

EXHIBIT "B"

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – February 8, 2021

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 February 8, 2021 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: McLaughlin, LaMar, Swan, Withers, and Reinhart.

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, Director of Water Quality and Regulatory Compliance Colston, Director of Recycling Operations Zepeda, Director of Information Services Malone, Director of Water Resources Sanchez, Director of Maintenance Mykitta, Government Relations Officer/Deputy General Counsel Compton, Secretary Bonkowski, General Counsel Collins, Special Legal Counsel Robinson, Consultant Newell, and members of staff and the public.

WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On MOTION by Withers, seconded by Swan, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote (5-0) Withers, McLaughlin, Swan, LaMar and Reinhart voting aye, and 0 noes, ITEMS 3 THROUGH 5 WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOW:

3. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: That the minutes of the January 25, 2021 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

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

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

5. SALE OF FORMER CARPENTER IRRIGATION DISTRICT OFFICE PROPERTY

Recommendation: That the Board approve the sale of the former Carpenter Irrigation District Office Property to Phillip De Los Reyes for a sale price of \$250,000 and authorize the General Manager to execute all required escrow and related transfer documents to complete the sale process.

ACTION CALENDAR

ORACLE CUSTOMER CARE & BILLING UPGRADE

Director of Information Services Malone reported that IRWD's primary billing system, Oracle Customer Care & Billing (CC&B), was implemented in 2014 and tracked customer interactions with the District, scheduled service appointments and maintained billing history. Mr. Malone said that Oracle Utilities Analytics (OUA) is an adjacent application used to provide reporting and analysis of customer information and is part of the upgrade proposal. He said that Oracle CC&B is at the end of life and Oracle will not provide further updates to the existing software. In anticipation of the end of life on the existing version of CC&B, in April 2018, the Board approved Projects 10546 and 10547, each in the amount of \$1,424,500, for a total of \$2,849,000 to fund an initiative to upgrade CC&B to the latest version to perform a technical upgrade of CC&B with minimal change to existing business processes.

Mr. Malone said that staff issued a Request for Proposal in November 2020 to five consultants with experience supporting utilities using Oracle CC&B including Infosys, Origin Consulting, Red Clay, Tata Consulting Services (TCS) and Utility Solutions. All firms, except for TCS, submitted a proposal. Mr. Malone said that staff reviewed and ranked the proposals and selected the top two firms for interviews: Infosys and Origin Consulting. He said that based on the interviews and proposal rankings, staff believes that Origin Consulting has the best understanding of the Oracle CC&B Upgrade project and the most experienced and talented project team with the CC&B application. He said that Origin Consulting submitted an optimal and realistic project schedule, and staff believes it is the most capable of implementing a successful upgrade. He further said that as part of its proposal, Origin will also prepare IRWD to eventually move CC&B to the cloud by converting custom programming code to a new standard, cloud-ready code.

Director Swan said that this item was reviewed by the Finance and Personnel Committee on February 2, 2021, and on MOTION by Swan, seconded by LaMar, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote (5-0) Withers, McLaughlin, Swan, LaMar and Reinhart voting aye, and 0 noes, **THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ORIGIN CONSULTING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200,000 FOR THE ORACLE CC&B UPGRADE PROJECT, PROJECTS 10546 AND 10547.**

2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Government Relations Officer/Deputy General Counsel Compton reported on the Eviction Moratorium Extension and State Rental Assistance Program, the COVID-19 Financial Relief for Water Agencies, the Low-Income Rate Assistance Program (LIRA) & SB 222 (Dodd), SB 223 (Dodd) – Discontinuation of Residential Water Service, SB 323 (Caballero) - Water Rate Validations as sponsored by ACWA, CASA's Flushable Products Legislation, and the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program Funding. She further provided a brief 2021 State Regulatory update and 2021 Federal Legislative update noting that IRWD's federal advocacy efforts in 2021 continue to largely focus on seeking federal funding for the Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project and advocating for an increased funding authorization for the federal Water Storage Program.

Following discussion, Director LaMar reported that this item was reviewed and approved by the Water Resources Policy and Communications Committee on February 4, 2021. On MOTION by LaMar, seconded by McLaughlin and unanimously carried by a roll call vote (5-0) Withers, McLaughlin, Swan, LaMar and Reinhart voting aye, and 0 noes, THE BOARD ADOPTED A “CONCERNS” POSITION ON SB 222 (DODD), AN “OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED” POSITION ON SB 223 (DODD), A “SUPPORT” POSITION ON SB 323 (CABALLERO) ACWA’S WATER RATE VALIDATIONS PROPOSAL, A “SUPPORT” POSITION ON CASA’S FLUSHABLE PRODUCTS STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION, AND A “SUPPORT” POSITION ON THE \$85 MILLION BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE REGIONAL FOREST AND FIRE CAPACITY PROGRAM.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

General Manager Cook reported that it has been the quietest week since last March for reporting COVID-19 activity. He said that the District has had ProCare performing on-site testing at MWRP and that all tests have come back negative, which is great news. He further said that there have been approximately 40 positive cases of District employees.

Mr. Cook said that the District is at \$1.7 million outstanding for unpaid customer billing.

Mr. Cook said that Mr. Jeff Mosher, former Executive Director of NWRI, has been selected as the new General Manager of SAWPA, and will begin within a few weeks.

DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS

Director LaMar reported on his virtual attendance at the Sites Authority Town Hall, an ACWA Board of Directors’ workshop, an ACC-OC Sacramento Advocacy trip, an OCBC annual Board installation, and a WACO meeting.

Director McLaughlin reported on her virtual attendance at a SOC Watershed Management new Committee Member briefing and a SCWC Legislative Task Force meeting.

Director Swan reported on his virtual attendance at a CASA conference, a MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meeting, a Sites Authority Town Hall meeting, a Public Policy Institute of California meeting on January 26 with Mr. Leon Panetta as its speaker, a MWDOC Planning and Operations Meeting, a MWDOC Board meeting, a West Basin meeting, a Newport Chamber of Commerce meeting, a meeting with UCI’s Natural Resources Defense group, and an OCBC meeting.

Director Withers reported on his virtual attendance with Director LaMar at an IRWD Form 700 refresher class with Legal Counsel Collins as speaker, an ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, a WACO monthly meeting, and several OCSD meetings.

Director Reinhart reported on his virtual attendance at an OCWD/MWDOC Joint Planning meeting, a South Orange County agency meeting, a MWDOC Planning and Operations Committee meeting, a Groundwater Banking Authority JPA Board meeting, a MWDOC Board meeting, an OCWD Board meeting, a SOCWA Board meeting, and a South County Selection Committee meeting where Mr. Dennis Erdman was recommended to serve as a MWD Director for MWDOC, and a WACO meeting.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

The District’s consultant, Mr. Bruce Newell, reported that it has been quiet in Santiago Canyon, with minor rain damage in Silverado Canyon.

CLOSED SESSION

Legal Counsel Collins reported that the following two Closed Sessions would be held this evening:

CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): *Kern County Water Agency v. Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority, Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District, Irvine Ranch Water District*, Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-21-100223

CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): *City of Bakersfield v. Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority, Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District, Irvine Ranch Water District*, Kern County Superior Court Case No. [pending assignment]

OPEN SESSIONS

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business President Reinhart adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 22nd day of February 2021.

President, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

Secretary IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Claire Hervey Collins, General Counsel
Hanson Bridgett LLP