

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 25, 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 November 25, 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 agendaized: 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 Recycling Operations Zepeda, Director of Maintenance Operations Manning, Director of Water Resources Sanchez, Director of Information Technology Kaneshiro, Consultant Newell, General Counsel Collins, Secretary Swan, members of the staff, and public.

PRESENTATIONS – PROCLAMATION

A Proclamation was presented to Director McLaughlin for her four years of service to the District.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On MOTION by LaMar, seconded by Withers and unanimously carried, CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 5 THROUGH 8 WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

5. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: That the minutes of the November 11, 2024 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

6. OCTOBER 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 October 2024 Summary of Payroll ACH payments in the total amount of \$2,530,853, and approve the October 2024 accounts payable disbursement summary of warrants 445364 through 445364, Workers’ Compensation distributions, ACH payments, virtual card payments, wire transfers, payroll withholding distributions, and voided checks in the total amount of \$64,832,947.

7. FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDIT

Recommendation: That the Board approve the FY 2023-24 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and accept the annual audit as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

8. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY ALONG HARDING CANYON CREEK

Recommendation: That the Board adopt a resolution by title declaring that real property designated APN 105-232-60 is exempt surplus land that is not necessary for the District's use, authorizing District staff to negotiate for and dispose of the property, and finding that the declaration and disposal of the property is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 15

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT  
DECLARING THAT REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED APN 105-232-60 IS EXEMPT  
SURPLUS LAND THAT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR THE DISTRICT'S USE,  
AUTHORIZING DISTRICT STAFF TO NEGOTIATE FOR AND DISPOSAL OF THE  
PROPERTY, AND FINDING THAT THE DECLARATION AND DISPOSAL OF THE  
PROPERTY IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

ACTION CALENDAR

9. AGREEMENT FOR RIGHTS TO IRVINE LAKE PROPERTY AND WATER IN  
EXCHANGE FOR WATER SERVICE RELIABILITY

General Manager Cook and Executive Director of Water Policy Weghorst presented to the Board the exchange for rights in property and water for water service reliability between Serrano Water District and IRWD. The initial objectives of both agencies were reviewed along with the schedule and service terms. A detailed summary of the phased water supply services to Serrano Water District was outlined as pre-interconnected operations and post-interconnected operations. In addition, the two agreements that implement the terms were also discussed.

Following discussion, on MOTION by Withers, seconded by LaMar, and unanimously carried, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT (IRVINE LAKE AND RELATED SERRANO WATER DISTRICT ASSETS) AND THE WATER SERVICE RELIABILITY AGREEMENT WITH SERRANO WATER DISTRICT, EACH IN A FORM SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR AS PRESENTED, INCORPORATING PRICE AND TERMS OF PAYMENT SCHEDULES CONSIDERED AND FOUND ACCEPTABLE BY THE BOARD, WITH SUCH CHANGES AS THE GENERAL MANAGER AND GENERAL COUNSEL MAY APPROVE, FIND THAT ALL MATTERS WITH REGARD TO THE CONDITION OF THE PHYSICAL CONDITION AND SUITABILITY OF THE PROPERTY AND RIGHTS FOR THE USES CONTEMPLATED ARE ACCEPTABLE; AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER, DISTRICT SECRETARY, AND EACH OTHER NECESSARY OFFICER OF THE DISTRICT TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS, CERTIFICATES, INSTRUCTIONS, AND INSTRUMENTS NECESSARY OR PROPER FOR CARRYING OUT AND CLOSING THE PROPERTY AND RIGHTS TRANSFER ACTIONS CONTEMPLATED THEREIN; FIND THAT ACTIONS CONTEMPLATED IN THE AGREEMENTS ARE EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO FILE NOTICES OF EXEMPTION FOR THE TRANSFER OF ALL RELATED PROPERTY, RIGHTS, AND FACILITIES AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE WATER SERVICE RELIABILITY TO SERRANO WATER DISTRICT.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### 10. General Manager's Report

General Manager Cook reported a follow-up from the Weekly Report regarding the PFAS Treatment Grant for Well OPA-1 has now been signed by all parties.

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

Mr. Newell reported that he consulted with District staff regarding the property along Harding Canyon Creek; and that the report from OCFA was released regarding the Airport Fire. The burn scar from the Airport Fire will be an area to watch if there is heavy rainfall this winter.

### 12. Directors' Comments and Meeting Reports

Director McLaughlin reported on her attendance at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary Special Board of Directors' meeting.

Director Withers reported on his participation in the NWRI Board of Directors' meeting.

Director Swan reported on his participation in the Southern California Water Dialogue Steering Committee's Annual Organizing Meeting; the MWDOC Administration and Finance Committee meeting; the PPIC Event: "Is California Ready for Climate Change?" in Sacramento; the IRWD Community Tour; the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary Special Board of Directors' meeting; the WACO Planning Committee meeting; the Meeting with IRWD staff regarding American River Concepts; and the MWDOC Board meeting.

Director LaMar reported on attendance at the CCEEB 2025 Fall Planning for the Climate Change Project and the CCEEB 2025 Fall Planning for the Water, Chemistry, and Waste Project in Carmel. He also reported on his participation in the ACWA Board of Directors' meeting.

President Reinhart reported on his participation in the MWDOC Administration and Finance Committee meeting; the OCWD Water Issues Committee meeting; the OCWD Administrative/Finance Issues Committee meeting; and the MWDOC Board meeting.

### 13. CLOSED SESSION

President Reinhart convened the meeting into Closed Session at 6:09 p.m. with General Counsel Collins announcing the following items will be held with the exception of item A, which was no longer needed:

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

*Property:* Storage Rights and other 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:* Serrano Water District General Manager

*Under negotiation:* Price and Terms of Payment

OTHER BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (a). *Irvine Ranch Water District v. Tran Land Company, Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2023-01308628-CU-EI-CXC*

C. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION and CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957(b) and 54957.6, respectively:

*Agency Designated Representative:* President Reinhart

*Position Title / Unrepresented Employee:* General Manager

14. OPEN SESSION

Following the Closed Session, the meeting was reconvened in Open Session with Directors Withers, Swan, Reinhart, McLaughlin, and LaMar present. General Counsel Collins announced that item A was not held, and there was no action to report on items B or C.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Reinhart adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.

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President, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

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District Secretary,  
IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Claire Hervey Collins, General Counsel  
Hanson Bridgett LLP