

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
August 6, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

President Bilodeau called to order the August 6, 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 as follows. Public access was also provided via Zoom webinar.

Directors

Valerie Amezcua
Denis Bilodeau
Cathy Green
Fred Jung (participated as public)
Dina Nguyen (arrived 6:00 p.m.)
Natalie Meeks
Stephen Sheldon
Van Tran (absent)
Erik Weigand
Roger Yoh (absent)

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

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Amezcua, seconded by Director Green and carried [6-0] as follows:

Ayes: Amezcua, Bilodeau, Green, Meeks, Sheldon, Weigand

Absent: Jung, Nguyen, Tran, Yoh

1. Approval of Cash Disbursements

MOTION NO. 25-70
APPROVING CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Payment of bills for the period of July 10, 2025 through July 30, 2025 in the total amount of \$9,916,307.68 is ratified and approved.

2. Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) President, Vice President and Region 10 Election for 2026-2027 Term

MOTION NO. 25-71
AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR CATHY GREEN TO CAST BALLOT FOR THE ACWA PRESIDENT,
VICE PRESIDENT AND REGION 10 ENDORSED CANDIDATES

Authorizing Director Cathy Green to cast the ballot for the ACWA President, Vice President and Region 10 endorsed candidates via electronic ballot.

3. Ratification of Job Classification Salary Range Adjustment

RESOLUTION NO. 25-8-129
ADJUSTING THE SALARY RANGE FOR THE PROPERTY MANAGER JOB CLASSIFICATION
FROM R-17 TO R-18

The salary range and job classification for the Property Manager is hereby adjusted from R-17 to R-18 effective August 6, 2025.

4. Nomination of Fred Jung for Independent Special Districts of Orange County Executive Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 25-8-130
NOMINATING DIRECTOR FRED JUNG FOR ISDOC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, that the Nomination of Director Fred Jung for the position of 3rd Vice President on the ISDOC Executive Committee is hereby approved.

ITEM RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT RETIREMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD JULY 22

5. Money Purchase Plan Investment Line-Up and 457(B) Plan Red Flag Fund Review

MOTION NO. 25-72
APPROVING ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH 457(B) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN
INVESTMENT FUND LINE-UP REVIEW, AND RECEIVING AND FILING
RETIREMENT PLAN INVESTMENT PORTFOLIOS

The following actions in connection with the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan investment funds are hereby approved, and the 401(a) Money Purchase Retirement Plan and the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan investment portfolios are hereby received and filed.

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| OCWD MPP \$10,318,980 & OCWD 457 \$1,923,331 | Map to Vanguard Federal Money Market Inv |
| Fee Efficiency Share Class Review | |
| 401(a) Plan | |
| US Fund Mid-Cap Value – Fidelity Low-Priced Stock (FLPSX) | New Share Class – K6 New Ticker -FLKSX |
| US Fund Mid-Cap Growth – Janus Henderson Enterprise N (JDMNX) | New Share Class – T New Ticker – JAENX |
| 457(b) Plan | |
| US Fund Mid-Cap Growth – Janus Henderson Enterprise (JDMNX) | New Share Class – T New Ticker – JAENX |
| US Fund Moderate Allocation – Janus Henderson Balanced I (JBALX) | New Share Class – T New Ticker - JABAX |
| 401(a) Funds | Action |
| American Funds New Perspectives R6 | Remove Grey Flag |
| Principal MidCap S&P 400 Index Inst & | Bring back to the Committee with more data |

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| Carillon Scout Mid Cap I | |
| JPMorgan Equity Income R6 | Grey Flag |
| T.Rowe Price All-Cap Opportunities | Grey Flag |
| 457 Funds | Action |
| Virtus Duff & Phelps Water A | Add Fidelity Water Sustainability and map existing funds |
| AB Large Cap Growth I | Red Flag |
| T.Rowe Price All-Cap Opportunities | Remain on Red Flag |

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD JULY 25

6. Approval of License Agreement with Spectrum Pacific West (Charter Communications) for Installation and Maintenance of Underground Fiber Optic Facilities

RESOLUTION NO. 25-8-131

APPROVING LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SPECTRUM PACIFIC WEST, LLC (CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS) FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF UNDERGROUND FIBER OPTIC FACILITIES

RESOLVED, that the License Agreement between OCWD and Spectrum Pacific West, LLC (Charter Communications) for the non-exclusive use of OCWD property adjacent to South Tustin Avenue in Anaheim for the installation, maintenance, and operation of underground fiber optic facilities for a 10-year term and one-time fee of \$6,514 is hereby approved.

7. Orange County Transit Authority Temporary Construction Easement Request for State Route 91 Improvements

MOTION NO. 25-73

APPROVING THE COMPENSATION OFFER FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS

The compensation offer from the Orange County Transportation Authority in the amount of \$72,480, which includes \$60,400 in compensation for Temporary Construction Easements and a \$12,080 incentive payment, is authorized.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

8. Future of the Prado Wetlands

Natural Resources Director Sheryl Parsons reported that current operation and maintenance of the Prado Constructed Wetlands as nitrogen treatment wetlands requires a large maintenance commitment from OCWD's Operations staff. She advised that recent modeling has shown that the wetlands are no longer required to be operated as treatment wetlands which presents an opportunity to rethink how to operate and maintain the wetlands to reduce the maintenance burden on staff. She stated that staff proposes to discontinue use of North, South, and West ponds as treatment ponds. She reported that staff is proposing to hire a consultant to develop design plans for enhancements to interpretive infrastructure at Prado Wetlands and Field Office, and to improve visitor experience by enhancing seating and providing shading, restrooms, and water stations. Ms. Parsons noted that the design cost is estimated to be in the range of \$60,000 to

\$100,000 and the estimated construction cost to implement these improvements is approximately \$200,000 to 250,000. She noted that OCWD would seek grant funding for these new facilities.

Upon motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Amezcua, the following resolution was carried [6-0].

Ayes: Amezcua, Bilodeau, Green, Meeks, Sheldon, Weigand

Absent: Jung, Nguyen, Tran, Yoh

RESOLUTION NO. 25-8-132

AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR A CONSULTANT TO DEVELOP A CONCEPTUAL DESIGN PLAN AND DISCONTINUING USE OF NORTH, SOUTH, AND WEST PONDS AS TREATMENT PONDS

WHEREAS, recent modeling has shown that the wetlands are no longer required to be operated as treatment wetlands to meet downstream nitrogen standards;

WHEREAS, staff recommends hiring a consultant to develop design plans for enhancements to interpretive infrastructure to support tour groups at Prado Wetlands and Field office and to improve visitor experience by enhancing seating and providing shading, restrooms, and water stations to improve comfort and safety;

WHEREAS, staff further recommends issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a consultant to develop a conceptual design plan for enhancements that support and expand the site's touring capabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of Orange County Water District.

Section 1: Discontinued use of North, South, and West ponds as treatment ponds is hereby authorized.

Section 2: Issuance of an RFP for a consultant to develop a conceptual design plan for enhancements that support and expand the site's touring capabilities is hereby approved.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

9. SAWPA Update

Director Bilodeau provided an update on recent activities.

10. Committee/Conference/Meeting Reports

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

11. Verbal Reports

No verbal reports were given this evening.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

General Manager John Kennedy advised that the scheduled Labor Closed Session item has been postponed until the next Board meeting.

~~CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS — [Government Code Section 54957.6] —~~
~~OCWD designated representative: Stephanie Dosier, Employee Organization: Orange County Employee Association~~

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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Denis Bilodeau, President

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Christina Fuller 8/20/2025
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Christina Fuller, District Secretary