

EXHIBIT "A"

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – March 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 March 9, 2020 in the District office, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine, California.

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 Recycling Operations Zepeda, Director of Maintenance Mykitta, Director of Water Operations Roberts, Government Relations Officer/Deputy General Counsel Compton, Secretary Bonkowski, Mr. Bruce Newell, Mr. Fernando Paludi, Mr. Gary Matthews, and members of staff and the public.

WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On MOTION by LaMar, seconded by Reinhart, and unanimously carried, CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 3 THROUGH 9 WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

4. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: That the minutes of the February 10, 2020 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

5. 2020 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

Recommendation: That the Board adopt a “support” position on AB 2182 (Rubio), AB 2560 (Quirk) and SB 1099 (Dodd); a “support if amended” position on AB 352 (E. Garcia), AB 1298 (Mullin), AB 2095 (Cooper), SB 45 (Allen), and on the “Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, and Natural Resources Protection Bond Act of 2020” Budget Trailer Bill; an “oppose unless amended” position on AB 1484 (Grayson), AB 3147 (Gabriel), AB 3148 (Chiu); and a “watch” position on AB 1924 (Grayson), AB 2943 (Ting), AB 3144 (Grayson), AB 3145 (Grayson), AB 3146 (Grayson), and AB 3149 (Gloria).

6. JANUARY 2020 TREASURY REPORT

Recommendation: That the Board receive and file the Treasurer’s Investment Summary Report, the Summary of Fixed and Variable Rate Debt, and Disclosure Report of Reimbursements to Board members and staff, approve the January 2020 Summary of Payroll ACH payments in the total amount of \$3,120,220; and approve the January 2020 accounts payable Disbursement Summary of warrants 405005 through 405945, Workers’ Compensation distributions, wire transfers, payroll withholding distributions and voided checks in the total amount of \$28,866,405.

7. SAND CANYON PROFESSIONAL CENTER – PHASE II CONSTRUCTION UPDATE AND LISTING AGREEMENT EXTENSION

Recommendation: That the Board approve a new listing agreement for the lease of the Sand Canyon Professional Office Center Phase II with the brokerage team of Cushman & Wakefield and Colliers International under previously agreed-upon commission terms and expiring on August 31, 2020.

8. AMENDMENT NO. 9 TO THE SANTIAGO AQUEDUCT COMMISSION JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

Recommendation: That the Board approve Amendment No. 9 to the Santiago Aqueduct Commission Joint Powers Agreement, subject to non-substantive changes.

9. FINAL INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE ZONE A TO RATTLESNAKE RESERVOIR PUMP STATION PROJECT

Recommendation: That the Board find on the basis of the whole record before it, including the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and the comments received, that there is no substantial evidence that the Zone A to Rattlesnake Reservoir Pump Station Project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects IRWD’s independent judgment and analysis; adopt the proposed Final Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Zone A to Rattlesnake Reservoir Pump Station Project and the associated mitigation monitoring and reporting program; approve the Zone A to Rattlesnake Reservoir Pump Station Project; and authorize staff to post and file a Notice of Determination.

ACTION CALENDAR

ON-CALL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT SELECTIONS

Irvine Ranch Water District uses Professional Service Agreements to secure on-call environmental compliance and permitting services pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and other regulatory requirements. Staff has solicited and evaluated proposals from firms to perform future on-call environmental and permitting services. On MOTION by Swan, seconded by Reinhart, and unanimously carried, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATES (ESA), LSA, DUDEK AND PSOMAS TO PROVIDE ON-CALL CEQA/NEPA SERVICES FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS FOR NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNTS OF \$400,000 EACH AND WITH HARMSWORTH ASSOCIATES, PSOMAS AND ESA TO PROVIDE ON-CALL MONITORING AND PERMITTING SERVICES FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS FOR NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNTS OF \$400,000 EACH.

REVISED IRWD POLICY PRINCIPLES REGARDING METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT'S INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES PLAN AND LOCAL RESOURCES PROGRAM

Executive Director of Water Policy Weghorst reported on the Integrated Water Resources Plan (IRP) Metropolitan Water District is currently updating which will identify new regional targets for local water resource development. Mr. Weghorst said that the last update to the IRP was in 2015 and the plan is due to be revised again in 2020. He said that the 2015 IRP established goals to achieve additional water use efficiency and conservation, to stabilize and maintain imported water supplies, and to develop additional local water supplies. Metropolitan's new 2020 IRP is expected to identify new regional targets for local water resource development. These new targets will affect the updating and implementing of Metropolitan's Local Resources Program.

