

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – May 10, 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 May 10, 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: LaMar, McLaughlin, Withers, Swan, and Reinhart

Directors Absent: None.

Also Present: General Manager Cook, Executive Director of Technical Services Burton, Executive Director of Operations Chambers, Executive Director of Water Policy Weghorst, Executive Director of Finance and Administration Clary, Director of Treasury and Risk Management Jacobson, 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, Director of Human Resources Mitcham, Government Relations Officer/Deputy General Counsel Compton, Secretary Bonkowski, General Counsel Collins, and members of staff and the public.

WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Swan asked that Item No. 7, RESOLUTION FOR SYPHON RESERVOIR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR TITLE XVI GRANT FUNDING, be moved to the Action Calendar. There being no objections, this item was moved accordingly. On MOTION by Swan, seconded by LaMar and unanimously carried by a roll call vote (5-0) McLaughlin, Swan, Withers, LaMar and Reinhart voting aye, and 0 noes ITEMS 3 THROUGH 7 WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

3. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: That the minutes of the March 22, 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, and John Withers, as described.

5. 2021 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

Recommendation: That the Board adopt a “watch” position on AB 602 (Grayson).

CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

6. MICHELSON WATER RECYCLING PLANT UNIT SUBSTATION T-1
REMOVAL FINAL ACCEPTANCE

Recommendation: That the Board accept construction of the Michelson Water Recycling Plant Unit Substation T-1 Removal, 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 for Project 10535.

7. EASTWOOD RECYCLED WATER PUMP STATIONS FINAL
ACCEPTANCE

Recommendation: That the Board accept construction of the Eastwood Recycled Water Pump Stations Zone A to B and Zone A To C, 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 for Projects 04400 and 04457.

ACTION CALENDAR

RESOLUTION FOR SYPHON RESERVOIR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT APPLICATIONS
FOR TITLE XVI GRANT FUNDING

Director Swan said that he moved this item to Action Calendar as he wished to vote no on this item. Recommendation: On MOTION by Withers, seconded by LaMar and carried by a roll call vote (4-1) McLaughlin, Withers, LaMar and Reinhart voting aye, and Swan voting no, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED STAFF TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION WATERSMART – TITLE XVI WIIN WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE PROGRAM FOR UP TO 25% OF THE TOTAL PROJECT COSTS, UP TO \$20 MILLION, FOR THE SYPHON RESERVOIR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A RELATED AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDING, AND ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATIONS.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 7

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS
FOR THE WATERSMART TITLE XVI WIIN
WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE PROGRAM TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION,
POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

REHABILITATION OF IRWD WELL 51 CONSTRUCTION AWARD

General Manager Cook reported that IRWD's Well 51 has been idle for nearly 30 years and as a result, the louvers appear partially plugged due to biological and inorganic fouling, and reduced production and specific capacity, and needs rehabilitation. Mr. Cook said that the rehabilitation of Well 51 was identified as the next project in the most recent Groundwater Workplan and in the Well Treatment Alternatives Study presented to the Engineering and Operations Committee on October 20, 2020. Several options were presented with each option requiring Well 51 to be rehabilitated prior to moving on to the next phase of the project.

Executive Director of Technical Services Burton said that an unsuccessful attempt was made to rehabilitate the well in 2009 using traditional mechanical methods; however, rehabilitation methods have improved significantly since then, which include rigorous mechanical, chemical, and pumping development. Mr. Burton said that a recent video of the well casing was reviewed by staff and Richard C. Slade & Associates, hydrogeologist for the project, and the visual observation indicates that the well may be successfully rehabilitated using the updated methods. The original rated production of Well 51 was 2,900 gallons per minute with a specific capacity of 116 gallons per minute per foot of drawdown. The intent of the rehabilitation efforts is to restore this important groundwater resource to its original pumping and specific capacity.

Mr. Burton reported that the project was advertised for construction to a select bidders list of seven contractors. The bid opening was held on April 29, 2021 with three bids received from: 1) Best Drilling and Pump, Inc., 2) Layne, A Granite Company, and 3) Weber Water Resources CA, LLC. He said that all three bids were lower than the engineer's estimate of \$391,000 and ranged from \$304,950.89 to \$336,490 and that Weber Water Resources is the apparent low bidder with a bid amount of \$304,950.89.

