

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 3, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Reinhart on October 8, 2018 in the District office, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine, California.

District Secretary Bonkowski said that prior to roll call, she wanted to make it clear for the record of this meeting, and asked that it be reflected in the minutes, that all of this Board meeting will be conducted via speaker phone pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953 and that Director Withers will be participating from Room 910 at the Citizens Hotel located at 926 J Street, Sacramento, California. She said that in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, Director Withers' teleconference location has been identified in the notice and agenda for this meeting. She said that she confirmed with the representative from the Citizen's Hotel that the Board that the agenda was posted at the Citizens Hotel within the 72 hour posting requirements. She said that all votes will be by roll call vote. She further confirmed that Director Withers was heard and that the Board could hear him clearly, and asked if any member of the public was present at Director Wither's location. Director Withers said not at this time.

Secretary Bonkowski conducted the roll call and received ayes from Directors Matheis, Swan, Withers, LaMar and Reinhart.

Also Present: General Manager Cook, Executive Director of Engineering and Water Quality Burton, Executive Director of Water Policy Weghorst, Executive Director of Finance and Administrative Clary, Director of Operations Chambers, Director of Water Recycling Operations Zepeda, Director of Treasury and Risk Management Jacobson, Director of Human Resources Roney, Secretary Bonkowski, Assistant Secretary Swan, Senior Engineer Stewart and members of the staff and public.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM REMOTE LOCATION: None.

ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED: None.

### PRESENTATION

#### RESOLUTION COMMENDING WILLIAM "BILLY" STEWART FOR HIS DEDICATED AND LOYAL SERVICE TO THE DISTRICT

General Manager Cook presented Mr. Stewart with a framed plaque commending him for his 30 years of service to the District. On MOTION by Swan, seconded by Matheis, and unanimously carried (Withers, LaMar, Swan, Reinhart and Matheis voting aye), THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AT FOLLOWS:

PRESENTATION (Continued)

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-29

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT COMMENDING  
WILLIAM "BILLY" STEWART FOR HIS DEDICATED AND  
LOYAL SERVICE TO THE DISTRICT

CONSENT CALENDAR

General Manager Cook asked that item No. 5, CULVER DRIVE RECYCLED WATER PIPELINE REPLACEMENT BUDGET INCREASE, CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER, AND FINAL ACCEPTANCE be pulled from the Consent Calendar due to unexpected rain delays in completing the project. There being no objections, this item was pulled from the Consent Calendar. On MOTION by Swan, seconded and unanimously carried (Withers, LaMar, Swan, Reinhart and Matheis voting aye), CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM NOS. 4 AND 6 WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

4. LAKE FOREST RECYCLED WATER SERVICES ON BAKE PARKWAY AND TOLEDO WAY - FINAL ACCEPTANCE

Recommendation: That the Board accept construction of the Lake Forest Recycled Water Services on Bake Parkway and Toledo Way, Project 07159; authorize the General Manager to file a Notice of Completion; and authorize the payment of the retention 35 days after the date of recording the Notice of Completion.

6. SEAWATCH RECYCLED WATER MAIN REHABILITATION – FINAL ACCEPTANCE

Recommendation: That the Board accept construction of the Seawatch Recycled Water Main Rehabilitation, Project 07099; authorize the General Manager to file a Notice of Completion; and authorize the payment of the retention 35 days after the date of recording the Notice of Completion.

ACTION CALENDAR

2019-2020 STATE REGULATORY AND CONSULTING SERVICES AND 2019-2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY SERVICES

General Manager Cook said that item Nos. 7 and 8 on the Action Calendar will be discussed together. Mr. Cook said that in June 2018, the District contracted with Cliff Moriyama Consulting for State regulatory advocacy and consulting services and its current contract expires on December 31, 2018. He said that staff recommends the Board approve a sole-source Professional Services Agreement with Cliff Moriyama Consulting, and that this new contract be in effect from January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2020, and have a not-to-exceed value of \$100,000, covering a \$4,000 monthly retainer plus reimbursement of direct expenses.

