

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – November 9, 2020

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 Matheis on November 9, 2020 via teleconference pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 due to COVID-19. Members of the public did not attend this meeting in person.

Directors Present: Reinhart, Swan, Withers, LaMar and Matheis.

Directors Absent: None.

Also Present: General Manager Cook, Executive Director of Technical Services Burton, Executive Director of Water Policy Weghorst, Executive Director of Finance and Administration Clary, Director of Treasury and Risk Management Jacobson, Executive Director of Operations Chambers, General Counsel Collins, Director of Public Affairs Beeman, Director of Human Resources Roney, Director of Water Quality and Regulatory Compliance Colston, Director of Information Services Malone, Director of Water Resources Sanchez, Government Relations Officer/Deputy General Counsel Compton, Secretary Bonkowski, Ms. Karen McLaughlin, Mr. Jim Garrecht, Consultants Kadesh, Kierig, Oñate, Cook, Moriyama, Newell and members of staff and the public.

WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Jim Garrecht addressed the Board relative to a safety concern he had for a Rattlesnake Reservoir and asked that a seismic study be performed.

Dr. Pamela Hite followed up on her written comments submitted to the Board this morning relative to: 1) aggregate billing issues for condominium/common interest developments that are Master metered, and 2) sewer charges for evaporative losses for swimming pools. She also complimented staff on their continued assistance working with her on these issues.

PRESENTATIONS

IRWD'S 2020 AND 2021 FEDERAL ADVOCACY

IRWD's consultants from Kadesh & Associates, LLC presented and discussed with the Board the District's 2020 and 2021 Federal Advocacy.

2020 AND 2021 STATE ADVOCACY

IRWD's consultants from Oñate, Resolute, and Cliff Moriyama Consulting presented and discussed with the Board the District's 2020 and 2021 State Advocacy.

In response to Director Swan's comment that he recommends quarterly updates, General Manager Cook said that this item can be discussed at the next Strategic Planning Workshop.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On MOTION by LaMar, seconded by Swan, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote (5-0) Withers, Matheis, Reinhart, Swan, and LaMar voting aye, and 0 noes, CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 5 THROUGH 10 WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

5. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: That the minutes of the October 26, 2020 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

6. RATIFY/APPROVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Recommendation: That the Board ratify/approve the meetings and events for Mary Aileen Matheis, Peer Swan, Doug Reinhart, Steve LaMar, and John Withers, as described.

7. 2020 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

Recommendation: Receive and file.

8. CULVER DRIVE DOMESTIC WATER PIPELINE RELOCATION

Recommendation: That the Board accept construction of the Culver Drive Domestic Water Pipeline Relocation, Project 07170, 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.

9. PROPOSED IRWD 2021 INVESTMENT POLICY

Recommendation: That the Board approve the proposed IRWD 2021 Investment Policy and adopt the following resolution by title approving an investment policy and authorizing the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers to invest and reinvest funds of the District and of each of its improvement districts and to sell and exchange securities.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-19

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE IRVINE RANCH
WATER DISTRICT APPROVING AN INVESTMENT POLICY AND
AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER AND ASSISTANT TREASURERS TO
INVEST AND REINVEST FUNDS OF THE DISTRICT AND OF EACH OF
ITS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS AND TO SELL AND EXCHANGE
SECURITIES

CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)

10. REVISIONS TO IRWD'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

Recommendation: That the Board rescind Resolution No. 2018-28 and adopt the following resolution by title revising the Conflict of Interest Code for IRWD.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 20

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF IRVINE RANCH
WATER DISTRICT RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2018-28 AND
ADOPTING A REVISED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR THE
DISTRICT

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

General Manager Cook reported that there are no new COVID-19 cases in the workplace.

DIRECTOR' COMMENTS

Director LaMar reported on his attendance at an ACWA 2020 Region Event Series, an ISDOC Quarterly meeting, an OC Sanitation Virtual State of the District, an ACWA State Legislative Committee meeting, and a WACO meeting.

Director Reinhart reported on his attendance at a Groundwater Banking Authority Board meeting and an OCWD Board meeting. He said he was unable to attend the MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meeting.

Director Swan reported on his attendance at a UCI Overview of the CA Water Resilience Portfolio, a Southern California Water Dialogue meeting, a MWDOC Board meeting, an ISDOC Quarterly meeting, an OC Sanitation meeting, a MWDOC Planning and Operations Committee meeting, a West Basin MWD meeting, a WACO meeting, and an OCBC Government Affairs Committee meeting.

Director Withers reported on his attendance at an ISDOC Quarterly meeting, an ISDOC Committee meeting, and a WACO meeting.

Director Matheis reported on her attendance at a MWDOC meeting.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

General Manager said he spoke with the District's consultant Mr. Newell today, and all is well in the canyon.

CLOSED SESSION

Legal Counsel Collins said that the following Closed Sessions would be held this evening.:

- 1) CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4): initiation of litigation. (One (1) potential case).

- 2) CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6:
Agency Designated Representative: President Matheis
Unrepresented Employee: Paul Cook

OPEN SESSION

Following the Closed Session, the meeting was reconvened with Directors Matheis, Swan, Reinhart, LaMar and Withers present. No action was reported.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business President Matheis adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 23rd day of November 2020.

President, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

Secretary IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Claire Hervey Collins, General Counsel
Hanson Bridgett LLP