

MINUTES OF THE WEST ORANGE COUNTY WATER BOARD

Regular Meeting
Public Works Utilities Yard
Administration Building
19001 Huntington Street
Huntington Beach, California
Wednesday, January 15, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the West Orange County Water Board was called to order by Chair Hardy at the City of Huntington Beach Public Works Utilities Yard, Administration Building, 19001 Huntington Street, Huntington Beach, California on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 3:32 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Hardy – City of Huntington Beach
Vice Chair Sustarsic – City of Seal Beach
Director Brietigam – City of Garden Grove
Director Nguyen – City of Westminster-arrived at 3:41pm
Director Carr – City of Huntington Beach

Others Present: Brian Ragland – City of Huntington Beach
Diana Galan – City of Huntington Beach
Chris Davis – City of Huntington Beach
Steve Styles – City of Huntington Beach
Derek Smith – City of Huntington Beach
Alisa Backstrom – City of Huntington Beach
Andy Ferrigno – City of Huntington Beach
Cel Pasillas – City of Garden Grove
Marwan Youssef-City of Westminster
Steve Myrter – City of Seal Beach

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

LATE COMMUNICATION

None

20-1311 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

On a motion by Director Brietigam and seconded by Director Sustarsic the Board voted to re-elect Jill Hardy as Chair and Schelly Sustarsic as Vice-Chair.

Motion approved 4-0-1-Nguyen was not present for the motion or vote.

20-1308 MINUTES OF THE October 16, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

On a motion by Vice-Chair Sustarsic, and seconded by Director Brietigam, the Board voted to receive and file the Minutes of October 16, 2019.

Motion approved 4-0-1-Carr abstained.

20-1312 FUND REPORT & RATIFY BILLS

Chris Davis presented the fund report and bills received during the second quarter.

On a motion by Director Brietigam, and seconded by Vice-chair Sustarsic, the Board moved to approve and file the Fund Report and approved the ratification of bills for payment by the General Manager and paid by the City of Huntington Beach, Fiscal Agent for the West Orange County Water Board.

Motion approved 5-0-0.

20-1313 TREASURER'S REPORT AS PREPARED BY THE CITY TREASURER

Alisa Backstrom presented the Treasurer's Report and the Quarterly LAIF Report.

On a motion by Director Brietigam, and seconded by Vice-chair Sustarsic, the Board voted to receive and file the Treasurer's Report and the Quarterly LAIF Report.

Motion approved 5-0-0.

20-1314 PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 BUDGET

Chris Davis presented the proposed FY 2020/21 budget, noting that a revised budget may be presented at a special meeting, pending Board discussion on the OC-9 and OC-35 life extension options.

On a motion from Director Carr and seconded by Vice-Chair Sustarsic the Board voted to receive the proposed 2020-21 Budget as a study item with the possibility of calling a special meeting in February to address specifics of the proposed budget.

Motion approved 5-0-0.

20-1324 PROPOSED WEST ORANGE COUNTY WATER BOARD INVESTMENT POLICY

Alisa Backstrom presented the proposed 2020 West Orange County Water Board Investment Policy. There was only one proposed change which would change the deposit limits in Investment Pools from \$50 million to \$75 million per entity, as the State Treasurer increased the allowable amount.

On a motion from Vice Chair Sustarsic and seconded by Chair Hardy, the Board approved the WOCWB 2020 Investment Policy.

Motion approved 5-0-0.

20-1315 OC-35 RELOCATION PROJECT LOAN CLOSE OUT

Chris Davis presented an overview of the expenditures on the OC-35 relocation project. The presentation included the estimated balance of the project, as well as the remaining balance or refund for each agency. Mr. Davis stated that the report has been submitted to OCTA and that the Board would process and return any balance due to the Cities of Garden Grove and Westminster pending acceptance by OCTA. Huntington Beach and Seal Beach would see a reduction in principal on the loan repayment going forward.

On a motion from Director Carr and seconded by Vice-Chair Sustarsic the Board directed the General Manager to return unspent loan funds to Orange County Transportation Authority and return prorated reimbursement funds to the Cities of Garden Grove and Westminster.

Motion approved 5-0-0.

20-1316 OC-9 AND OC-35 LIFE EXTENSION OR REPLACEMENT OPTIONS

Andy Ferrigno addressed the Board and provided information on the current conditions of the OC-9 pipeline, which is 64 years old, and the OC-35 pipeline, which is 56 years old. Andy stated that for planning purposes, the average life span of a cement lined and coated steel pipeline ranges between 70 and 80 years. The options to ensure that water service to the member agencies would continue into the future would be to replace the pipelines in ten to twenty years at a cost of \$50 million (present cost) or install a cathodic protection (CP) system at a cost of \$8.0 million (present cost).

Should the Board choose to move forward with either option, Andy suggested that the Board consider setting aside funds for the proposed project into a dedicated account over a period of years to help reduce the impact to the member agencies annual water capital improvement programs.

Andy also suggested that the public works directors or their representative(s) from the member agencies meet to review the alternatives and associated costs as well as the yearly assessment that their respective capital improvement programs could absorb. Once all were in agreement regarding which project to choose and the number of years that would be required to collect the funding, they could advise their Board member(s) as to their recommendation.

No motion was required as this matter was provided as an Item for Discussion.

20-1317 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Steve Styles reported that during the last quarter, the City of Huntington Beach had imported 2,648.6 acre feet and the City of Seal Beach imported 282.7 acre feet of MWD water through the WOCWB facilities.

Mr. Styles also reported that OC-9 & OC-35 would be shut down from February 9 through February 16, 2020 for MWD to complete a scheduled valve replacement project. During the shut-down, City of Huntington Beach staff will perform control valve re-builds at both turnouts along with the replacement of upstream isolation

valves on OC-9 and any other work needed while the line is down. There were no major maintenance activities to report.

On a motion by Director Breitigam, and seconded by Vice Chair Sustarsic, the Board moved to receive and file the Operations and Maintenance Report.

Motion approved 5-0-0.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Chairperson Hardy advised the Board that she will be out of town in April and will not be available to attend the next quarterly meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hardy adjourned the Regular Meeting of the West Orange County Water Board to the next Regular Meeting scheduled for April 15, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. at the Utilities Yard Administration Building, 19001 Huntington Street, Huntington Beach, California.

WEST ORANGE COUNTY WATER BOARD

Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Jill Hardy, Chair