

Minutes of the West Orange County Water Board

Regular Meeting
Public Works Utilities Yard
Administration Conference Room
Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Chair George Brietigam called the Regular Meeting of the West Orange County Water Board to order on Wednesday, January 15, 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 Nathan Steele	City of Seal Beach

Members Absent:	Vacant	City of Westminster
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Others Present:	Samuel Kim	City of Garden Grove
	Alisa Backstrom	City of Huntington Beach
	Chris Davis	City of Huntington Beach
	Janice Goebel	City of Huntington Beach
	Lili Hernandez	City of Huntington Beach
	Vince Madrid	City of Huntington Beach
	Chau Vu	City of Huntington Beach
	Iris Lee	City of Seal Beach
Jake Ngo	City of Westminster	

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Gracey Van Der Mark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Brietigam, Burns, Steele, and Van Der Mark

Absent: City of Westminster. The City of Westminster's delegate had termed out of her City Council position in 2024. The Westminster City Clerk notified staff that they were selecting a new representative at their second meeting in January.

Public Comments

None

Designation of Chair and Vice Chair

George Brietigam was re-elected as Chair and Gracey Van Der Mark was re-elected as Vice Chair.

General Manager's Report

Chau Vu announced the hire of John Poehler as the Deputy Director of Public Works and that his start date is January 21st.

24-934 Approve Minutes of October 16, 2024, Regular Meeting

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

Motion carried by the following vote: 3-0-1-1

Ayes – Burns, Steele, and Van Der Mark

Noes – None

Abstain- Brietigam

Absent – City of Westminster

24-935 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: 4-0-1

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

Noes – None

Absent – City of Westminster

24-936 Treasurer’s Report as Prepared by the City Treasurer

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

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

Ayes – Brietigam, Burns, Steele and Van Der Mark

Noes – None

Absent – City of Westminster

24-937 West Orange County Water Board Investment Policy

Alisa Backstrom made a recommendation to the Board to have the highlighted statement removed and to approve the WOCWB Investment Policy and presented in the Agenda.

On the motion from Director Steele, seconded by Vice Chair Van Der Mark, the Board voted to approve the WOCWB Investment Policy.

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

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

Noes – None

Absent – City of Westminster

24-938 Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Proposed Budget

Chris Davis clarified the budget number for the PLC Design/Construction for SCADA. No motion needed on item. Requested budget be taken to City Councils for approval.

24-939 Engineer’s Report

Lili Hernandez reported that the feasibility study will begin next week. She noted that the report will be brought to the Board.

24-940 Operations and Maintenance Report

Vince Madrid updated the Board on operations and maintenance activities.

Member Comments

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None

Adjournment

Chair Brietigam adjourned the Regular Meeting of the WOCWB at 4:23pm to the next Regular Meeting scheduled for April 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