

**MINUTES OF THE  
WEST ORANGE COUNTY WATER BOARD**

Regular Meeting  
Public Works Utilities Yard  
Zoom Meeting  
Wednesday, January 18, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the West Orange County Water Board was called to order by Chair Brietigam via Zoom on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 4:04 p.m.

<b>Members Present:</b>	Chair Brietigam Vice-Chair Van Der Mark Director Sustarsic	City of Garden Grove City of Huntington Beach City of Seal Beach
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Director Strickland Director Nguyen	City of Huntington Beach City of Westminster
<b>Others Present:</b>	Alisa Backstrom Chris Cassotta Chris Davis Alvin Papa Andy Ferrigno Iris Lee Tuan Pham	City of Huntington Beach City of Huntington Beach City of Huntington Beach City of Huntington Beach City of Huntington Beach City of Seal Beach City of Westminster

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Brietigam, Sustarsic, Van Der Mark  
Absent: Nguyen, Strickland

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**LATE COMMUNICATION**

None

**GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE**

General Manager, Alvin Papa, welcomed Directors Strickland and Van Der Mark to the Board. He also welcomed back Andy Ferrigno, who was recently on leave for a significant personal injury.

Mr. Papa also gave a brief update on the state of water in our region after recent record-breaking rainfall. He stated that while the rainfall was significant, we are still in a drought and the state ordinance for water conservation is still in place. Mr. Papa also reminded the Board that the COVID-19 State of Emergency, which allowed public meetings to take place remotely, will be lifted effective February 28, 2023. He informed the Board that Chris Davis is consulting with the Board's attorney to provide guidance regarding

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available remote attendance procedure options, as needed, and will provide that guidance to the board once received. The next regular WOCWB meeting in April will be in-person at the City of Huntington Beach, Utilities Yard Training Room in the Operations Building.

## **23-002 Nominate and Elect New Chair**

On a motion by Director Sustarsic, and seconded by Director Van Der Mark, the Board voted to elect Director Brietigam as Chair.

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes — Brietigam, Sustarsic, Van Der Mark**

**Noes — None**

**Absent — Nguyen, Strickland**

## **23-003 Nominate and Elect New Vice Chair**

On a motion by Director Sustarsic, and seconded by Chair Brietigam, the Board voted to elect Director Van Der Mark as Vice Chair.

**Ayes — Brietigam, Sustarsic, Van Der Mark**

**Noes — None**

**Absent — Nguyen, Strickland**

## **23-001 MINUTES OF THE October 19, 2022 Regular Meeting**

On a motion by Director Sustarsic, and seconded by Vice-Chair Van Der Mark, the Board voted to receive and file the Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2022.

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes — Brietigam, Sustarsic**

**Noes — None**

**Absent — Nguyen, Strickland**

## **23-004 FUND REPORT & RATIFY BILLS**

Chris Davis reported on the financial activities for the second quarter of the fiscal year.

**Informational item - No vote taken**

## **23-005 TREASURER'S REPORT AS PREPARED BY THE CITY TREASURER**

Alisa Backstrom presented the Treasurer's Report and the Quarterly California Asset Management Program (CAMP) Investment Fund Report.

On a motion by Director Sustarsic, and seconded by Vice-Chair Van Der Mark the board voted to receive and file the report.

**Ayes — Brietigam, Sustarsic, Van Der Mark**

**Noes — None**

**Absent — Nguyen, Strickland**

## **23-006 Fiscal Year 2023-24 Proposed Budget**

Chris Davis presented an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 budget noting that it is very similar to the current FY budget. Mr. Davis noted that the budget

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includes the fourth year of funding for the cathodic protection (CP) program. The CP program is intended to extend the lifespan of the OC-9 and OC-35 transmission mains. Mr. Davis reminded the Board that the Joint Powers Agreement requires that each agency's Council adopt their portion of the budget prior to adoption by the Board as an entity. Chris will forward copies of the proposed budget to the Public Works Director for each agency.

**Informational item - No vote taken**

## **23-007 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Chris Cassotta updated the Board on operations and maintenance activities.

Andy Ferrigno provided an overview and an update on the cathodic protection (CP) program to the Board.

**Informational item - No vote taken**

## **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Director Sustarsic and Vice-Chair Van Der Mark requested that the budget be re-sent to them. General Manager, Alvin Papa noted that the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 did not include the cathodic protection (CP) design costs. He stated that those costs would be added and the updated proposed budget would be sent to all Board members.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Brietigam adjourned the Regular Meeting of the WOCWB to the next Regular Meeting scheduled for April 19, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. at the Utilities Yard Training Room in the Operations Building, 19021 Huntington Street, Huntington Beach, California.

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Diana Galan, Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
George Brietigam, Chair