

**Minutes of the
West Orange County Water Board**

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

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

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
	Director Mark Nguyen	City of Westminster

Members Absent: None

Others Present:	Chris Davis	City of Huntington Beach
	Janice Goebel	City of Huntington Beach
	Stewart Griffin	City of Huntington Beach
	Vince Madrid	City of Huntington Beach
	John Poehler	City of Huntington Beach
	Colin Stevens	City of Huntington Beach
	Iris Lee	City of Seal Beach
	Vinny Hoang	City of Westminster

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Burns led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

Public Comments

None

25-588 Minutes of April 16, 2025 Regular Meeting

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

Motion carried by the following vote: 5-0

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

Noes – None

Absent – None

General Manager's Update

John Poehler introduced himself for those that were not present at the last meeting and talked about industry updates (SCADA, workforce and natural disasters) and how they are affecting water services.

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Administrative Items

25-589 Fund Report and Ratify Bills

Chris Davis reported that there still may be some June invoices coming in but amounts should not have an impact on budget.

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: 5-0

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

Noes – None

Absent – None

25-590 Treasurer's Report as Prepared by the City Treasurer

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

Motion carried by the following vote: 5-0

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

Noes – None

Absent – None

25-591 OC-35 Encroachment Permit Close Out

OCTA I 405 widening work was completed in 2019. We are being asked to sign off on the Notice of Acceptance to close out the permit.

On the motion from Director Steele, seconded by Vice-Chair Van Der Mark, the Board voted to close out the Encroachment Permit.

Motion carried by the following vote: 5-0

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

Noes – None

Absent – None

25-592 OC-35 Control Panel Upgrade

John Poehler informed the Board that the Murphy panel started to malfunction in June and needs to be replaced. Panel will be replaced with a Schneider Electric panel. Estimated budget to replace is \$200,000.

25-594 Engineer's Report

John informed the Board we should have the PCAT testing report in September. Report will be brought to the Board in October.

25-595 Operations and Maintenance Report

Vince Madrid updated the Board on Operations and Maintenance activities.

Member Comments

None

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Adjournment

Chair Brietigam adjourned the Regular Meeting of the WOCWB at 4:16p.m. to the next Regular Meeting scheduled for October 15, 2025, at 4:00p.m. at the Utilities Yard Conference Room in the Administration Building, 19001 Huntington Street, Huntington Beach, California.

West Orange County Water Board

George Brietigam, Chair

Janice L Goebel, Secretary