

MINUTES OF MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
July 17, 2024 5:30 p.m.

President Green called to order the July 17, 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 @ 5:36 p.m.)  
Natalie Meeks  
Stephen Sheldon (arrived @ 5:33 p.m.)  
Van Tran (absent)  
Erik Weigand  
Bruce Whitaker  
Roger Yoh

Staff

John Kennedy, General Manager  
Jeremy Jungreis, General Counsel  
Leticia Villarreal, Asst. District Secretary

VISITOR PARTICIPATION

There were no visitors wishing to address the Board at this meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Amezcua, seconded by Director Meeks and carried [7-0] as follows,

Ayes: Amezcua, Bilodeau, Green, Meeks, Weigand, Whitaker, Yoh

Absent: Nguyen, Sheldon, Tran

1. Approval of Cash Disbursements

MOTION NO. 24-67  
APPROVING CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Payment of bills for the period of June 27, 2024 through July 10, 2024 in the total amount of \$12,841,737.45 is ratified and approved.

2. Minutes of Board of Directors Meetings held June 19 and July 3, 2024

MOTION NO. 24-68  
APPROVING MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the Board of Directors meetings held June 19 and July 3, 2024 are hereby approved as presented.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD JUNE 28

3. Amendment Five to Access Permit with the Water Replenishment District of Southern California

RESOLUTION NO. 24-7-78

AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO ACCESS PERMIT WITH WRDSC FOR COLLECTION OF WATER SAMPLES FROM SEAL BEACH MONITORING WELLS REQUIRED FOR ALAMITOS BARRIER RECYCLED WATER PROJECT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 99-8-102 adopted August 18, 1999, as amended, OCWD issued an Access Permit to the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRDSC) to collect water samples at OCWD Monitoring Wells in the Seal Beach area to satisfy the monitoring requirements of the WRDSC Alamitos Barrier Recycled Water Project; and

WHEREAS, the Property Management Committee of this Board has presented and recommended issuance of Amendment Five to such Permit with WRDSC extending the permit expiration date to August 31, 2029, for access to five OCWD-owned monitoring wells, OCWD-34L10, OCWD-34N21, OCWD-34U8, OCWD-34F10 and OCWD-34H25 to satisfy regulatory monitoring requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve Amendment Five to the Access Permit with WRDSC as hereinabove set forth, and, upon approval as to form by District General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized.

4. License Agreement West of Highway 71/Prado Basin

RESOLUTION NO. 24-7-79

APPROVING LICENSE AGREEMENTS WITH ANDRE BELLO, ALBERT BELLO, TONY BELLO, SCOTT DONLEY, STEVE BULL AND TIM WEST FOR ACCESS ACROSS DISTRICT PROPERTY WEST OF HIGHWAY 71 AT PRADO BASIN

WHEREAS, the District owns property located west of Highway 71 (Corona Expressway), approximately two miles north of the 91 Freeway in unincorporated Riverside County (APN 101-050-010).

WHEREAS, neighboring property owners, Mr. Andre Bello and Mr. Scott Donley have requested a License Agreement to use the District's road through the entry gate on Highway 71, allowing access to their landlocked properties; and

WHEREAS, the Property Management Committee of this Board has recommended execution of such License Agreements for access across District Property, west of Highway 71 access road, for a 5-year period ending June 30, 2029, for a License Fee of \$1,148;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve the aforementioned License Agreements 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 WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD JULY 10

5. California Special District Association Board of Directors Election – Southern Region, Seat A

MOTION NO. 24-69

AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO CAST OCWD BALLOT FOR CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The OCWD General Manager is hereby authorized to cast the OCWD ballot for Jo MacKenzie for CSDA Board of Directors election- Southern Section, Seat A.

6. Emergency Repair Work Order Ratification and Budget Increase

RESOLUTION NO. 24-7-80

RATIFYING WORK ORDERS TO T.E. ROBERTS AND INCREASING PROJECT BUDGET

WHEREAS, the District annually establishes an emergency repair budget funded from the Replacement and Refurbishment (R&R) reserves to facilitate a rapid response to periodic infrastructure failures and repairs.

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board recommends to ratify the remaining emergency repair costs from Fiscal Year 2023-24 (FY 23-24).

