

## MINUTES OF ADJOURNED REGULAR BOARD MEETING –JUNE 3, 2005

The adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) was called to order by President Miller at 9:30 a.m., June 3, 2005 in the District Office, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine, California.

Directors Present: Swan, Reinhart, Matheis, Miller and Withers

Directors Absent: None

Also Present: General Manager Jones, Assistant General Manager Cook, Director of Public Affairs Beeman, Director of Engineering Heiertz, Mr. Bob Mueting and Mr. Larry Mouri of RJM Design Group, and Ms. Michelle Tuchman.

### WORKSHOP

#### SAN JOAQUIN MARSH FACILITIES MASTER PLAN PROPOSAL

Proposed Site Plan. Director of Public Affairs Beeman presented background information on the public facilities at the San Joaquin Marsh. Ms. Beeman discussed current usage patterns by the community, Audubon and IRWD and the need to increase usable space for educational programming and community meetings.

The District's consultants, Mr. Bob Mueting and Mr. Larry Mouri, discussed the proposed site plan which divides the facilities area into four separate subareas. They described the main features of the plan which included: 1) Phase 1 - Interim Parking Improvements: Fill the eastern portion of Pond E (formerly an emergency storage pond no longer required for the Michelson Water Reclamation Plant operations) with compacted material and a crushed rock surface. A simple subdrain system will be installed to allow use during wet weather. This will be constructed as part of the San Diego Sediment Removal Project; 2) Phase 2 - Duck Club Expansion: Expand the back portion of the Duck Club building to allow for additional square footage creating a more cohesive community meeting space as well as increased seating capacity. This was approved by the Board in May 2005 and is scheduled to be completed by Fall 2005; 3) Phase 3 - Duck Club Site and Campus Area: Aligns the historic homes and garages into a campus configuration. One home and garage would remain as District employee housing and one home would be used to house IRWD program and educational exhibits. Two garages would be reconfigured into classroom space for IRWD/Audubon educational programs. One home would be utilized for additional IRWD and Audubon storage/administrative functions as well as a permanent microscope/research facility. A path and open space would be created between the new historic home configurations and the Duck Club/Audubon House. Bus parking space would be provided near the Duck Club to facilitate tour participant access and minimize current negative impacts on Duck Club/Audubon House users. The estimated cost is \$1,359,268; and Phase 4 – Parking Lot Upgrades and Meadow: Create a path that provides access around the entire “meadow” and connects to the new historic home configuration. The picnic area would be moved to the meadow area and a walkway with a scenic overlook would be created from the parking facility to the duck club compound. The estimated cost is \$627,468. Director Matheis

proposed that the cost be shared by the San Joaquin Marsh Sanctuary and IRWD, with the Sanctuary contributing approximately \$1 million. The Board agreed to this concept, and approved the conceptual plan. Staff was directed to develop a more specific site plan, including cost estimates to be brought back to the Board for discussion.

#### Duck Club Expansion

Mr. Jones said that on May 9, 2005, the Board authorized staff to proceed with the expansion of the Duck Club, and at the Board's direction, staff has prepared three alternate porch designs for the expansion. These alternatives were presented to the Board and a consensus was reached on a porch design.

On MOTION by Swan, seconded and unanimously carried, THE SAN JOAQUIN MARSH FACILITIES MASTER PLAN WAS APPROVED.

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST ISSUES AND PROCEDURES

General Manager Jones reported that the purpose of this item was to discuss legal and perceived conflicts of interest. Mr. Jones said that the District currently utilizes legal counsel to review Board members' activities for potential conflicts of interest. He said that staff was proposing that in addition to legal review, a procedure be developed among the Board members for interactively reviewing and sharing opinions on activities which have the potential to create perceived conflicts of interest. He then reviewed the memo from legal counsel relative to several of the concerns that are encountered in conflict situations. Following discussion, staff was asked to initiate a procedure for the Board to inform, review, and seek counsel from one from another regarding individual outside activities which are not legal conflicts of interest, but may be perceived as conflicts of interest affecting the District.

#### SOUTH COUNTY RELIABILITY/ANNEXATION DISCUSSION

General Manager Jones reported that the purpose of this item was to update the Board on the Orange County Water District's (OCWD) Annexation process, and also to present a number of potential concepts for facilitating improvements in water supply reliability for south Orange County. He said that the discussion will explain how these two issues are related, and strategies will be proposed regarding how the issues could be resolved to the benefit of all parties.

Director of Engineering Heiertz reported that staff continues to work with OCWD regarding the IRWD application for annexation of additional areas. Mr. Heiertz said that OCWD is in the lead for preparing the Long-Term Facilities Plan and the associated Environmental Impact Report, and expects to have this document ready by March 2006. He said that staff has also been participating in discussions with Municipal Water District of Orange County and certain water agencies in south Orange County regarding water supply reliability enhancements for these agencies. He said there may be an opportunity for IRWD to supply emergency water, on a short-term basis, to South County agencies by tapping into the groundwater basin. For this benefit, these agencies may be willing to provide a portion of the capital required not only to extract the

water from the basin and convey it south, but also to install facilities that would put more water into the basin.

Mr. Heiertz then reviewed past inter-agency discussions and provided information how best to move forward in the process.

POLICY POSITION PAPERS ON KEY ISSUES

This item was deferred to the Water Resources Policy and Communications Committee for review.

DISTRICT GOALS/PRIORITIES

General Manager Jones discussed the District's goals and priorities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Miller adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED and SIGNED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2005.

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President, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

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Secretary, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Legal Counsel - Bowie, Arneson, Wiles & Giannone