

Minutes of the West Orange County Water Board

Regular Meeting
Public Works Utilities Yard
Administration Conference Room
Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Chair George Brietigam called the Regular Meeting of the West Orange County Water Board to order on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 4:00pm.

Members Present:	Chair George Brietigam	City of Garden Grove
	Vice Chair Gracey Van Der Mark	City of Huntington Beach
	Director Pat Burns	City of Huntington Beach
	Director Carlos Manzo	City of Westminster
	Director Nathan Steele	City of Seal Beach

Members Absent: None

Others Present:	Colin Stevens	City of Huntington Beach
	Chris Davis	City of Huntington Beach
	John Poehler	City of Huntington Beach
	Lili Hernandez	City of Huntington Beach
	Vince Madrid	City of Huntington Beach
	David Spitz	City of Seal Beach
	Jake Ngo	City of Westminster

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Steele led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Brietigam, Burns, Manzo, Steele, and Van Der Mark
Absent: None

Public Comments

None

General Manager's Report

John Poehler introduced himself as new Deputy Director of Public Works for the City of Huntington Beach.

25-278 Approve Minutes of January 15, 2025, Regular Meeting

On the motion from Director Burns, seconded by Vice Chair Van Der Mark, the Board voted to approve the Minutes.

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

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

Noes – None

Abstain- Manzo

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25-279 Fund Report and Ratify Bills

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

Motion carried by the following vote: 5-0

Ayes – Brietigam, Burns, Manzo, Steele, and Van Der Mark

Noes – None

25-287 Treasurer’s Report as Prepared by the City Treasurer

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

Motion carried by the following vote: 5-0

Ayes – Brietigam, Burns, Manzo, Steele and Van Der Mark

Noes – None

25-288 Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Proposed Budget

Chris Davis reported that each member agency has approved the budget and requested that the Board ratify the proposed budget. On a motion from Director Burns and seconded by Director Steele, the Board voted to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Budget.

Motion carried by the following vote: 5-0

Ayes – Brietigam, Burns, Manzo, Steele and Van Der Mark

Noes – None

25-289 Engineer’s Report

Lili Hernandez provided an update on the condition assessment of the OC-9 and OC-35 transmission mains. Hydromax is scheduled to perform inspection and testing on both mains the week of May 5th. Following the field work, Ardurra and Hydromax will conduct data analysis, which is expected to take approximately 10 to 12 weeks. Upon completion, Ardurra will prepare a report summarizing the findings, and provide recommendations for capital improvements planning, along with a cost opinion.

25-290 Operations and Maintenance Report

Vince Madrid updated the Board on operations and maintenance activities.

Member Comments

None

Adjournment

Chair Brietigam adjourned the Regular Meeting of the WOCWB at 4:10pm to the next Regular Meeting scheduled for July 16, 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