Director Swan said that that this well has had problems since startup, and following discussion, staff will provide him with the October PowerPoint presentation and provide him information with information on the ETMCAS plume. On MOTION by Withers, seconded by LaMar and unanimously carried by a roll call vote (5-0) McLaughlin, Swan, Withers, LaMar and Reinhart voting aye, and 0 noes, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH WEBER WATER RESOURCES CA, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$304,950.89 FOR REHABILITATION OF IRWD WELL 51, PROJECT 11827.

ANNUAL ORACLE SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT RENEWAL

General Manager Cook reported that IRWD uses Oracle software to run the servers and databases that support the Oracle EBS, Oracle CC&B, Oracle Business Intelligence, and Maximo Enterprise Asset Management applications. In April 2017, the Board approved software maintenance agreements with Oracle for a term of 48 months, from April 2017 through May 2021, for technology software, CC&B application licenses, and EBS application licenses. These agreements cover all versions of Oracle software products, CC&B software products, and EBS financial products purchased by IRWD, and allows for upgrade to new versions as they become available. Included in the most recent agreements was a zero percent increase in software and support maintenance for renewals commencing after 2015 and through 2021.

Director of Information Services Malone reported that staff recommends the Board approve a two-year agreement with Oracle as a two-year agreement will align Oracle support contracts with the District's two-year operating budget cycle, along with an overarching strategy to migrate major computer applications to the cloud, and the two-year cycle presents an opportunity to move EBS and CC&B from their current on-premise operation and be in a position to reduce the technology software licensing at the end of this renewal. The renewals represent an increase of 4% in support costs from the previous contracts.

Director Swan reported that this item was reviewed and approved by the Finance and Personnel Committee on May 4, 2021. On MOTION by LaMar, seconded by Swan and unanimously carried by a roll call vote (5-0) McLaughlin, Swan, Withers, LaMar and Reinhart voting aye, and 0 noes THE BOARD APPROVED RENEWAL OF IRWD'S ANNUAL ORACLE SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENTS, AND ADDITIONAL LICENSES AND SUPPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,020,000 FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD FROM JUNE 1, 2021 THROUGH MAY 31, 2023.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Cook reported that all is going quite well relative to COVID-19 and said that CAL/OSHA posted new regulations last week he said were underwhelming that the District will follow and hopes that something reasonable will come forth soon.

Mr. Cook reported that there were past billing issues with UCI amounting to \$500,000 past due, that staff has spent a substantial amount of time resolving, and thanked Jenny Pan, Tera Rice, Cheryl Clary, Liz Reyes, and Belisario Rios for their efforts. He said that UCI's Fred Bockmiller also sent a thank you note for working diligently with its staff on this issue, which is now resolved, and full payment made.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Swan reported on his attendance at a MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meeting, a Southern California Water Dialogue meeting, a Groundwater Banking JPA Finance Committee meeting, a MWDOC Planning and Operations Committee meeting, a MWDOC meeting on Wednesday, a WACO monthly meeting, and a UCI Water Colloquium Series meeting regarding *Tapping into the Future—Potable Reuse in Tomorrow's World*.

Director Withers reported on his attendance at NWRI meetings, OCSD meetings, and a WACO meeting.

Director McLaughlin reported on her attendance at a Southern California Water Coalition meeting, a SOCWMA Executive Committee meeting, and a UCI Water Colloquium Series meeting.

Director LaMar reported on his attendance at an OCBC Washington, DC Advocacy Summit, a WACO meeting, and ACWA meetings. He said he was unable to attend the Southern California Water Coalition meeting.

Director Reinhart reported on his attendance at a MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meeting, a Groundwater Banking JPA Board meeting, an OCWD Board meeting, a SOCWA Board meeting, and a WACO meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

President Reinhart adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 24th day of May 2021.

President, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

Secretary IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Claire Hervey Collins, General Counsel
Hanson Bridgett LLP