

Minutes of the West Orange County Water Board

Regular Meeting
Public Works Utilities Yard
Administration Conference Room
Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Vice Chair Van Der Mark called the Regular Meeting of the West Orange County Water Board to order on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 4:00 pm.

Members Present: Vice Chair Van Der Mark City of Huntington Beach
Director Pat Burns City of Huntington Beach
Director Nathan Steele City of Seal Beach
Director Kimberly Ho City of Westminster

Members Absent: Chair Brietigam City of Garden Grove

Others Present: Chau Vu City of Huntington Beach
Chris Davis City of Huntington Beach
Lili Hernandez City of Huntington Beach
Vince Madrid City of Huntington Beach
Cel Pasillas City of Garden Grove
Iris Lee City of Seal Beach
Tuan Pham City of Westminster
Mark Lewis Ardurra
Jamie Fagnant Ardurra

Pledge of Allegiance

Nathan Steele led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Burns, Ho (arrived at 4:15pm), Steele and Van Der Mark
Absent: Brietigam

Public Comments

None

Late Communication

None

24-734 Approve Minutes of April 17, 2024, Regular Meeting

On the motion from Director Steele, seconded by Director Burns the Board voted to approve to form the Minutes.

Motion carried by the following vote: 3-0-2

Ayes – Burns, Steele and Van Der Mark

Noes – None

Absent – Brietigam and Ho

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General Manager's Update

Chau Vu, Interim General Manager, reported that Alvin Papa had accepted a position with the City of Cerritos. She noted that the City of Huntington Beach is currently interviewing candidates for the Deputy Director of Public Works.

24-735 Fund Report and Ratify Bills

On the motion from Vice Chair Van Der Mark, seconded by Director Burns, the Board voted to receive and file the report.

Motion carried by the following vote: 3-0-2

Ayes – Burns, Steele and Van Der Mark

Noes – None

Absent – Brietigam and Ho

24-736 Treasurer's Report as Prepared by the City Treasurer

Alisa Backstrom prepared the Treasurer's Report.

Due to the absence of City Treasurer Backstrom, there was no action taken on this item.

24-738 Operations and Maintenance Report

Vince Madrid provided an update on maintenance activities for the first quarter of the fiscal year. No action was taken as this was an information item.

24-751 Authorization to proceed with condition assessment of the OC-9 and OC-35 Pipelines.

Jamie Fagnant reported that cathodic protection would not be a viable option for the OC-9 pipeline due to its small diameter in many sections. She presented a proposal to perform a condition assessment on both pipelines. This would detect specific sections of the pipeline in need of repair, allowing those sections still in good condition to remain intact. Furthermore, performing the assessment on both pipelines would offer some savings due to economy of scale. Chris Davis noted that the Board approved \$3.7 million for Cathodic Protection in the FY 2024/25 budget. On a motion from Director Burns, seconded by Director Steele, funding for the Cathodic Protection program was approved to be repurposed for the condition assessment of both OC-9 and OC-35.

Motion carried by the following vote: 4-0-1

Ayes – Burns, Ho, Steele, and Van Der Mark

Noes – None

Absent – Brietigam

Member Comments

Director Ho expressed gratitude to be back on the Board but noted that this would be her only meeting as she is not running for re-election and will therefore no longer be on the Westminster City Council.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Van Der Mark adjourned the Regular Meeting of the WOWB at 4:40pm to the next Regular Meeting scheduled for January 15, 2025, at 4:00pm at the Utilities Yard Conference Room in the Administration Building, 19001 Huntington Street, Huntington Beach, California.

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George Brietigam, Chair

Janice L. Goebel, Secretary