with the City of Seal Beach for \$4.45 million over a 20 year term.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve the aforementioned Agreement as outlined herein; and, upon approval as to form by District General Counsel, execution of the contracts accordingly by the District officers is authorized.

33. Establish Audiovisual Project Budget and Authorize Services Agreement to Western Audio Visual and Security (Wavs) for Audiovisual Equipment and Services

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2-31

ESTABLISHING A PROJECT BUDGET FOR AUDIOVISUAL EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES
AND APPROVING A SERVICES AGREEMENT TO WAVS FOR THE PURCHASE,
CONFIGURATION, INSTALLATION, AND COMMISSIONING OF EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

WHEREAS, the audiovisual system in the Boardroom, C2 and C3 conference rooms were installed 12 years ago by Integrated Media Systems (IMS) and have reached the end of life; and

WHEREAS, after evaluating four proposals, the District and Municipal Water Districts of Orange County (MWDOC) staff identified Western Audio Visual and Security (WAVS) as meeting the current and future requirements of both agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended establishing a project budget for Audiovisual Equipment and Services of \$545,000, with reimbursement from the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) of 33.6% of shared facility costs of up to approximately \$167,000; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has further recommended authorizing issuance of a Services Agreement to WAVS for an amount not to exceed \$504,000 for the purchase, configuration, installation, and commissioning of equipment and services to replace the existing audiovisual systems in the Boardroom and C2 and C3 Conference Rooms.

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

Section 1: Staff is authorized to establish a project budget for Audiovisual Equipment and Services with reimbursement from MWDOC as outlined herein.

Section 2: An agreement is authorized to WAVS for an amount not to exceed \$504,000 for the purchase, configuration, installation, and commissioning of equipment and services to replace the existing audiovisual systems in the Boardroom and C2 and C3 Conference Rooms; and, upon approval as to form by District General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

7. First Responder Appreciation Luncheon

Director Steve Sheldon requested staff provide a verbal report on this item. General Manager John Kennedy reported that this item was discussed at the February 6 Communications and Legislative Committee meeting where staff proposed that the District host a First Responder Appreciation Luncheon to express the Districts gratitude in recognition of First Responders invaluable support. Mr. Kennedy advised that the proposed budget for this event is \$10,000 but noted the event might be able to be held for less money. Director Sheldon stated that he fully supports first responders, however; he does not think this is an appropriate use of funds. He suggested finding other ways to honor first responders. After a lengthy discussion, all Directors agreed to defer this item back to the Communications and Legislative Committee to discuss hosting this type of event on a smaller scale.

MOTION NO. 25-21

DEFERRING ITEM BACK TO COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Upon motion by Director Amezcua, seconded by Director Green and carried [10-0], the Board of Directors hereby defers this item to the Communications and Legislative Committee.

Ayes: Amezcua, Bilodeau, Green, Jung, Meeks, Nguyen, Sheldon, Tran, Weigand, Yoh

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

34. Field Headquarters Recharge Operations Update

Director of Recharge and Wetland Operations Ben Smith provided an update on the prior week's rain and the annual Field Headquarters rainfall.

35. SAWPA Update

Director Bilodeau provided an update on recent SAWPA activities.

36. Water Resources Report

General Manager John Kennedy stated the report was in the packet.

37. Committee/Conference/Meeting Reports

The Board reported on attendance at the following Committee meetings, noting the Action Agendas were included in tonight's Board packet.

February 6 – Communications and Legislative Committee

February 12– Water Issues Committee

February 13– Administration and Finance Issues Committee

38. Verbal Reports

There were no verbal reports given.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

General Counsel Jungreis advised that a closed session for OCWD v. 3M Company et al. was not needed this evening.

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, [Government Code Section 54956.9 (a),(d) – OCWD v. Sanmina Corp. (South Basin)
- ~~CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, [Government Code Section 54956.9(a),(d)] – OCWD v. 3M Company et al.~~
- CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
[Government Code Section 54957.6] OCWD designated representative: District President Denis Bilodeau, Non-Represented Employee: General Manager

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session whereupon General Counsel Jungreis advised that there was one reportable item regarding OCWD v. Sanmina Corp. (South Basin). He reported that the Board approved a final settlement agreement with Emerson Electric Co. for a total of 3.5 million dollars in total settlement of litigation.

RESOLUTION NO. CS-25-2-1
 APPROVING FINAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH EMERSON ELECTRIC CO. FOR A
 TOTAL OF 3.5 MILLION DOLLARS IN SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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 Denis Bilodeau, President

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Christina Fuller, District Secretary