

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – MAY 13, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) was called to order by President Reinhart at 5:00 p.m. on May 13, 2024 at the District offices, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine.

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

Directors Absent: LaMar.

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 Strategic Communication and Advocacy Compton, Director of Maintenance Manning, Recycling Operations Zepeda, Director of Safety and Security Choi, Director of Information Technology Kaneshiro, Director of Financial Planning and Data Analytics Smithson, Natural Resources Manager Swift, and General Counsel Collins, Secretary Swan, and members of the staff and public.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On MOTION by Withers, seconded by McLaughlin and unanimously carried, CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 4 THROUGH 6 WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

4. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: That the minutes of the April 22, 2024 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

5. 2024 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

Recommendation: That the Board adopt a “WATCH” position on SB 937 (Weiner) and SB 1210 (Skinner), and a “SUPPORT” position on AB 2515 (Papan), SB 903 (Skinner), and H.R. 7944 (Curtis-R-UT-3).

6. ADOPTION OF REVISED IRWD SCHEDULE OF POSITIONS AND SALARY RATE CHANGES

Recommendation: That the Board adopt a Resolution superseding Resolution Number 2024-5 and adopting a revised Schedule of Positions and Salary Rate Ranges for the General Unit, and for Managers, Exempt Supervisors, Confidential and Exempt Employees.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 6

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 2024-5 AND ADOPTING A REVISED SCHEDULE OF POSITIONS AND SALARY RATE RANGES FOR THE GENERAL UNIT, NON-EXEMPT SUPERVISOR UNIT, AND FOR MANAGERS, EXEMPT SUPERVISORS, CONFIDENTIAL AND EXEMPT EMPLOYEES

ACTION CALENDAR

7. PROPOSED 2024 DEBT ISSUANCE FOR REFUNDING OF THE 2010 BUILD AMERICA BONDS

Following an overview from General Manager Cook, Executive Director of Finance and Administration Adly provided a summary regarding the proposed debt issuance for refunding of the 2010 Build America Bonds. She stated that staff recommends the Board adopt a resolution approving the issuance of consolidated fixed rate General Obligation Bonds to refund the 2010 Build America Bonds.

Director Swan said that this item was reviewed by the Finance and Personnel Committee on April 2, 2024, and the committee supports the staff recommendation. On MOTION by Swan, seconded by Withers and unanimously carried. THE BOARD ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-7

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT APPROVING THE FORMS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT, A CONTRACT OF PURCHASE, A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE, AN INDENTURE OF TRUST, AND THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS OF IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT, REFUNDING SERIES 2024A, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS

8. SAN JOAQUIN MARSH AND NATURAL TREATMENT SYSTEM FACILITIES ONE-YEAR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES CONTRACT EXTENSION

General Manager Cook introduced the landscape maintenance service contract extension. Executive Director of Operations Chambers reported that the current three-year service contract for landscape maintenance at IRWD's San Joaquin Marsh, Peters Canyon, and the 44 Natural Treatment System facilities expires this month, May 2024. There was no interest returned from competing vendors to bid, and the current service contract allows for two one-year extensions. Staff recommends exercising an extension for one year with an 8.5% budget increase due to higher labor costs, supplies, and fuel expenses. Natural Resources Manager Swift added that the cost and scope of work acre for acre is comparable to what OCWD, Costa Mesa, and Inland Empire Utilities Agencies spend.

Following a discussion by the Board, President Reinhart reported that this item was not reviewed a committee, on MOTION by McLaughlin, seconded by Withers and unanimously carried, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES WITH LANDCARE AND ENDEMIC ENVIRONMENTAL FOR \$1,831,855.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### 9. General Manager's Report

General Manager Cook reported that IRWD, for the third year in a row, was named JD Power and Associate's Highest Customer Satisfaction Award for Residential Water Service – West – Midsize; a feat that has not been achieved by any other water district in the west.

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

Consultant Newell participated via teleconference and had General Manager Cook provide his report: progress is being made on the pump station and bridge, and the reservoirs will be topped off in preparation for Modjeska's planned power outage.

### 11. Directors' Comments and Meeting Reports

Director McLaughlin stated that she had nothing to report.

Director Withers reported on his attendance at the ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon, the MWDOC Board Workshop featuring MWD's Climate Adaptation Master Plan Update, the WACO Monthly meeting via teleconference, the ACWA Spring Conference in Sacramento, and the NWRI Board of Directors' Meeting via teleconference. He also invited the Board to attend OC San's new headquarters' ribbon cutting ceremony on May 22.

Director Swan reported on his attendance at the MWDOC Joint Planning Committee Meeting with OCWD, the MWDOC Board Workshop featuring MWD's Climate Adaptation Master Plan Update, the WACO Monthly Meeting via teleconference, the MWDOC Planning and Operations / Administration and Finance Combined Committee Meeting via teleconference; and the ACWA Spring Conference in Sacramento.

President Reinhart reported on his attendance at the MWDOC Board Workshop featuring MWD's Climate Adaptation Master Plan Update, the OCWD Board meeting via teleconference, the OCWD Communications and Legislative Liaison Committee via teleconference, the WACO Monthly Meeting via teleconference, and the MWDOC Planning and Operations / Administration and Finance Combined Committee Meeting via teleconference.

### 12. CLOSED SESSION

President Reinhart convened the meeting into Closed Session at 5:20 p.m. with General Legal Counsel Collins announcing the following:

#### A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8:

*Property:* Storage Rights and other District Real Property at Santiago Reservoir (Irvine Lake), adjacent to 4621 Santiago Canyon Road, Silverado Canyon, CA 92676.

*Agency negotiator:* Paul Cook, IRWD General Manager

*Negotiating parties:* Jerry Vilander, Serrano Water District General Manager

*Under negotiation:* Price and Terms of Payment

13. OPEN SESSION

Following the Closed Session, the meeting was reconvened in Open Session with Directors Withers, Swan, McLaughlin, and President Reinhart present. General Counsel Collins announced that there was no action to report.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, President Reinhart adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

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President, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

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Secretary, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Claire Hervey Collins, General Counsel  
Hanson Bridgett LLP