

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE  
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
January 8, 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

Vacant  
Dina Nguyen (arrived 12:04 p.m.)  
Roger Yoh  
Van Tran (absent)  
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 of Water Quality & Technical Resources  
Lisa Haney – Executive Director of Planning & Natural Resources  
Roy Herndon – Chief Hydrogeologist  
Bill Leever – Principal Hydrogeologist  
Adam Hutchinson – Recharge Planning Manager  
Megan Plumlee – Director of Research  
Pat Versluis – Director of Water Quality  
Randy Fick – Treasurer/CFO  
Ben Smith – Director of Recharge and Wetland Operations  
Alicia Harasty – Legislative Affairs Liaison  
Shawn Neville – Principal Planner  
Kevin O’Toole – Senior Planner  
Alex Waite – Principal Engineer  
Jeremy Jungreis – General Counsel  
Leticia Villarreal – Assistant District Secretary

Alternates

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**Ayes: Yoh, Weigand, Bilodeau, Sheldon, Green**

1. Minutes of Water Issues Committee Meeting

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

2. Multiport Monitoring Well LAM-1: Additional Funds Requested by the Army for Access Agreement Renewal

**Recommended for approval at January 15 Board meeting: Accept completion of the work and authorize filing a Notice of Completion for Contract GBM-2024-2, 2024 Shallow Aquifer Monitoring Wells.**

3. Contract No. TAL-2024-1: Talbert Barrier Well Redevelopment Project-Notice of Completion

**Recommended for approval at January 15 Board meeting: Accept completion of work for Contract TAL-2024-1 with BC2 Environmental, LLC and authorize filing Notice of Completion for Phase I.**

4. Agreement with DDB Engineering for the Preparation of 2024 GWRS Annual Report

**Recommended for approval at January 15 Board meeting: Authorize issuance of Agreement to DDB Engineering Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$58,000 to provide consulting services for the preparation of the calendar year 2024 GWRS Annual Report.**

5. Alamitos Seawater Barrier 2025-26 Operations and Maintenance Budget

**Recommended for approval at January 15 Board meeting: 1) Approve the Alamitos Barrier 2025-26 total O&M budget in the amount of \$3,265,000 and authorize the amount of the District's share not to exceed \$1,304,500 payable to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works after receipt and review of invoices; and 2) Increase project budget by \$145,000 for a total project budget in the amount of \$1,125,000.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

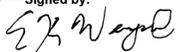
6. Draft Resilience Plan Adaptive Strategies for Securing Abundant and Reliable Water Supplies

Lisa Haney, Executive Director of Planning and Natural Resources, provided an update on the OCWD Resilience Plan: Adaptive Strategies for Securing Abundant and Reliable Water Supplies. She stated this current plan is a new effort to what has historically been done at the District and noted that the last board approved long-term facilities plan was in 2014. She advised that the new concept of a resilience plan is a more holistic approach to planning than in the past which would allow to be more flexible, quicker to implement projects and have a larger scope of planning effort. She stated that the Resilience Plan offers a planning horizon of five to 25 years, adaptable to the evolving needs and conditions of the agency. Adam Hutchinson, Recharge Planning Manager, provided a framework for the conceptual program and implementation strategy. Mr. Hutchinson noted that the Resilience Plan was organized around four key District assets: the Groundwater Basin, the Santa Ana River, GWRS and natural resources. The Committee was advised that staff plans to bring a final draft to the Board in February.

**CHAIR DIRECTION AS TO ITEMS IF ANY TO BE AGENDIZED AS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE JANUARY 15 BOARD MEETING**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Signed by:   
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Erik Weigand, Chair