WHEREAS, the District staff further recommends increasing the project budget allocation by \$5,452, for a total of \$605,452 to close out FY 23-24 emergency repair work orders;

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

Section 1: Work Order Nos. 7 and 7A of Agreement No. 1452 and payments to T.E. Roberts, Inc. for emergency repairs totaling \$66,881 as outlined herein.

Section 2: Work Order No. 8 of Agreement No. 1452 and payments to T.E. Roberts, Inc. for emergency repairs totaling \$4,382 as outlined herein.

Section 3: An increase in the project budget allocation by \$5,452, for a total of \$605,452 to close out FY 23-24 emergency repair work orders is hereby authorized as outlined herein.

7. Authorize Agreements to Kennedy Jenks and AECOM for Grant Funding Support

RESOLUTION NO. 24-7-81

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS TO KENNEDY JENKS AND AECOM FOR GRANT FUNDING SUPPORT

WHEREAS, due to the District's recent success in obtaining grant funding for the PFAS groundwater treatment projects, the administrative workload to process and administer these applications has significantly increased; and

WHEREAS, staff recommended hiring outside consultants who would be primarily used to continue seeking additional grants for PFAS and other District projects.

WHEREAS, staff interviewed several on-call PFAS treatment design firms that have extensive experience with various grant funding agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board recommends authorizing Agreements with Kennedy Jenks and AECOM for a not to exceed amount of \$30,000 each.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby authorize Agreements with Kennedy Jenks and AECOM for a not to exceed amount of \$30,000 each as outlined herein; and, upon approval as to form by General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized.

8. Amendment No. 7 to Agreement with Evoqua for PFAS Treatment Pressure Vessel Systems

RESOLUTION NO. 24-7-82

AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 7 TO AGREEMENT WITH EVOQUA FOR PFAS TREATMENT PRESSURE VESSEL SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 20-5-56 adopted May 6, 2020, OCWD issued Agreement No. 1423 to Evoqua for PFAS Treatment Pressure Vessel Systems; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended issuance of Amendment No. 7 to such Agreement for actual sales tax rates for the original Agreement and Amendments one and two.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve issuance of Amendment No. 7 to Agreement No. 1423; and, upon approval as to form by District General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized.

9. Purchase Order to KDC Systems for Replacement of the Phillip L. Anthony Water Quality Laboratory Building Management System Controls

RESOLUTION NO. 24-7-83

APPROVING PURCHASE ORDER TO KDC SYSTEMS FOR REPLACEMENT OF LABORATORY BUILDING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CONTROLS

RESOLVED, that issuance of a Purchase Order is authorized to KDC Systems in the amount of \$49,743 for services to replace, program, test and certify the Philip L. Anthony Water Quality Laboratory Building Management System.

10. Contract No. GSWC-2024-1 Sherrill Well PFAS Water Treatment Plant Categorical Exemption and Notice Inviting Bids

RESOLUTION NO. 24-7-84

AUTHORIZING FILING OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, final plans and specifications for Golden State Water Company Sherrill Well PFAS Water Treatment Plant are complete; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); staff has determined that Sherrill Well 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

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended publication of a Notice inviting Bids;

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 Golden State Water Company Sherrill Well PFAS Water Treatment Plant project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

Section 2: Publication of Notice Inviting Bids is authorized for Contract No. GSWC-2024-1, Golden State Water Company Sherrill Well PFAS Water Treatment Plant.

- 11. Annual Santa Ana River Streamgaging Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey
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RESOLUTION NO. 24-7-85  
 APPROVING CONTINUED JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT  
 WITH USGS FOR SANTA ANA RIVER STREAMGAGING SERVICES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 799 adopted November 20, 1963, OCWD entered into a Cooperative Program Agreement with the U.S. Department of the Interior Geological Survey (USGS) to conduct streamgaging services along the Santa Ana River; and

WHEREAS, such program has remained in force, with modifications, since its inception pursuant to actions taken by this Board; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has recommended approval of continuance of such cooperative program under the USGS Joint Funding Agreement for Water Resources Investigations to conduct streamgaging of the Santa Ana River below Prado Dam and Santiago Creek at Santa Ana for the period October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025, at a cost to OCWD of \$49,570;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve the Joint Funding Agreement with USGS as described herein; and, upon approval as to form by District General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized, and payment of \$49,570 to the USGS for OCWD’s share of costs for these services is authorized.

