MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – October 12, 2020

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 Matheis on October 12, 2020 via teleconference pursuant to the provisions of the Governor’s Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 due to COVID-19. Members of the public did not attend this meeting in person.

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

Directors Absent: None.

Also Present: General Manager Cook, Executive Director of Technical Services Burton, Executive Director of Water Policy Weghorst, Executive Director of Finance and Administration Clary, Director of Treasury and Risk Management Jacobson, Executive Director of Operations Chambers, General Counsel Collins, Director of Public Affairs Beeman, Director of Human Resources Roney, Director of Water Quality and Regulatory Compliance Colston, Director of Recycling Operations Zepeda, Director of Information Services Malone, Director of Water Resources Sanchez, Government Relations Officer/Deputy General Counsel Compton, Secretary Bonkowski, State Senator John Moorlach, Mr. Bruce Newell, and members of staff and the public.

WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PRESENTATION

COMMENDATION FOR THE HONORABLE JOHN M.W. MOORLACH

President Matheis reported that she was delighted that State Senator John Moorlach had authored Senate Bill 1386 and that this bill moved forward through the legislature without a single opposition vote. Directors Swan, LaMar, Withers and Reinhart thanked the Senator for his efforts on this bill for local governments. Senator Moorlach thanked Government Relations Officer/Deputy General Counsel for her continuous efforts, said he was honored to author the bill, and appreciated the working relationship with the District. On MOTION by Matheis, seconded by Withers and unanimously carried by a roll call vote (5-0) Withers, Matheis, Reinhart, Swan, and LaMar voting aye, and 0 noes, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-18

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT COMMENDING

THE HONORABLE JOHN M. W. MOORLACH FOR

AUTHORING SENATE BILL 1386

CONSENT CALENDAR

On MOTION by Withers, seconded by Swan, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote (5-0) Withers, Matheis, Reinhart, Swan, and LaMar voting aye, and 0 noes, CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 3 THROUGH 7 WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

4. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: That the minutes of the September 28, 2020 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

5. RATIFY/APPROVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Recommendation: That the Board ratify/approve the meetings and events for Mary Aileen Matheis, Peer Swan, Doug Reinhart, Steve LaMar, and John Withers, as described.

6. 2020 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

 Recommendation: Receive and file.

7. ELECTION OF THE INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF ORANGE COUNTY 2021-2022 OFFICERS

Recommendation: That the Board review the candidates for the Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) to serve on its Executive Committee for the 2021-2022 term, and authorize IRWD to cast its ballot in favor of Mark Monin (El Toro Water District) for President and authorize the District to submit its ballot to ISDOC no later than the October 23, 2020, deadline.

ACTION CALENDAR

3.7 MG ZONE 1 REservoir FINAL ACCEPTANCE

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Senior Engineer McGehee reported that the 3.7 Million Gallon (MG) Zone 1 Reservoir project is now complete. Mr. McGehee provided the background of the project noting that this reservoir serves as the primary storage for the Zone 1 domestic water system and as the forebay for the onsite East Irvine Zone 1 to 3 and South County emergency booster pump stations. The project included the construction of a new 3.7 MG aboveground prestressed concrete reservoir, which will increase the overall domestic water storage in the Zone 1 system and will provide greater operational flexibility and storage redundancy in IRWD’s largest domestic water service area.

Mr. McGehee reported on the project challenges and noted that the site blends in with the look and feel of the adjacent residential neighborhoods.

Director Reinhart reported that the design of the project was reviewed by the Engineering and Operations Committee and recognized that it was a difficult project to accomplish. On MOTION by Swan, seconded by Reinhart, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote (5-0) Withers, Matheis, Reinhart, Swan, and LaMar voting aye, and 0 noes,  THE BOARD ACCEPTED CONSTRUCTION OF The 3.7 MG ZONE 1 RESERVOIR, AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO FILE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION, AND AUTHORIZED THE PAYMENT OF THE RETENTION 35 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF RECORDING THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR PROJECT 06401.

REVISED IRWD POLICY Principles REGARDING PFAS CONTAMINANTS

Staff updated the IRWD policy position paper pertaining to issues associated with per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances, also known as PFAS, which at high enough concentrations, these contaminants can pose threats to human health. The policy paper has been revised to reflect current conditions and the status of regulations being developed that will likely have impacts on IRWD as well as water and sanitation agencies throughout Orange County and the United States. On MOTION by Reinhart, seconded by LaMar, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote (5-0) Withers, Matheis, Reinhart, Swan, and LaMar voting aye, and 0 noes, THE BOARD ADOPTED THE REVISED IRWD POLICY PRINCIPLES REGARDING PFAS CONTAMINANTS DATED OCTOBER 12, 2020.

OTHER BUSINESS

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

General Manager Cook reported that relative to COVID-19, there is an additional case, for a total of seven employees who have contracted this virus, and noted that there was no transmission among these cases.

Mr. Cook said that he received word from the Customer Service Department that there are currently 2,000 accounts delinquent for a total of $1.1 million outstanding. Additionally, he said that they have issued 300 temporary variances due to additional individuals living in a single residence. He said that the overall Customer Service rating from surveys is at 94%.

DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS

Director Withers said that he had no comments this evening.

Director LaMar reported on his attendance at a WACO meeting, a MWDOC workshop with MWD Directors, a Southern California Executive Committee, and ACWA meetings.

Director Swan reported on his attendance at a Groundwater Banking JPA Finance Committee meeting with Director Reinhart in attendance, a CASA Federal Legislation meeting, a WACO meeting, an OCBC Government Affairs Committee meeting, a MWDOC Planning meeting, and a MWDOC Workshop with MWD Directors.

Director Reinhart reported on his attendance at a Groundwater Banking JPA Finance Committee meeting, a SOCWA Board meeting, a MWDOC Workshop with MWD Directors, a WACO meeting, an OCWD Board meeting and an OCWD Communication and Legislation Liaison Committee meeting.

Director Matheis reported on her attendance at a UWI Planning meeting and said she was looking forward to next week’s ISDOC quarterly meeting as well as a Southern California Coalition meeting.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

The District’s consultant, Mr. Bruce Newell, said he had nothing to report this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

President Matheis adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 26th day of October 2020.

President, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

Secretary IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Claire Hervey Collins, General Counsel

Hanson Bridgett LLP