

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
May 14, 2025 @ 12:00 p.m.

Director Weigand called the Water Issues Committee meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. in the District Boardroom. Public access was also provided via Zoom webinar. The Secretary called the roll and reported a quorum as follows:

Committee Members

Cathy Green (absent)
Erik Weigand
Roger Yoh
Van Tran
Dina Nguyen (absent)

Alternates

Valerie Amezcua
Fred Jung
Natalie Meeks (arrived 12:14 p.m.)
Steve Sheldon
Denis Bilodeau

OCWD

Chris Olsen – Executive Director of Engineering/Water Resources
Mehul Patel – Executive Director of Operations
Jason Dadakis – Executive Director of Water Quality & Technical Resources
Roy Herndon – Chief Hydrogeologist
Dave Mark – Principal Hydrogeologist
Adam Hutchinson – Recharge Planning Manager
Megan Plumlee – Director of Research
Randy Fick – Treasurer/CFO
Ryan Bouley – Director of Engineering
Larry Esguerra – Senior Engineer
Kevin O’Toole – Senior Planner
Sheryl Parsons – Natural Resources Director
Pat Versluis – Director of Water Quality
Audrey Perry – Associate Engineer
Ben Smith – Director of Recharge & Wetland Ops
Gina Ayala – Director of Public Affairs
Shawn Neville – Principal Planner
Jeremy Jungreis – General Counsel
Leticia Villarreal – Assistant District Secretary
Janice Kovacevic – Executive Assistant

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Tran, seconded by Director Amezcua and carried [5-0], as follows:

Ayes: Weigand, Yoh, Tran, Amezcua, Jung

1. Minutes of Water Issues Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Water Issues Committee meeting held April 9, 2025, were approved as presented.

2. Invitation for Quotes (IFQ-24-002) for Soil Borings at Anaheim Lake (Resilience Plan Priority Project No. 12)

Recommended for approval at May 21 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Invitation for Quotes for services to drill soil borings at Anaheim Lake.

3. Authorize Agreement to Butier Engineering Inc. for Construction Management and Inspection Service for SB-2025-1 Bond Basin Slope Repair and Budget Increase

Recommended for approval at May 21 Board meeting:

1. **Authorize agreement with Butier Engineering, Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$321,123.50 for construction management and inspection services for SB-2025-1 Bond Basin Slope Repair; and**
2. **Increase project budget by \$71,124 for a total project budget amount of \$3,849,414.**
4. Contract No. TUS-2022-1 Amendment No. 2 to Butier Engineering

Recommended for approval at May 21 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 1558 with Butier Engineering Inc. for construction management and inspection services in the amount of \$197,010.

5. Agreement Extension for On Call Surveying Services

Recommended for approval at May 21 Board meeting: Authorize time extension of agreements to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., CASC Engineering and Consulting, and Huitt-Zollars, Inc. for on-call surveying services through June 30, 2027.

6. Talbert Barrier Injection Wells I-24 & I-25 Control Valve Project – Publication of Notice Inviting Bids

Recommended for approval at May 21 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of a Request for Qualifications for On-Call Environmental Consultants.

7. Contract No. A-2025-1 Anaheim Lake Valve Categorical Exemption and Notice Inviting Bids

Recommended for approval at May 21 Board meeting:

1. **Authorize filing of a Categorical Exemption for the Anaheim Lake Valve Vault project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines; and**
2. **Authorize publication of Notice Inviting Bids for Contract No. A-2025-1, Anaheim Lake Valve Vault**
8. Golden State Water Company Clair Plant, Beach Plant, and Dale Plant PFAS Treatment

Recommended for approval at May 21 Board meeting:

1. **Approve the Engineer's Report for the Golden State Water Company Clair Plant, Beach Plant, and Dale Plant PFAS Treatment Systems Project and determine the project feasible, necessary and beneficial to the lands of the District; and**
2. **Authorize filing of a Categorical Exemption for the Golden State Water Company Clair Plant, Beach Plant, and Dale Plant PFAS Treatment Systems Project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines**
9. Authorize Agreement to Tait and Associates, Inc. for 2025 Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation Design

Recommended for approval at May 21 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Agreement to Tait and Associates, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the 2025 Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation Design

