

MINUTES OF THE WEST ORANGE COUNTY WATER BOARD

Special Meeting
Public Works Utilities Yard
Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, January 19, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the West Orange County Water Board was called to order by Vice-Chair Brietigam via Zoom on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 4:09 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Sustarsic – City of Seal Beach
Vice-Chair Brietigam – City of Garden Grove
Director Kalmick – City of Huntington Beach
Director Moser – City of Huntington Beach
Director Nguyen – City of Westminster

Others Present: Cel Pasillas – City of Garden Grove
Alisa Backstrom – City of Huntington Beach
Chris Cassotta – City of Huntington Beach
Chris Davis – City of Huntington Beach
Andy Ferrigno – City of Huntington Beach
Diana Galan – City of Huntington Beach
Alvin Papa – City of Huntington Beach
Steve Myrter – City of Seal Beach
Jake Ngo – City of Westminster

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Brietigam, Kalmick, Moser
Absent: Sustarsic (joined at 4:17pm); Nguyen (joined at 4:18pm)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

LATE COMMUNICATION

None

22-039 MINUTES OF THE September 29, 2021 Special Meeting

On a motion by Director Kalmick, and seconded by Director Moser, the Board voted to receive and file the Meeting Minutes of September 29, 2021.

Motion approved 2-2-1 (Sustarsic and Nguyen absent for vote; Kalmick abstained)

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Alvin Papa informed the Board that nominee Cathy Green won the recent ACWA election for Vice-President. He also informed them that the Board received two of the "President's Special Recognition Award" certificates from ACWA JPIA for having a loss ratio of 20% or less in either of the Liability, Property, or Workers' Compensation programs.

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22-040 NOMINATE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

On a motion from Director Kalmick, and seconded by Director Moser, the Board voted to elect Director Brietigam as Chair.

Motion approved 3-0-2 (Sustarsic & Nguyen absent)

Directors Sustarsic and Nguyen joined the online meeting.

On a motion from Director Kalmick, and seconded by Director Sustarsic, the Board voted to elect Director Moser as Vice Chair.

Motion approved 5-0

22-041 FUND REPORT & RATIFY BILLS

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

Informational item - No vote taken

22-042 TREASURER'S REPORT AS PREPARED BY THE CITY TREASURER

Alisa Backstrom presented the Treasurer's Report and the Quarterly Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) Report.

Informational item - No vote taken

22-043 ANNUAL INVESTMENT POLICY

On a motion from Director Kalmick, and, seconded by Director Sustarsic, the Board voted to re-adopt the annual investment policy from the previous year.

Motion approved 5-0

22-044 FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 PROPOSED BUDGET

Chris Davis presented an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 budget noting that it is very similar to the current FY budget. Mr. Davis noted that the budget includes the third 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

22-045 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Chris Cassotta reported that during the last quarter, the City of Huntington Beach imported 890.5 acre-feet (AF) and the City of Seal Beach imported 1.9 AF of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) water through WOCWB facilities. He also reported that the first vault out of five needing rehabilitation had been completed, and the second one scheduled for first quarter 2022. All scheduled maintenance activities have been completed.

Informational item - No vote taken

MEMBER COMMENTS

Director Kalmick expressed his pleasure at joining the Board; he was welcomed by the Directors.

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Chair Brietigam polled the Board about meeting via Zoom and they expressed their preference for continued online meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Brietigam adjourned the Regular Meeting of the WOCWB to the next Regular Meeting scheduled for April 20, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at the Utilities Yard Training Room in the Operations Building, 19021 Huntington Street, Huntington Beach, California, or via Zoom.

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Diana Galan, Secretary

ATTEST: _____
George Brietigam, Chair