

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING – DECEMBER 10, 2018

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) was called to order at 4:09 p.m. by President Reinhart on December 10, 2018 in the District office, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine, California.

Directors Present: Reinhart, Matheis, Swan, Withers and LaMar (arrived at 4:24 p.m.)

Directors Absent: None.

Also Present: General Manager Cook, Executive of Engineering and Water Quality Burton, Executive Director of Water Policy Weghorst, Executive Director of Operations Chambers, Legal Counsel Collins, Secretary Bonkowski, Government Relations Officer Compton, representatives from Quintana, Watts & Hartmen, Mr. Quintana from the Ornate Group, and members of the staff and public.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED: None.

PRESENTATION

REVIEW OF 2018 LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES AND 2019 LEGISLATIVE PLANNING

General Manager Cook said that the report provides a review of IRWD's 2018 legislative priorities and government relations activities, and an overview of expected 2019 legislative and regulatory issues in Washington, D.C., Sacramento, and regionally. Mr. Cook said that the report proposes an initial 2019 staff resource allocation plan for legislative and regulatory issues of importance to IRWD in the coming year. He said that staff recommends that the Board provide input on the proposed 2019 regional, state and federal legislative issues of interest to IRWD.

Mr. Cook said that at the federal level, staff and IRWD's federal legislative advocate engaged on the Bureau of Reclamation's Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program, promoted federal funding of the Syphon Reservoir Recycled Water Storage Project, and sought tax parity for water rebates. He further said also included in the Water Infrastructure for Improvements for the Nation Act was authorization for the Water Storage Program at the Bureau of Reclamation which is currently the best opportunity for the District to obtain federal funding for the Kern Fan Project. He said that like the Title XVI program, however, the Water Storage Program will need to be reauthorized before 2020. This next year, unless the program is reauthorized in the lame duck session, the District will seek the reauthorization of the program and will seek federal funding for the Kern Fan Project. Following comments from the Board on this issue, Government Relations Officer Compton noted the legislative/regulatory issues and activities of high concern to IRWD in 2019 are provided in Exhibit "A" along with the District's initial 2019 Legislative and Regulatory Resource Allocation Plan, which is provided in Exhibit "B".

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Director LaMar arrived. Following Board comments, Ms. Compton introduced the District's representatives from the Quintana, Watts & Hartmen and Mr. Quintana from the Ornate Group, and they provided brief professional backgrounds on themselves.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Reinhart adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 14th day of January, 2019.

President, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

Secretary IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Claire Hervey Collins, Legal Counsel
– Lewis Brisbois