

# Minutes of the West Orange County Water Board

Regular Meeting  
Public Works Utilities Yard  
Administration Conference Room  
Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Vice Chair Van Der Mark called the Regular Meeting of the West Orange County Water Board to order on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 4:03pm.

<b>Members Present:</b>	Vice Chair Van Der Mark Director Pat Burns Alternate Director Joe Kalmick Director Amy Phan West	City of Huntington Beach City of Huntington Beach City of Seal Beach City of Westminster
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<b>Members Absent:</b>	Chair Brietigam Director Nathan Steele	City of Garden Grove City of Seal Beach
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<b>Others Present:</b>	Alisa Backstrom Chris Davis Janice Goebel Vince Madrid Alvin Papa Cel Pasillas Iris Lee Jack Ngo	City of Huntington Beach City of Huntington Beach City of Huntington Beach City of Huntington Beach City of Huntington Beach City of Garden Grove City of Seal Beach City of Westminster
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### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chris Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Roll Call**

Present: Burns, Kalmick, Phan West (arrived at 4:10pm), and Van Der Mark  
Absent: Brietigam and Steele

### **Public Comments**

None

### **Late Communication**

None

### **24-257 Approve Minutes of January 17, 2024, Regular Meeting**

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: 3-0-2**

**Ayes – Burns, Kalmick and Van Der Mark**

**Noes – None**

**Absent – Brietigam and Phan West**

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### General Manager's Update

Alvin Papa, General Manager, provided an update regarding the stipend increase. The City Councils for Garden Grove, Seal Beach and Westminster approved the stipend increase, however, the City of Huntington Beach did not. It was recommended that staff bring back a discussion item to revisit the stipend increase.

### 24-258 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, Kalmick and Van Der Mark**

**Noes – None**

**Absent – Brietigam and Phan West**

### 24-259 Treasurer's Report as Prepared by the City Treasurer

Alisa Backstrom presented the Treasurer's Report.

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, Kalmick and Van Der Mark**

**Noes – None**

**Absent – Brietigam and Phan West**

### 24-260 Adopt Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget

All agencies approved the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget with no changes. Asking Board to ratify as presented.

On the motion from Director Burns, seconded by Vice Chair Van Der Mark, the Board voted to approve the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget.

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

**Ayes – Burns, Kalmick, Phan West, and Van Der Mark**

**Noes – None**

**Absent – Brietigam**

### 24-261 Engineer's Report

Alvin Papa gave an update on the Cathodic Protection Project. This project will extend the lifetime of the OC-35 30" pipeline by roughly 25-50 years. We will have a better estimate after inspection and design of the cathodic protection system.

Ardurra was hired as the design consultant with a Notice to Proceed date of April 18, 2024. All member agencies will be asked to participate in the design review process at 30%, 75% and Final Design. The original estimate developed for the project 5 years was approximately \$4 million for construction only. It is likely that this price has risen due to construction cost inflation of approximately 38-40% over the past 5 years. Staff will provide an updated cost estimate for discussion once it is ready from the consultant.

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To provide potential cost savings, Mr. Papa stated that staff would explore the viability of performing some of the work by in-house staff, if possible. This will be looked at as part of the design process.

### **24-262 Operations and Maintenance Report**

Vince Madrid updated the Board on operations and maintenance activities.

### **Member Comments**

None

### **Adjournment**

Vice Chair Van Der Mark adjourned the Regular Meeting of the WOWB at 4:23pm to the next Regular Meeting scheduled for July 17, 2024, 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

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Janice L. Goebel, Secretary