

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
October 9, 2024, @ 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

Bruce Whitaker (absent)
Dina Nguyen (absent)
Roger Yoh
Van Tran
Erik Weigand

Alternates

Denis Bilodeau
Steve Sheldon (arrived 12:05 p.m.)
Natalie Meeks (absent)
Valeria Amezcua (absent)
Cathy Green

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John Kennedy – General Manager
Chris Olsen – Executive Director of Engineering/Water Resources
Mehul Patel – Executive Director of Operations
Jason Dadakis – Executive Director of Water Quality & Technical Resources
Lisa Haney – Executive Director of Planning and Natural Resources
Jeremy Jungreis – General Counsel
Roy Herndon – Chief of Hydrogeology
Shawn Neville – Principal Planner
Alicia Harasty – Legislative Affairs Liaison
Bruce Dosier – Director of Information Services/Property
Adam Hutchinson – Recharge Planning Manager
Denny Tran – Supervising Chemist
Ben Lomeli – Environmental Health and Safety Specialist
Leticia Villarreal – Assistant District Secretary

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Ayes: Yoh, Tran, Weigand, Bilodeau, Green

1. Minutes of Water Issues Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Water Issues Committee meeting held September 11, 2024, were approved as presented.

2. Operational Efficiency Study – Booky Oren Global Water Technologies

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

3. Replacement of the Groundwater Replenishment System Fountain Valley Campus Fire Panels from Edwards EST-3 Series to EST-4 Series due to obsolescence

Recommended for approval at October 16 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Agreement with TRL Systems in the amount of \$589,239 for services and materials to permit, replace, program, test and certify the FACP system.

4. Purchase Order to Thermo Scientific for one Ion Chromatograph Tandem Mass Spectrometer (ICCCC-MS/MS)

Recommended for approval at October 16 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of a Purchase Order to Thermo Scientific for the total amount of \$334,845 for one Thermo Scientific Ion Chromatograph tandem Mass Spectrometer coupled with a TSQ Quantis Plus Triple Quadrupole (TQ) Mass Spectrometer, Genius XE35 Nitrogen generator, and AS-AP autosampler with temperature control option.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

2. Operational Efficiency Study – Booky Oren Global Water Technologies

Director Yoh raised the question of how much longer the District will continue to engage with this partnership and requested staff demonstrate the effectiveness for the District. General Manager John Kennedy responded that the previous General Manager started this partnership and explained that Booky Oren is a facilitator that brings together water agencies all over the planet to collaborate and discuss how they operate their facilities. He also stated that he reduced the contract down to a more appropriate amount and will use this year to follow closely how beneficial this partnership is for the District.

Upon motion by Director Yoh, seconded by Director Bilodeau and carried [4-1], the Committee recommended that the Board at its October 16 Board meeting authorize issuance of Agreement to Booky Oren Global Water Technologies Ltd. in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

Ayes – Yoh, Tran, Weigand, Bilodeau

Noes – Sheldon

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

5. Status Update on Minor Deviation to 508 Elevation at Prado Dam and Santa Ana River Fire Impact Assessment

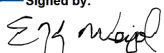
Executive Director of Planning and Natural Resources Lisa Haney provided a status update on the Minor Deviation to 508 elevation at Prado Dam. Ms. Haney reminded the Committee that the District is asking for an increase to the water conservation pool to an elevation of 508 feet for five years. She explained that a minor deviation is much easier and faster to process than a major deviation. She stated the deviation has been delayed by 1.5 years due to changes in law that involve ongoing cultural studies and the impact of the recent fire at Seven Oaks. Ms. Haney will continue to update the Committee as the project progresses.

CHAIR DIRECTION AS TO ITEMS IF ANY TO BE AGENDIZED AS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE OCTOBER 16 BOARD MEETING

Chair Weigand requested all items be placed on the Consent Calendar for the October 16 Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Signed by: 

Erik Weigand, Director