

EXHIBIT “A”

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 14, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President McLaughlin on August 14, 2023 at the District offices, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine.

Directors Present: Withers, Reinhart, Swan, LaMar, and McLaughlin.

Directors Absent: None.

Written Communications and Oral Communications: None.

Items too late to be agendized: None.

Also Present: General Manager Cook, Executive Director of Operations Chambers, Executive Director of Water Policy Weghorst, Executive of Director of Finance and Administration Clary, Executive Director of Technical Services Burton, Director of Strategic Communication and Advocacy / Deputy General Counsel Compton, Director of Water Resources Sanchez, Director of Human Resources Mitcham, Director of Water Quality and Regulatory Compliance Colston, Director of Safety and Security Choi, Director of Maintenance Manning, Director of Treasury Morris, Director of Information Services Kaneshiro, Secretary Bonkowski, Assistant Secretary Swan, General Counsel Collins, and members of the staff and public.

PROCLAMATION

4. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

General Manager Cook presented a proclamation to Ms. Cheryl Clary for her 11 years of service to the District.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Swan asked that items 7, 8, and 9 be moved to the Action Calendar. There being no further comments, these items were moved accordingly. On MOTION by Withers, seconded by LaMar, and unanimously carried, CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 5, 6 AND 10 WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

5. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: That the minutes of the July 24, 2023 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

6. 2023 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

Recommendation: That the Board adopt “support” positions on H.R. 3966 (Garcia / Obernolte), S. 2162 (Feinstein), and S. 2203 (Padilla).

CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

10. RENEWAL OF GROUP MEDICAL, DENTAL, VISION, AND ANCILLARY PLAN SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

Recommendation: That the Board authorize the continuation of IRWD's health insurance coverage with CalPERS with changes in District and employee contribution rates as outlined, authorize the continuation of the District's dental insurance coverage with Delta Dental, authorize the continuation of the District's vision insurance coverage with EyeMed, authorize the renewal of the District's Employee Assistance Program with REACH, authorize the Term Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment, Long-term Disability and Employee Assistance Program coverage with Reliance Standard, and authorize the continuation of the Flexible Spending Account, Health Reimbursement Arrangement, COBRA and Commuter Benefits administrator Chard Snyder.

ACTION CALENDAR

9. ANNUAL REVIEW OF IRWD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Director Swan commented that he would like to have a better understanding of the association and affiliations that the District sponsors and recommended that this item be brought to the Board as an item for discussion / approval before moving forward. Director LaMar noted that this item is annually reviewed and approved by the Water Resources Policy and Communications Committee. On MOTION by LaMar, seconded by Withers and unanimously carried, THIS ITEM WAS RECEIVED AND FILED.

8. 2022-2023 ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT RESPONSE TO "HISTORIC RAIN, YET DROUGHT REMAINS" GRAND JURY REPORT

Director Swan asked to include his comments to the findings. Director of Strategic Communication and Advocacy / Deputy General Counsel Compton noted that due to the upcoming deadline, there would not be time to incorporate after this meeting. Director LaMar noted that this item was reviewed and approved by the Water Resources Policy and Communications Committee. There being no further comments, on MOTION by Withers, seconded by LaMar, and carried (McLaughlin, Reinhart, Withers, and LaMar voting aye, and Swan voting no (4-1 vote), THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO PROVIDE THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT WITH THE PROPOSED RESPONSE TO FINDING F1, FINDING F2, FINDING F3, FINDING F4, FINDING F5, FINDING F6, FINDING F7, FINDING F8, FINDING F9, FINDING F10, FINDING F11, FINDING F12, RECOMMENDATION R2, AND RECOMMENDATION R4 OF THE 2022-2023 ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT ENTITLED "*HISTORIC RAIN, YET DROUGHT REMAINS.*"

7. ACWA COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 TERM

In response to Director Swan's comment relative to his interest on being a participant on the ACWA Water Management Committee, staff confirmed and referenced the exhibit where his name had been included on the form. There being no further comments, on MOTION by LaMar, seconded by Withers and unanimously carried, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE DISTRICT

TO SUBMIT THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION FORM FOR BOARD AND STAFF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT
NOMINEES FOR THE 2024-2025 TERM.

11. MICHELSON WATER RECYCLING PLANT SOLIDS DISPOSAL 18-INCH FORCE
MAIN SEGMENT RELOCATION CONSTRUCTION AWARD

On MOTION by LaMar, seconded by Withers and unanimously carried, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH PAULUS ENGINEERING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$299,777 FOR THE MICHELSON WATER RECYCLING PLANT SOLIDS DISPOSAL 18-INCH FORCE MAIN SEGMENT RELOCATION, PROJECT 12520.

OTHER BUSINESS

12. General Manager's Report

General Manager Cook reported that ETWD Board Member Jose Vergara had resigned and that he will be moving out of the area.

13. Community Updates

General Manager Cook noted that Consultant Newell was not present due to a fire in Anaheim.

14. Directors' Comments and Meeting Reports

Pursuant to AB 1234 and Government Code Section 53232.3(d), written reports of the meetings that Board members attended on behalf of IRWD since the last Board Meeting were provided at the meeting. Amendments to the written reports were provided orally, and together the reported meetings were as follows:

Director Withers reported that he attended an ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, a WACO meeting, and a California Association of Sanitation Agencies conference in San Diego.

Director LaMar reported on his attendance at two ACWA Board workshops, an ACWA Executive Officers meeting, an ACWA Officers meeting, a Southern California Water Coalition Quarterly luncheon, a 10th annual Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations workshop, and a WACO meeting.

Director Swan said that he will report on his meetings at the next Board meeting.

Director Reinhart made corrections on the draft list and said he attended a MWDOC Administration and Finance Committee meeting, an OCWD Water Issues Committee and an OCWD Administration Finance Issues Committee meeting.

Director McLaughlin reported that she did not have any meetings to report.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, Director McLaughlin adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 11th day of September 2023.

President, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

Secretary, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Claire Hervey Collins, General Counsel
Hanson Bridgett LLP