

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
October 2, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

President Green called to order the October 2, 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 (absent)
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 approved upon motion by Director Meeks, seconded by Director Tran and carried [8-0] as follows:

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

Absent: Nguyen, Sheldon

1. Approval of Cash Disbursements

MOTION NO. 24-94
APPROVING CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Payment of bills for the period of September 12, 2024 through September 25, 2024 in the total amount of \$9,370,910.24 is ratified and approved.

2. Order 2023-24 Annual Engineer's Investigation and Report on Groundwater Conditions, Water Supply and Basin Utilization

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-122
ORDERING ANNUAL ENGINEERING INVESTIGATION AND REPORT ON GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS, WATER SUPPLY, AND BASIN UTILIZATION

WHEREAS, Section 25 and Section 31.5, subparagraph (1), of the Orange County Water District Act, as amended, provide that the District shall annually order an investigation and report to be made by an engineer or engineers employed by said District, for the purpose of investigating and reporting on

groundwater conditions of said District, and for the purpose of ascertaining information relative to water use, water availability, and water costs as set forth in said District Act;

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

Section 1: The engineers of the District staff are instructed to proceed with said investigation and report on groundwater conditions for the water year 2023-24, in accordance with Section 25 of the amended Orange County Water District Act, for consideration of the Board in the levy of the replenishment assessment for 2025-26; and to proceed with said investigation and report on water supply and basin utilization, in accordance with said Section 31.5 of the amended District Act, for the consideration of the Board in the levy of a basin equity assessment for 2025-26.

Section 2: The engineers of the District staff are instructed to deliver the completed report in writing to the General Manager of this District on the second Wednesday in February 2025 as provided in said Act.

3. Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-123

APPROVING THE REVISED DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT RESOLUTION FOR NON-STATE AGENCIES, AND OES-FPD-130 FORM

WHEREAS, The California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) has requested that the District submit a revised Form OES-FPD-130 to reflect the appointment of a new General Manager and the addition of the Chief Financial Officer to the list of authorized agents.

WHEREAS, any changes to this list must be approved by the Board with authorized District staff empowered to complete necessary forms and request any grant disaster funding available including but not limited to the Federal Public Assistance Program Hazard Mitigation or the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) following a disaster event.

WHEREAS, staff has recommended approval of the revised Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies, and OES-FPD-130 form;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby Approve the revised Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies, and OES-FPD-130 form.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 20

4. Agreement with Voit Real Estate Services for District's Imperial Highway Property

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-124

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT TO VOIT REAL ESTATE SERVICES FOR DISTRICT'S IMPERIAL HIGHWAY PROPERTY

RESOLVED, that issuance of an agreement is authorized to Voit Real Estate Services for exploring bridge access options to the District's Imperial Highway Property for a 6-month term, at a rate of \$450 per hour,

with a total cost not to exceed \$7,500 and, upon approval as to form by District General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. Field Headquarters Recharge Operations Update

Director of Recharge and Wetland Operations Ben Smith provided an operations update stating that FY 2023-24 was a record year for surface recharge at 282,000 acre-feet.

6. SAWPA Update

Director Whitaker provided an update on recent SAWPA activities.

7. 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.

September 20 - Property Management Committee

September 24- Retirement Committee

8. Verbal Reports

President Green reported that she attended an ACWA meeting on September 20th and noted that former ACWA President Bette Boatman passed away on September 9th. Director Bilodeau reported on his legislative trip to Washington, D.C. Director Yoh stated he attended Representative Napolitano's retirement dinner on September 21st. Director Meeks invited the Board members to attend the OC River Walk project check presentation on October 23rd.

General Manager John Kennedy advised that the grant amount for the Tustin PFAS project was increased from five million to ten million dollars. He also noted that the Singapore PUB visited OCWD on October 1st for a GWRS tour and presentation.

The meeting was adjourned in honor of Bette Boatman's memory.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, [Government Code Section 54956. 9(d)(1)]–1 case: Irvine Ranch Water District v.OCWD,et al.

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 6:30 p.m.

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Cathy Green

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Cathy Green, President

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Christina Fuller

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Christina Fuller, District Secretary