

MINUTES OF THE WEST ORANGE COUNTY WATER BOARD

Regular Meeting
Public Works Utilities Yard
Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, February 17, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the West Orange County Water Board was called to order by Vice-Chair Sustarsic via Zoom on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Director Moser – City of Huntington Beach
Director Peterson – City of Huntington Beach
Director Sustarsic – City of Seal Beach
Director Brietigam – City of Garden Grove
Director Nguyen – City of Westminster

Others Present: Sean Crumby – City of Huntington Beach
Ken Dills – City of Huntington Beach
Mark Lewis – City of Huntington Beach
Diana Galan – City of Huntington Beach
Chris Davis – City of Huntington Beach
Chris Cassotta – 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

21-032 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

On a motion by Director Brietigam and seconded by Director Nguyen the Board voted to appoint Director Sustarsic as Chair and Director Brietigam as Vice-Chair.

Motion approved 5-0

21-034 MINUTES OF THE June 17, 2020 REGULAR MEETING

On a motion by Director Brietigam, and seconded by Director Nguyen, the Board voted to receive and file the Minutes of June 17, 2020.

Motion approved 3-0-2 (Abstained-Moser, Peterson)

21-035 FUND REPORT & RATIFY BILLS

Chris Davis presented the fund report and bills received during the first two quarters.

On a motion by Director Peterson, and seconded by Director Nguyen, 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

21-036 TREASURER'S REPORT AS PREPARED BY THE CITY TREASURER

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

No vote taken

21-038 PROPOSED ANNUAL INVESTMENT POLICY

Alisa Backstrom presented the Annual Investment Policy noting that there were no significant changes.

On a motion from Director Nguyen and seconded by Vice-Chair Brietigam the Board voted to adopt Resolution 21-01, re-adopting the annual investment Policy for the Board.

Motion approved 5-0-0

21-039 LAIF RESOLUTION

Alisa Backstrom presented the Quarterly Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) authorizing the Board to invest in LAIF.

On a motion from Vice Chair Brietigam and seconded by Chair Nguyen, the Board approved the LAIF Resolution.

Motion approved 5-0-0

21-040 FISCAL YEAR 21-22 PROPOSED BUDGET

Chris Davis presented an overview of the proposed FY 2021-2022 budget noting that is identical to the current FY budget. Mr. Davis noted that the budget includes the second 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.

No vote taken

21-041 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Chris Cassotta reported that during the last six months, the City of Huntington Beach had imported 1896.6 acre-feet and the City of Seal Beach imported 525.5 acre-feet of MWD water through the WOCWB facilities. He also reported that all scheduled maintenance activities have been completed.

No vote taken

MEMBER COMMENTS

COHB Public Works Director Sean Crumby acknowledged the efforts and contributions of recently deceased Utilities Manager, Brian Ragland to the Board and the local water industry.

Vice-chair Brietigam raised questions regarding the levels of PFAS in the water supply for the Board's agencies. COHB Public Works Director advised that each agency is tasked with working this out on their own and that the Orange County Water District has been working with member agencies on this issue.

Chair Sustarsic inquired about the security of the SCADA system in light of the recent hack to a water treatment plant in Florida. Acting Water Production Supervisor Chris Cassotta assured the Board that the SCADA system is quite secure with double encryption, limited access and close monitoring of the system by staff. He noted that the system will generate an alarm directly to staff if any issues arise.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Sustarsic adjourned the Regular Meeting of the West Orange County Water Board to the next Regular Meeting scheduled for April 21, 2021 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: _____
Schelly Sustarsic, Chair