

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
November 6, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

President Green called to order the November 6, 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

James Kim provided information on the Friends of Santa Ana Zoo which is a non-profit organization that works to raise funds for and spread awareness of the Zoo. Santa Ana Zoo Director Ethan Fisher provided an update on the new Santiago Creek Eco Center and current outreach to the community. Lauren Bergh, Santa Ana Zoo representative, advised of the new programs at the Eco Center.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Meeks, seconded by Director Amezcua and carried [9-0] as follows:

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

Absent: Sheldon

*Director Bilodeau disclosed that on Items No. 4 and 5, the County of Orange is his employer; however, he has no financial interest in these items.

1. Approval of Cash Disbursements

MOTION NO. 24-102
APPROVING CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Payment of bills for the period of October 10, 2024 through October 30, 2024 in the total amount of \$14,176,302.03 is ratified and approved.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT RETIREMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
OCTOBER 22

2. 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan Investment Line-Up Review and 401(a) Red Flag Fund Review

MOTION NO. 24-103
 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.

457(b) Items for Review	
INVESTMENT FUNDS	ACTION
Delaware Ivy Mid Cap Growth I (IYMIX)	Remove and map to T. Rowe Price Diversified Mid Cap Gr I
457(a) Items for Review	
American Funds New Perspective (RNPGX)	Keep Red Flag
Carillon Scout Mid Cap I (UMBMX)	Red Flag

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD OCTOBER 25

3. License Agreement West of Highway 71/Prado Basin

RESOLUTION NO. 24-11-130
 APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH RENE BANUELOS AND CARLOS SANCHEZ FOR ACCESS
 ACROSS DISTRICT’S PROPERTY, LOCATED WEST OF HIGHWAY 71

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. Rene Banuelos and Mr. Carlos Sanchez, 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 with Rene Banuelos and Carlos Sanchez for access across District’s Property, located west of Highway 71, for a five-year period, with 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, execution on behalf of the District by the President or Vice President and General Manager or District Secretary is authorized.

4. Repair and Improvements of Orange County Flood Control Facilities at Santiago Basin

RESOLUTION NO. 24-11-131
 AUTHORIZING APPROVAL FOR ORANGE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO CONDUCT
 REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THEIR FLOOD CONTROL FACILITIES ON
 DISTRICT PROPERTY

RESOLVED, that written approval is authorized for the Orange Flood Control District to conduct repairs and improvements to their flood control facilities on District property located at Villa Park Road, City of Orange, in accordance with the Easement Deed granted on June 20, 1990 and, upon approval as to form by District General Counsel, its execution by the District officers is authorized.

5. License Agreement with Orange County Flood Control District for Alamitos Seawater Barrier Project

RESOLUTION NO. 24-11-132

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT TO WITH ORANGE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FOR
ALAMITOS SEAWATER BARRIER PROJECT

WHEREAS, in 1965, the Orange County Water District (OCWD) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District established the Alamitos Seawater Barrier to prevent seawater intrusion into local groundwater basins; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the Alamitos Barrier facilities, which consist of monitoring wells, injection wells, and pipelines, is within Orange County Flood Control District's (County) right-of-way, and its operation and maintenance is allowed under several permits issued by the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has now proposed consolidating existing permits into a new 10-year License Agreement with an annual fee and additional insurance requirements.

WHEREAS, the Property Management Committee has recommended the General Manager finalize negotiations and execute a License Agreement with Orange County Flood Control District for the Alamitos Barrier Project facilities for a ten year term with an initial annual use fee not to exceed \$16,000 with an increase of \$200 annually.

WHEREAS, the Property Management Committee has recommended the General Manager finalize negotiations and execute a pollution liability insurance policy with \$1 million coverage as required by the Orange County Flood Control District License Agreement for an initial term of 3 years, including payment of the initial premium in an amount not to exceed \$11,769.

WHEREAS, the Property Management Committee has further recommended the General Manager finalize negotiations and execute an increase in general liability insurance coverage to \$5 million as required by the Orange County Flood Control District License Agreement, including payment of the initial premium increase in an amount not to exceed \$31,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District does hereby approve the aforementioned actions as outlined herein, and, upon approval as to form by District General Counsel, execution on behalf of the District by the President and General Manager or District Secretary is authorized.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. Santa Ana River Bike Trail

Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) Senior Watershed Manager Ian Achimore provided an update on Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway (SARTP).

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.

- October 22 – Retirement Committee
- October 23- Joint Planning Committee
- October 25 - Property Management Committee

9. Verbal Reports

There were no verbal reports provided this evening.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, [Government Code Section 54956.9 (a),(d) – OCWD v. Sanmina Corp. (South Basin)
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, [Government Code Section 54956.9(a),(d)] – OCWD v. 3M Company et al.
- 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 6:51 p.m.

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 Cathy Green, President

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 Christina Fuller, District Secretary