

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
April 3, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

President Green called to order the April 3, 2024 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
Denis Bilodeau
Cathy Green
Dina Nguyen
Natalie Meeks
Stephen Sheldon (absent)
Van Tran
Erik Weigand
Bruce Whitaker
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

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

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

1. Approval of Cash Disbursements

MOTION NO. 24-36
APPROVING CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Payment of bills for the period of March 14, 2024 through March 27, 2024 in the total amount of \$8,418,732.41 is ratified and approved.

2. Limited-Term Employment Agreement with National Water Research Institute (NWRI) Executive Director

RESOLUTION NO. 24-4-29
RENEWING LIMITED-TERM EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH NWRI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KEVIN HARDY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 17-4-40 adopted April 5, 2017, as subsequently amended, OCWD authorized a Limited-term Employment Agreement with Kevin Hardy as Executive Director of the

National Water Research Institute, based on an annual salary of \$175,000 for a three-year term commencing April 10, 2017; and.

WHEREAS, the District staff has recommended renewal of such Agreement based on an annual salary of \$225,000 for an additional three-year term commencing April 7, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve renewal of the Agreement with Mr. Hardy as outlined herein, and, upon approval as to form by District General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MARCH 22

- 3. Proposed Agreement with City of Villa Park to Repair Storm Drain at Blue Diamond Basin and Establish Future Maintenance Responsibility
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RESOLUTION NO. 24-4-30

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF VILLA PARK TO REPAIR STORM DRAIN AT BLUE DIAMOND BASIN AND ESTABLISHING FUTURE MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY

WHEREAS, The City of Villa Park (City) drains storm water collected in the City to a District groundwater recharge basin, Blue Diamond Basin (Basin), which forms part of the District’s Santiago Recharge basin complex.

WHEREAS, District staff advised the City that certain drainage facilities, which consist of pipes, drains, manholes and storm sewer drainage systems (Drainage Facilities), located on the southwest corner of the Basin, were damaged resulting in erosion of the adjacent slope on District property.

WHEREAS, District Staff and the City wish to enter into an Agreement to repair the Drainage Facilities on District property, the adjacent slope, and to establish future maintenance responsibility and access rights supporting same;

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

Section 1: The General Manager or his designee is authorized to finalize negotiations and execute the Repair and Maintenance Agreement with the City for Drainage Facilities and Slope Repairs on District Property.

Section 2: The General Manager or his designee is authorized to negotiate and execute an appropriate access easement in coordination with the District’s General Counsel sufficient to allow the City to maintain the Drainage Facilities post-repair, subject to review and approval as to form and content by General Counsel.

Directors Tran, Whitaker and Yoh arrived during discussion of the following item.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. PFAS Update

Executive Director Jason Dadakis provided a review of USEPA Final PFAS Drinking Water Regulations which was completed on March 27, 2024. Executive Director Chris Olsen provided an update on PFAS treatment plant construction and current grant efforts.

5. SAWPA Update

Director Whitaker reported on recent SAWPA activities.

6. Committee/Conference/Meeting Reports

The Board reported on attendance at the following Committee meeting, noting the Action Agenda was included in tonight's Board packet.

March 22 – Property Management Committee

7. Verbal Reports

There were no verbal reports given.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

- Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation Per [Government Code Section 54956.9(D)(2)], Case Of Merrill V. Santa Ana River Lakes Et al, Case No. 30-2022-01271512-CU-PO-CJC

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session whereupon General Counsel Jungreis advised that there were no reportable items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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 Cathy Green, President

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 Christina Fuller, District Secretary