10. Issuance of Services Agreement with Tetra Tech, Inc. for 2025 Prado Basin Multispectral Aerial Imagery and Light Detection Ranging (LIDAR)

Recommended for approval at May 21 Board meeting:

1. **Authorize issuance of an Agreement to Tetra Tech, Inc., in the amount of \$41,198 for multispectral aerial imaging and high-pulse count LiDAR data collection of Prado Basin; and,**
 2. **Approve and authorize execution of cost share agreement with Inland Empire Utilities Agency and Chino Basin Watermaster for multispectral aerial imagery and LiDAR data collection, subject to approval as to form by the District's General Counsel.**
11. Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County of Orange for the Continued Use of the County's ALERTOC

Recommended for approval at May 21 Board meeting: Authorize the General Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Orange County Water District and the County of Orange for the continued use of the County's Mass Notification System, AlertOC, administered through Everbridge, Inc.

12. Award Contract No. GWRS-2025-1 Reverse Osmosis CIP Valve Relocation to Murray Company

Recommended for approval at May 21 Board meeting:

1. **Receive and file Affidavit of Publication of Notice Inviting Bids for Contract GWRS-2025-1 Reverse Osmosis CIP Valve Relocation Project;**
2. **Ratify issuance of Addendum No. 1 to provide responses to potential bidder's questions; and**
3. **Accept bid and award contract GWRS-2025-1 to the lowest responsive bid and responsible bidder, Murray Company, in the amount of \$340,885; and**
4. **Establish the Reverse Osmosis CIP Valve Relocation Project budget in the amount of \$500,000.**

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

13. Award Direct Access Electricity Contract for Groundwater Replenishment System, Burris Pump Station, and Green Acres Project Santa Ana Reservoir

Executive Director of Operations Mehul Patel informed the Committee that OCWD currently procures electricity through a four-year Direct Access contract with Constellation New Energy (CNE) set to expire June 30, 2025. He added that pricing quoted by Direct Access providers is based upon market pricing on day quotation is received and the Direct Access providers procure electricity from various sources in their portfolio. He informed the Committee that OCWD facilities enrolled in Direct Access are the GWRS/GAP Plant/FV Campus (since 2013), GAP Santa Ana Reservoir (since 2015) and Burris Pump Stations DA added in 2025. He asserted that based on prices received to date, OCWD will see a Load Following fixed price contract for five years with both RA and RPS pricing.

Upon motion by Director Jung, seconded by Director Yoh and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended for approval at the May 21 Board meeting: Authorize the General Manager in

consultation with the Board President to enter into a five year contract ending June 30, 2030 for Direct Access electricity procurement with Constellation New Energy, NRG/Direct Energy or Shell Energy for the OCWD Kiwi Substation, Burris Pump Station, and Green Acres Project Santa Ana Reservoir on May 22, 2025.

Ayes: Green, Weigand, Amezcua, Sheldon, Bilodeau

14. Results of Riverbed Filtration System Demonstration Project and Authorization to Issue Request for Proposals for Feasibility Study (Resilience Plan Project No. 11)

Recharge Planning Manager Adam Hutchinson informed the Committee that clogging caused by the accumulation of suspended solids is a key constraint limiting the capacity of OCWD's recharge facilities. He added that from 2015 to 2023, a Riverbed Filtration System (RFS) was constructed and tested. The RFS was effective in removing 96 percent of the suspended solids (TSS) from the Santa Ana water. He elaborated that RFS water is projected to double the recharge capacity over unfiltered water, it can also increase recharge, can divert water when rubber dams must be deflated and reduces the number of basin cleanings required, thus reducing costs and wear and tear on equipment. He suggested next steps would be to conduct feasibility/preliminary design study in FY25-26 to study potential design options and evaluate costs/benefits.

Upon motion by Director Weigand, seconded by Director Jung and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended for approval at the May 21 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Request for Proposals for the Riverbed Filtration System Feasibility Study.

Ayes: Weigand, Yoh, Tran, Amezcua, Jung

CHAIR DIRECTION AS TO ITEMS IF ANY TO BE AGENDIZED AS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE MAY 21 BOARD MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

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Cathy Green, Chair