- 12. Amendment and Renewal of Santa Ana Watershed Association Agreement

RESOLUTION NO. 24-7-86  
 AMENDMENT TO LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SANTA ANA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
 FOR ARUNDO REMOVAL ON DISTRICT LANDS IN PRADO BASIN

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 13-7-87 adopted July 24, 2013, OCWD entered into a License Agreement with the Santa Ana Watershed Association (SAWA) for removal of Arundo on OCWD Property in Prado Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues Committee of this Board has presented and recommended approval of renewal of Agreement No. 1369 until July 1, 2025, solely for Arundo removal, with a budget not to exceed \$100,000, and include additional language to improve billing transparency; and

WHEREAS, the Water Issues committee has further recommended elimination of the 50/50 staff billing arrangement, resulting in an increase in OCWD's headcount from 226.5 to 227; and

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

Section 1: Renewal of Agreement No. 1369 is approved as described herein; and, upon approval as to form by District General Counsel; its execution by the District officers is authorized.

Section 2: Elimination of the 50/50 staff billing arrangement, resulting in an increase in OCWD's headcount from 226.5 to 227 is hereby approved.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT ADMINISTRATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD JULY 11

13. Monthly Cash Control Report

MOTION NO. 24-70  
RECEIVING AND FILING THE MONTHLY CASH CONTROL REPORTS

The Summary Cash and Cash Equivalents Control Reports dated June 30, 2024 are hereby received and filed.

14. Investment Portfolio Holdings Reports

MOTION NO. 24-71  
RECEIVING AND FILING INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS REPORTS

The Investment Portfolio Holdings Reports dated June 30, 2024 are hereby received and filed.

15. Agreement for Purchase of 5,472 Microfiltration Membrane Modules

MOTION NO. 24-72  
APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH MEMCOR/DUPONT WATER SOLUTIONS FOR PURCHASE OF  
GWRS MICROFILTRATION MEMBRANE MODULES

RESOLVED, that issuance of an agreement with Memcor/Dupont Water Solutions is authorized for an amount not to exceed \$5,240,416 for the purchase of 5,472 polypropylene MF membrane modules required for the GWRS.

16. Authorize the General Manager to Enter Into Subscription Agreement for Klir Permitting Module Software

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-7-87

AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE KLIR COMPLY SOFTWARE  
SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT

RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to execute Klir Comply Software Subscription Agreement effective July 15, 2024, through July 30, 2025, subject to such revisions as may be recommended by the District's General Manager or General Counsel; and, upon approval as to form by General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized.

17. Purchase F-150 Truck from Villa Ford of Orange

RESOLUTION NO. 24-7-88  
AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDER TO VILLA FORD OF ORANGE FOR AN  
F-150 TRUCK

Authorize issuance of Purchase Order to Villa Ford of Orange for \$49,120 to purchase an F-150 Truck, and place T-128 on the surplus equipment list when the new truck is delivered.

18. Purchase John Deere 450 Bulldozer from Coastline

RESOLUTION NO. 24-7-89  
AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDER TO COASTLINE EQUIPMENT FOR A  
JOHN DEERE 450 BULLDOZER

Authorize issuance of Purchase Order to Coastline Equipment for \$212,692 for purchase of a John Deere 450 Bulldozer, and place TL-20 on the surplus equipment list when the new equipment is delivered.

19. Possible Producers Well Construction Loan Program

MOTION NO. 24-73  
DIRECTING STAFF TO PROCEED WITH PRODUCER DISCUSSIONS REGARDING A WELL  
CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Staff is hereby directed to proceed with Producer discussions regarding a possible Producers well construction loan program.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

20. SAWPA Update

Director Whitaker provided an update on recent SAWPA activities.

21. Water Resources Summary

General Manager John Kennedy noted that the water production estimated groundwater pumping revenue was high for the year.

22. 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.

- June 28 - Property Management Committee
- July 8 - GWRS Steering Committee
- July 10 - Water Issues Committee
- July 11- Administration and Finance Issues Committee

23. Verbal Reports

President Green advised she attended a UC Irvine Forum regarding Sediment Management along with OCWD staff.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

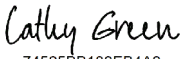
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)] – OCWD v. 3M Company et al.
- CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – [Government Code Section 54957.6] OCWD designated representative: Stephanie Dosier  
Employee Organization: Orange County Employee Association


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 6:25 p.m.

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