

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
September 4, 2024, 5:30 p.m.**

President Green called to order the September 4, 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 Amezcuia (absent)
Denis Bilodeau
Cathy Green
Dina Nguyen
Natalie Meeks
Stephen Sheldon
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 approved upon motion by Director Weigand, seconded by Director Whitaker and carried [9-0] as follows:

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

Absent: Amezcuia

1. Approval of Cash Disbursements

**MOTION NO. 24-85
APPROVING CASH DISBURSEMENTS**

Payment of bills for the period of August 15, 2024 through August 28, 2024 in the total amount of \$19,504,569.26 is ratified and approved.

**ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AUGUST 23**

**2. Amendment to Pheasant Lease to Elaine Raahauge D.B.A. Mike Raahauge's Shooting Enterprises at
Prado Basin for One-Year Extension**

RESOLUTION NO. 24-9-107

**APPROVING AMENDMENT TO PHEASANT HUNTING LEASE WITH ELAINE RAAHAUGE DBA
MIKE RAAHAUGE'S SHOOTING ENTERPRISES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 05-11-126 adopted November 2, 2005, and subsequent amendments thereto, the OCWD Board authorized a Lease to Elaine Raahauge d.b.a. Mike Raahauge's Shooting Enterprises for continued use of certain District Prado lands for operation of a pheasant hunting concession, game bird raising, hunter safety classes, dog kennel operation, caretaker's trailer, and non-exclusive use of the clubhouse and roads; and

WHEREAS, the Property Management Committee of this Board has recommended approval of Amendment No. 20 to such Lease providing for a one-year extension of the Lease through September 30, 2025, with all other terms and conditions to remain the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve the aforementioned Amendment No. 20 to the Lease with Elaine Raahauge d.b.a. Mike Raahauge's Shooting Enterprises as outlined herein; and, upon approval as to form by District General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized.

3. Revised Policy Regarding Filming on District Property

RESOLUTION NO. 24-9-108
ADOPTING REVISED POLICY FOR FILMING ON DISTRICT PROPERTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 90-2-38 adopted February 21, 1990, as subsequently amended by Resolution Nos. 94-2-24, 99-2-23, and 11-9-26 adopted February 16, 1994, February 17, 1999, and September 7, 2011 respectively, the OCWD Board adopted a policy on filming on District Property; and

WHEREAS, the Property Management Committee has recommended amendment of such filming policy to provide clarification and align with best practices, as recommended by legal counsel;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby adopt the following new policy setting forth the procedures for issuance of Licenses to film on District property:

OCWD POLICY FOR FILMING ON DISTRICT PROPERTY

1. Exempting media broadcasts or non-commercial photography film on publicly accessible property.
2. Revising the location fee to be the greater of the current District license fee of \$1,148 or \$250 per day for photography or \$500 per day for filming.
3. Clarifying the General Manager's authorization to recover from the licensee site preparation costs.
4. Clarifying the General Manager's authorization to waive fees for charitable, student, government or other reasons in the General Manager's discretion.
5. Clarifying the General Manager's authorization to grant, deny or condition licenses.
6. Attaching a form of the License Agreement to the policy.

4. Termination of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Decertification of Property at Burris Basin

MOTION NO. 24-86

DIRECTING STAFF TO TRANSMIT A LETTER TO CALTRANS TO CEASE WORK ON AND TERMINATE THE “DECERTIFICATION” PROCESS FOR THE 1.3 ACRES AT BURRIS BASIN

WHEREAS, The District leases a 15-acre portion of Burris Basin in Anaheim to NSM Golf, LLC, operating as The Islands Golf Center (The Islands), which includes 1.3 acres of land leased from California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and subleased by the District to The Islands.

WHEREAS, Caltrans has been reviewing the land for “decertification” at the District’s request since 2018, however, they will only consider decertifying a portion of the land and are requiring an additional \$50,000 deposit to continue the process; and

WHEREAS, the Property Management Committee of this Board has recommended terminating the decertification process with Caltrans since Caltrans will not consider decertifying the entire 1.3 acres;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby Direct staff to transmit a letter to Caltrans to cease work on and terminate the “decertification” process for the 1.3 acres at Burris Basin.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT RETIREMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AUGUST 27

5. Stable Value Fund Options

MOTION NO. 24-87

DIRECTING FIDELITY TO ACCEPT THE FIRST EMPOWER GIF WIRE OF 50% OF THE BALANCE INTO THE VANGUARD FEDERAL MONEY MARKET FUND

Fidelity is hereby directed to accept the first Empower GIF wire of 50% of the balance on 11/1/2024 into the Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. Future of the Prado Wetlands Workshop

Executive Director Lisa Haney provided a workshop on the future of Prado Wetlands which focused on the historical context, current obligations, and strategic opportunities for assessing the future of the constructed wetlands portion of the Prado Basin. She advised that the workshop’s purpose is to initiate a planning process aimed at aligning the constructed wetlands’ future with changing OCWD and regional needs, operational realities, and strategic objective opportunities. Ms. Haney stated that staff will return to the Board at a later date with options moving forward.

7. SAWPA Update

Director Whitaker provided an update on recent SAWPA activities.

8. 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.

August 23 - Property Management Committee
August 27 - Retirement Committee

9. Verbal Reports

General Manager John Kennedy stated that staff is working with the office of Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris to arrange a GWRS tour. He noted staff will keep the Board updated.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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