## ACTION CALENDAR (Continued)

Some of the regulatory policy areas expected to be of priority for IRWD over the 2019-2020 legislative session are provided as follows: 1) Department of Water Resources' (DWR) and the State Board's implementation of the "Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life" legislation; 2) DWR's "The Open and Transparent Water Data Act (AB 1755, Dodd) Implementation Plan "; 3) DWR's "California Water Plan: Update 2018" 4) DWR's "Public Draft of Stormwater Targets for Groundwater Recharge and Direct Use in Urban California"; 5) State Board's development of a "Cross Connection Policy Handbook"; 6) State Board's proposed "Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program Regulations"; 7) State Board's proposed "Mercury TMDL and Statewide Mercury Control Program for Reservoirs" regulations; 8) State Board's proposed regulations on "Prohibiting Wasteful Water Use Practices;" and 9) State Board's "State Wetland Definition and Procedures for Discharges of Dredged or Fill Material to Waters of the State" regulations. Cliff Moriyama has provided the District with a high level of service, knowledge, credibility and access in Sacramento and has assisted the District in its ongoing efforts to build and maintain relationships with key policy makers and regulators within State agencies.

Mr. Cook said that on October 8, 2018, the District issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for state legislative advocacy services and received six responses to the RFQ. He said that staff and the Water Resources Policy and Communications Committee interviewed the top three qualified firms/teams including The Gualco Group, Public Policy Advocates/London & Gonzalez Advocacy and The Oñate Group/Quintana, Watts & Hartman teams for the provision of state legislative advocacy service to the District. While all three firms/teams are well-qualified, The Oñate Group/Quintana, Watts & Hartman teams demonstrated the most comprehensive strategy for accomplishing IRWD's state policy objectives, and presented the strongest qualifications related to state advocacy on California water policy and on behalf of public agencies.

Director Matheis said that only the 2019-2020 State Legislative advocacy services contract was discussed by the Water Resources Policy and Communications Committee on November 19, 2018.

On MOTION by Matheis, seconded by LaMar, and unanimously carried (Withers, LaMar, Swan, Reinhart and Matheis voting aye), THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SOLE-SOURCE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CLIFF MORIYAMA CONSULTING FOR STATE REGULATORY ADVOCACY AND CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2019, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020, AT A RATE OF \$4,000 PER MONTH PLUS REASONABLE REIMBURSABLE DIRECT EXPENSES FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.

On MOTION by Matheis, seconded by LaMar, and unanimously carried (Withers, LaMar, Swan, Reinhart and Matheis voting aye), THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE OÑATE GROUP FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2019, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020, AT A RATE OF \$5,000 PER MONTH PLUS REASONABLE REIMBURSEMENT OF DIRECT EXPENSES FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000, AND AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH QUINTANA, WATTS

ACTION CALENDAR (Continued)

& HARTMANN FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2019, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020, AT A RATE OF \$5,000 PER MONTH PLUS REASONABLE REIMBURSEMENT OF DIRECT EXPENSES FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000.

OTHER BUSINESS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Cook reported that the District received an award from Orange County Business Council for its 2018 public/private partnership for the Irvine Ranch Water District's Energy Storage Project.

He further reported that tomorrow he, Director LaMar and Ms. Christine Compton will be meeting in Sacramento with Ms. Felicia Marcus of the State Water Resources Control Board.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Matheis reported that she attended an ACWA fall conference in San Diego, and a Water Education Foundation event.

Director Swan reported on his attendance at a Public Policy Institute of California's one-day event relative to water priorities for California's next governor, OCWD meetings, various City of Newport Chamber meetings, and an ACWA fall conference.

Director LaMar reported on his attendance at a Natural Communities Coalition meeting, a two-day ACWA Board of Directors meeting in Sacramento, a MWDOC Public Affairs and Legislative Committee meeting, and an ACWA/JPIA conference.

Director Withers reported on his attendance at an NWRI Operations Committee meeting, an OCWA monthly luncheon meeting, an ACC-OC Thanksgiving reception, and an ACWA fall conference. He said that on December 11 the City of Irvine will be holding a swearing-in reception and ceremony for its newly elected council members.

Director Reinhart reported on his attendance at a MWDOC Board and a Committee meeting, an ACC-OC Thanksgiving reception, and an ACWA fall conference.

President Reinhart said that following the Closed Session, he will be adjourning the Board meeting in memory of Ms. Carollyn Lobell, who was such a great contributor to the water industry.

CLOSED SESSION

President Reinhart said that the following Closed Session would be held:

CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Designated Agency Representatives: Paul Cook and Jenny Roney  
Employee Groups: IBEW Local #47 General Unit Employees and IBEW Local #47 Non-Exempt Supervisor Unit Employees

OPEN SESSION

Following the Closed Session, the meeting was reconvened with Directors LaMar, Swan, Withers, Matheis and Reinhart present. President Reinhart said that staff is authorized to proceed as recommended for both Employee Groups.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Reinhart adjourned the meeting in Ms. Lobell’s memory at 5:45 p.m.

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

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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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Claire Hervey Collins, Legal Counsel  
– Lewis Brisbois