Mr. Weghorst reviewed the draft policy document noting that Metropolitan has historically implemented a regional approach to planning that has ensured the ability to provide reliable and high-quality water for all of its member agencies, and the ability to continue with this approach into the future is being affected by changing conditions (as noted in Exhibit "A") including: 1) an unexpected future where member agencies may collectively require less imported water supplies; 2) climate change impacts to an over-allocated Colorado River; 3) uncertainties of a long-term solution to conveyance in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta make it difficult to predict Metropolitan's future water supplies; 4) accumulating risks that a major earthquake will occur in the Delta that will dramatically reduce water supplies to Southern California; 5) emerging contaminants are impacting local groundwater basins creating short-term, increased dependence on Metropolitan; 6) some member agencies will be "rolling off" of Metropolitan through the development of local supplies; 7) the continued development of local supplies could strand capacity in Metropolitan's water treatment facilities; and 8) Metropolitan's variable revenue structure may not be effective at covering all of Metropolitan's costs into the future.

Mr. Weghorst reviewed the proposed policy principles, and following input from the Board, the document will be redrafted. On MOTION by Reinhart, seconded by Swan, and unanimously

carried, THE REVISED IRWD POLICY PRINCIPLES REGARDING METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT'S INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES PLAN AND LOCAL RESOURCES PROGRAM WAS TABLED, AND TO BE RESUBMITTED FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

REVISED IRWD WATER RESOURCES FUNDING POLICY PRINCIPLES

Government Relations Officer/Deputy General Counsel Compton reported that the District's policy position papers are reviewed periodically to determine if the positions are still valid, need to be revised or if new papers should be written on different issues.

Ms. Compton said that a draft of the proposed revised IRWD Water Resources Funding Policy Principles is provided in Exhibit "A". She said that in California's Fiscal Year 2020-21 proposed budget, Governor Gavin Newsom has confirmed his interest in a climate resilience bond and released his proposed bond funding plan. Discussions related to the total size of a climate resilience bond and the funding allocations are ongoing in Sacramento and that given the ongoing discussion on the climate resilience bond, water resources infrastructure funding will continue to be a point of discussion within and around the State Capitol this legislative session and beyond. She further said that staff has updated the IRWD Water Infrastructure Funding Policy Principles adopted by the Board on August 1, 2013, to reflect the current landscape, and recommends the Board approve the updated IRWD Water Infrastructure Funding Policy Principles.

Director Withers reported that this item was reviewed by the Water Resources Policy and Communications Committee on March 5, 2020. Following discussion, on MOTION by Withers, seconded by LaMar, and unanimously carried, THE BOARD ADOPTED THE UPDATED IRWD POLICY PRINCIPLES REGARDING CALIFORNIA WATER RESOURCES FUNDING.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Cook provided an update on what the District has been undertaking to keep employees safe due to the Coronavirus situation, and noted that staff is working with other agencies, including SOCWA, relative to staffing if employees become ill. He said that he formed a team consisting of Ms. Cheryl Clary, Ms. Jenny Roney, and Ms. Wendy Chambers to help with suggestions/concerns over the situation. He also noted that WaterReuse and CMUA conferences have been cancelled due to concerns with this virus.

Mr. Cook noted that Mr. Fernando Paludi of Trabuco Canyon Water District and Mr. Gary Matthews of Pomona Water District were in attendance tonight.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director LaMar reported on his attendance at four ACWA Committee meetings, a MWDOC Water Policy Forum, an ACWA 2020 Annual Conference in Washington, DC with Director Matheis, and a MWDOC workshop with MWD Directors.

Director Withers reported on his attendance at an OCSL Legislative and Public Affairs Committee meeting today, and that on Thursday he will be attending an Irvine Exchange Club

event, and next week a City of Lake Forest City Council Board meeting where he is planning to make comments.

Director Swan reported on his attendance at an interim Irvine Lake Level Operations meeting, a MWDOC 2020 Water Policy Forum, a MWDOC Administration and Finance Committee meeting, a WACO Planning Committee meeting, a MWDOC Board meeting, a Water Education Foundation Water 101 workshop and tour, a CASA 2020 Annual Conference, a ACWA 2020 Annual Conference, both in Washington, DC, a WACO meeting, and an OCBC meeting.

Director Reinhart reported on his attendance at an interim Irvine Lake level Operations Plan meeting, an OCWD Water Issues Committee meeting, a MWDOC 2020 Water Policy Forum, an OCWD Administration Finance Committee meeting, and an Urban Water Institute Spring Water conference.

Director Matheis reported on her attendance at an ACWA 2020 Annual Conference in Washington, DC. She also commented on the Coronavirus and said she felt safe traveling, and is planning to travel to Sacramento this week.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

IRWD's consultant Bruce Newell commented that he attended his usual meetings relative to the canyon area.

ADJOURNMENT

President Matheis adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

APPROVED and SIGNED this ____ of _____ 2020.

President, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

Secretary IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Claire Hervey Collins, General Counsel
Hanson Bridgett LLP