

MINUTES OF MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
May 1, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

President Green called to order the May 1, 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 (arrived @ 5:40 p.m.)  
Natalie Meeks  
Stephen Sheldon (arrived @ 5:35 p.m.)  
Van Tran  
Erik Weigand  
Bruce Whitaker (Closed session only)  
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

President Green requested the removal of Item No. 3, *Resolution in Recognition*, be removed from the Consent calendar. The balance of the Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Meeks, seconded by Director Amezcua and carried [7-0] as follows.

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

1. Approval of Cash Disbursements

MOTION NO. 24-42  
APPROVING CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Payment of bills for the period of April 11, 2024 through April 24, 2024 in the total amount of \$3,986,294.51 is ratified and approved.

2. Evoqua Water Technologies LLC Resin Media Agreement Time Extension

MOTION NO. 24-43  
AUTHORIZING TIME EXTENSION FOR AGREEMENT WITH EVOQUA WATER  
TECHNOLOGIES, LLC

A time extension to Agreement No. 1489 with Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC to October 31, 2024 is hereby authorized.

3. Resolution in Recognition of The Honorable J. Wayne Miller

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

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT RETIREMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD APRIL 23

4. 457(B) Deferred Compensation Plan Updated Plan Document

RESOLUTION NO. 24-5-45  
AUTHORIZING THE AMENDED AND RESTATED 457(B) PLAN DOCUMENT

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2023, the District transitioned both the Money Purchase Plan and the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plans to Fidelity.

WHEREAS, as part of the services outlined in the agreement, Fidelity will now take over the responsibility of maintaining the 457(b)-plan document.

WHEREAS, the Retirement Committee of this Board has recommended approval of the Amended and Restated 457(b) Plan Document effective January 1, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve the aforementioned Amended and Restated 457(b) Plan Document effective January 1, 2024.

5. 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan Investment Line-Up Review and 401(a) Red Flag Fund Review

MOTION NO. 24-44  
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.

FUND NAME	ACTION	MAP TO
Delaware Ivy Mid Cap Growth R6	Red Flag	
Vanguard International Growth Adm	Remove & Replace	Fidelity International Capital Appreciation
JP Morgan Mid Cap Growth R5	Remove & Replace	Fidelity Growth Strategies K6
Carillon Scout Mid Cap R6	Red Flag	

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

3. Resolution in Recognition of The Honorable J. Wayne Miller

General Manager John Kennedy reported that the Yorba Linda Water District (YLWD) recently renamed its PFAS treatment plant to honor former YLWD board member J. Wayne Miller. Mr. Kennedy presented a resolution to Dr. Miller that commends his exemplary career and contributions to the water industry. Dr. Miller thanked the Board and staff praised the world renowned Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS).

Upon motion by Director Tran, seconded by Director Meeks, the following resolution was adopted [8-0].

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24-5-46  
RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE J. WAYNE MILLER, PH.D. FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT  
PFAS CLEANUP EFFORTS AT YORBA LINDA WATER DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Honorable J. Wayne Miller, Ph.D. served as a member of the Yorba Linda Water District's (YLWD) Board of Directors from December 2016 to November 2023; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Miller also served on multiple committees for the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and as YLWD's representative on the ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority's Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a large group of man-made chemicals used to keep food from sticking to cookware, make clothes, carpets, and furniture resistant to water and stains and found in firefighting foams and are originally sourced to chemical manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, PFAS have been detected in the Orange County Groundwater Basin, primarily entering via the Santa Ana River; and

WHEREAS, despite playing no role in releasing PFAS into the environment, the Orange County Water District (OCWD) has worked diligently with its cities and retail water districts, including Yorba Linda Water District, to remove PFAS from local water supplies; and

WHEREAS, more than 100 of 200 wells in Orange County have been impacted due to various state and federal regulations, leading to 100 percent of YLWD's wells being taken offline due to PFAS contamination; and

WHEREAS, Yorba Linda Water District, under Dr. Miller's leadership and guidance, in collaboration with the Orange County Water District, constructed the nation's largest Ion Exchange Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Water Treatment Plant, which commenced operations in December 2021 and now can treat up to 25 million gallons of water a day, providing high-quality drinking water to YLWD's 80,000 customers; and

WHEREAS, this plant not only secures YLWD's water supply but also reduces their dependency on imported water, minimizes the effects on the electrical grid and supports groundwater sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Miller's extensive experience and leadership facilitated the successful testing and implementation of ion exchange technology at the plant, marking it as a pioneering project in the nation; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2024, the Yorba Linda Water District Board of Directors held a rededication ceremony for the PFAS Water Treatment Plant, now known as the J. Wayne Miller, Ph.D. Water Treatment Plant, attended by over 80 stakeholders including community members, elected officials, and staff, to honor Dr. Miller's remarkable achievements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District that the Honorable J. Wayne Miller, Ph.D. be formally recognized and commended for his exemplary contributions to PFAS initiatives in collaboration with the Orange County Water District and the Yorba Linda Water District and to celebrate the dedication of the J. Wayne Miller, Ph.D. Water Treatment Plant in his honor.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

##### 6. PFAS Update

Executive Director Chris Olsen provided an update on PFAS treatment plant construction and current grant efforts stating that the District received a \$4 million increase from Fullerton Main Plant, IRWD and EOCWD.

##### 7. Committee/Conference/Meeting Reports

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

April 23 - Retirement Committee  
April 24 - Joint Planning Committee

##### 8. Verbal Reports

There were no verbal reports given.

#### RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

- Conference with Labor Negotiators – [Government Code Section 54957.6], OCWD designated representative: Stephanie Dosier  
Employee Organization: Orange County Employee Association
- Conference with Legal Counsel – [Government Code Section 54956.9(d), Potential litigation

#### 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 6:36 p.m.

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Cathy Green, President

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Christina Fuller, District Secretary