

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 22, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) was called to order by President Reinhart at 5:10 p.m. on April 22, 2024 at the District offices, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine.

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

Directors Absent: None.

Oral and Written Communications: None.

Items too late to be agendized: None.

Also Present: General Manager Cook, Executive Director of Technical Services Burton, Executive Director of Operations Chambers, Executive Director of Finance Adly, Executive Director of Water Policy Weghorst, Director of Human Resources Mitcham, Director of Maintenance Manning, Recycling Operations Zepeda, Director of Safety and Security Choi, Director of Water Resources Sanchez, Director of Information Technology Kaneshiro, Director of Water Quality and Regulatory Compliance Colston, Director of Financial Planning and Data Analytics Smithson, and General Counsel Collins, Secretary Swan, Consultant Newell, and members of the staff and public.

PRESENTATION

4. SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

Water Efficiency staff member Jasmine Orozco and Community Relations staff member Dawn Jordan recognized students for their water-related projects entered in this year's 43rd annual Irvine Unified School District Science Fair Project program.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On MOTION by McLaughlin, seconded by Withers and unanimously carried, CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 5 THROUGH 12 WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

5. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: That the minutes of the April 8, 2024 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

6. MARCH 2024 TREASURY REPORT

Recommendation: That the Board receive and file the Treasurer's Investment Summary report, the summary of fixed and variable rate debt, and the disclosure report of reimbursements to Board members and staff, approve the March 2024 summary of payroll ACH payments in the total amount of \$2,591,554, and approve the March 2024 accounts payable disbursement summary of warrants 441442 through 442001, Workers' Compensation distributions, ACH payments, virtual card payments, wire transfers, payroll withholding distributions, and voided checks in the total amount of \$18,440,207.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

7. FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 GUIDING PRINCIPLES SCORECARD

Recommendation: Receive and file.

8. PLANNING AREA 51 HERITAGE FIELDS CAPITAL FACILITIES

Recommendation: That the Board authorize the General Manager to accept Heritage Fields' construction contract with L&S Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$619,993.64 for the Planning Area 51 District 2 Whatney Capital Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Project 12823; and authorize the addition of Project 12823 in the amount of \$875,000 to the FY 2023-24 Capital Budget for the Planning Area 51 District 2 Whatney Capital Sanitary Sewer Improvements.

9. FINAL INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE LAKE FOREST WOODS SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Recommendation: That the Board find on the basis of the whole record before it, including the final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and comments received, that there is no substantial evidence that the Lake Forest Woods Sewer Improvements Project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the final Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects IRWD's independent judgment and analysis; adopt the proposed final Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project and the associated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, approve the project, and authorize staff to post and file a Notice of Determination.

10. CONSTRUCTION SERVICES CREW TRUCK UTILITY BED PURCHASE

Recommendation: That the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a Purchase Order with PB Loader Corporation in the amount of \$334,702 (\$167,351 per unit) for the purchase and installation of two new crew truck utility beds.

11. MICHELSON WATER RECYCLING PLANT SOLIDS DISPOSAL 18-INCH FORCE MAIN SEGMENT RELOCATION FINAL ACCEPTANCE

Recommendation: That the Board accept construction of the Michelson Water Recycling Plant Solids Disposal 18-inch Force Main Segment Relocation, authorize the General Manager to file a Notice of Completion, and authorize the payment of the retention 35 days after the date of recording the Notice of Completion Project 12520.

12. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM UTILITY NETWORK MIGRATION CONSULTANT SELECTION

Recommendation: That the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with DCSE in the amount of \$599,130 for the Utility Network Migration, Project 11782.

ACTION CALENDAR

13. DISTRICT-WIDE EMERGENCY GENERATOR DIESEL FUEL STORAGE BUDGET INCREASE, VARIANCE, AND CONSTRUCTION AWARD

General Manager Cook prefaced that the subject action item aligns with the District's Target Activities List, item number 6B. The District committed to a three-day diesel fuel storage to align with the fixed generation at many of the District's facilities to ensure a high-level of service to IRWD customers in the event of an extended power outage.

Executive Director of Technical Services Burton stated that the six generators that were approved previously by the Board will be delivered this summer to the District's contractors. It will take 15 months to install the generators and get them online since they will only allow one or two pump stations to be taken down at a time. The pre-purchase of the generators helped expedite the timeline.

President Reinhart said that the item, apart from the construction award, was reviewed by the Engineering and Operations Committee on April 16, 2024. Director McLaughlin reported that the Committee supports the staff recommendation. President Reinhart did raise the question of how the prevention of the degradation of fuel is addressed. Executive Director of Technical Services Burton stated that Operations has a program whereby the generators are tested and refueled regularly. On MOTION by McLaughlin, seconded by Withers, and carried unanimously, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED A BUDGET INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,327,200, FROM \$2,567,800 TO \$3,895,000, FOR PROJECT 11536 AND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$582,200, FROM \$1,995,800 TO \$2,578,000, FOR PROJECT 11537; AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A VARIANCE NO. 3 WITH PSOMAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$232,970; AND AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH SS MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,996,135, FOR THE DISTRICT-WIDE EMERGENCY GENERATOR DIESEL FUEL STORAGE, PROJECTS 11536 AND 11537.

OTHER BUSINESS

14. General Manager's Report

Mr. Cook stated that he did not have a report for the evening.

15. Receive oral update(s) from District liaison(s) regarding communities within IRWD's service area and interests.

Consultant Newell reported that the Canyons are enjoying the extended green season.

16. Directors' Comments and Meeting Reports

Director McLaughlin stated that she had nothing to report.

Director Withers reported on his attendance at the MWDOC Elected Officials' Forum; the OCWA Monthly Industry Insight; the CSU-Water Annual Conference in Costa Mesa; and the Southern California Water Coalition's Quarterly Luncheon in Temecula.

OTHER BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

16. Directors' Comments and Meeting Reports (Continued)

Director Swan reported on his participation in the MWDOC Administration and Finance Committee Meeting; the WACO Planning Committee; the MWDOC Board of Directors' Meeting; and his attendance at the Southern California Water Coalition's Quarterly Luncheon in Temecula.

Director LaMar reported on his attendance at the ACWA 2024 Legislative Symposium in Sacramento; the Southern California Water Coalition's Quarterly Board meeting and Quarterly Luncheon in Temecula.

President Reinhart reported on his participation in the OCWD Water Issues Committee Meeting; the MWDOC Board of the Directors' Meeting; and the OCWD Board of Directors' Meeting.

President LaMar reported on his attendance for the CCEEB 501(c)(3) California Environmental Dialogue meeting; the Riverside County Water Task Force meeting; the ACWA Executive Committee; and the ACWA Board of Directors' meeting in Sacramento.

Director Reinhart reported on his participation in the MWDOC Planning and Operations Committee Meeting; the MWDOC Workshop Board Meeting with MWD Directors; the OCWD Communications and Legislative Liaison Committee Meeting; and the WACO Monthly Meeting.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, President Reinhart adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 13th day of May 2024.

President, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

Secretary, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Claire Hervey Collins, General Counsel
Hanson Bridgett LLP