

# *West Orange County Water Board*

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**TO:** WOCWB CHAIR AND DIRECTORS  
**FROM:** JOHN POEHLER, GENERAL MANAGER  
**SUBJECT:** OC-35 CONTROL PANEL

In early June, the OC-35 Controllers at Dale and Katella began malfunctioning. This controller is necessary to remotely turn the flow of water through the transmission main on and off.

Staff was able to hire a vendor to repair the controller. Unfortunately, we have been having difficulties with this model of controller at other locations, and do not believe that this will serve as anything more than a temporary remedy, and that the controllers ultimately will need to be replaced.

The cost to replace the panel is estimated to be approximately \$200,000. The Board included \$120,000 in the FY 2025/26 approved budget. An additional \$70,000 will be carried over from the FY 2024/25 budget. We anticipate being able to cover the remaining balance, if any, using other operating funds. However, if the controller should malfunction before the new one is installed, staff will need to manually operate the valves. In this event, the Board would need to cover those costs. We will inform the Board of any necessary budget amendments, if necessary.

We will update you as more information becomes available.