

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE  
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
April 10, 2024, @ 12:00 p.m.

Director Whitaker 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

Bruce Whitaker  
Dina Nguyen (arrived 12:10 p.m.)  
Roger Yoh  
Van Tran  
Erik Weigand

OCWD

John Kennedy – General Manager  
Chris Olsen – Executive Director of Engineering/Water Resources  
Mehul Patel – Executive Director of Operations  
Jason Dadakis – Executive Director Water Quality  
Jeremy Jungreis – General Counsel  
Leticia Villarreal – Assistant District Secretary

Alternates

Denis Bilodeau  
Steve Sheldon (arrived 12:20 p.m.)  
Valeria Amezcua  
Natalie Meeks (absent)  
Cathy Green

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**Ayes: *Whitaker, Yoh, Tran, Weigand, Bilodeau***

1. Minutes of Water Issues Committee Meeting

**The Minutes of the Water Issues Committee meeting held March 13, 2024, were approved as presented.**

2. Purchase Order to ABM Electrical Power Services, LLC for Field Headquarters Site Wide Electrical Maintenance and Testing

**Recommended for approval at April 17 Board meeting: Authorize issuance an agreement with ABM Electrical Power Services, LLC in the amount of \$54,650 for services to inspect, clean, test and certify 12 sites' power distribution equipment.**

3. Award Contract GBM-2024-1 Destruction of Monitoring Wells AM-29A and MCAS -10

**Recommended for approval at April 17 Board meeting: 1) Receive and file Affidavit of Publication of Notice Inviting Bids for Contract GBM-2024-1; and 2) Accept bid and Award Contract GBM-2024-1 to BC2 Environmental LLC for an amount not to exceed \$27,500.**

4. Amendment 1 to Agreement 1547 with Falcon Services for Aboveground Gasoline Storage Tank

**Recommended for approval at April 17 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement 1547 with Falcon Services & Construction, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$17,923 and to extend the termination date to December 31, 2024.**

5. Sunset Gap Seawater Intrusion Investigation; Notice of Completion for Contract SG-2021-1 Additional Monitoring Well Installations

**Recommended for approval at April 17 Board meeting: Accept completion of work and authorize filing a Notice of Completion for Contract SG-2021-1, Construction of Five Monitoring Well Clusters BS23 and BS25 through BS28.**

6. Execution of Sub-Grantee Agreement for Round 2 of Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant for Garden Grove Well 19 and Santa Ana Well 31 PFAS Projects

**Recommended for approval at April 17 Board meeting: Execute the Sub-Grantee Agreement with SAWPA for Round 2 of Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Program for the Orange County Regional Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Groundwater Treatment Program: Cities of Garden Grove and Santa Ana Projects.**

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

7. Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-25 Capital Improvement Program Budget

Executive Director of Engineering and Water Resources Chris Olsen provided an overview of the proposed fiscal year 2024-25 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget totaling \$59.4 million for 27 projects to be funded with operating revenues (Pay-as-you-go Program), grants and WIFIA loan. He presented the larger items included in the proposed CIP Budget.

8. Field Headquarters Recharge Operations Update

Director of Recharge and Wetland Operations Ben Smith provided a Surface Recharge System Update for Winter 2023-24. He highlighted the following:

- Winter rainfall was below average in December – January and above average February – March for a year-to-date total of 20.2 inches (13.9 inches is the annual average).
- Year-to-date surface recharge total above 200,000 AF. 90% of the annual average reached during the first 75% of the year.
- High ground levels have been reported which will likely lead to challenges when cleaning the basins over the summer.

### **CHAIR DIRECTION AS TO ITEMS IF ANY TO BE AGENDIZED AS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE APRIL 17 BOARD MEETING**

It was agreed to place all items on the Consent Calendar at the April 17 Board meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

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Bruce Whitaker, Chair