

EXHIBIT “A”

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING –MAY 23, 2022

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 LaMar on May 23, 2022 at the District offices, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine.

Directors Present: Swan, Reinhart, and McLaughlin. and LaMar.

Directors Absent: Withers.

Written and Oral Communications: None.

Also Present: General Manager Cook, Executive Director of Technical Services Burton, Executive Director of Operations Chambers, Executive Director of Finance and Administration Clary, Executive Director of Water Policy Weghorst, Director of Treasury and Risk Management Jacobson, Director of Recycling Operations Zepeda, Director of Water Resources Sanchez, Director of Human Resources Mitcham, Director of Strategic Communications and Advocacy / Deputy General Counsel Compton, Acting Director of Maintenance Manning, Director of Safety and Security Choi, Director of Information Services Kaneshiro, Director of Water Quality and Regulatory Compliance Colston, Secretary Bonkowski, Assistant Secretary Swan, General Counsel Collins, Consultant Newell, Manager of Field Services Baretto, Mr. Scott Lynch of WateReuse Association, Mr. Nearhoof and Mr. Feuerstein of UC Irvine, and members of the public and other staff.

PRESENTATIONS

WATEREUSE ASSOCIATION’S EXCELLENCE IN ACTION AWARD PRESENTED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE AND IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

Mr. Scott Lynch, President of the Orange County Chapter of WateReuse presented to the Board and UCI’s Jerry Nearhoof an “Excellence in Action” award for its partnership project with the University of California Irvine to convert its Central Plant cooling towers to recycled water.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On MOTION by Reinhart, seconded by McLaughlin, and unanimously carried, CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 5 THROUGH 10 WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

5. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: That the minutes of the May 9, 2022 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

6. RATIFY/APPROVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS AND EVENTS IN 2022

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

7. APRIL 2022 TREASURY REPORTS

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 April 2022 summary of payroll ACH payments in the total amount of \$2,172,565, and approve the April 2022 accounts payable disbursement Summary of Warrants 426152 through 426893, Workers' Compensation distributions, wire transfers, payroll withholding distributions and voided checks in the total amount of \$22,677,170.

8. 230 COMMERCE AND WATERWORKS BUSINESS PARK OFFICE PROPERTY LISTING AGREEMENT EXTENSION

Recommendation: That the Board approve an extension of the listing agreements for the 230 Commerce office property and Waterworks Business Park office property with the brokerage team of Colliers International through May 1, 2023 consistent with previously agreed-upon commission terms.

9. REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN IRWD AND THE CITY OF IRVINE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 ANNUAL STREET REHABILITATION AND SLURRY SEAL PROJECT

Recommendation: That the Board authorize the General Manager to execute the Reimbursement Agreement between IRWD and the City of Irvine for Installation and Adjustment of Street Utilities to Grade for the FY 2021-22 Annual Street Rehabilitation and Slurry Seal Project, subject to non-substantive changes.

10. LAKE FOREST WOODS SEWER IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET INCREASE AND CONSULTANT SELECTION

Recommendation: That the Board authorize a budget increase for Project 11123 in the amount of \$4,960,000, from \$353,000 to \$5,313,000, and authorize the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Woodard & Curran in the amount of \$428,075 for engineering design services for the Lake Forest Woods Sewer Improvements, Project 11123.

ACTION CALENDAR

15 MG ZONE 1 RESERVOIR INTERIOR COATING AND IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET INCREASE AND CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER

On MOTION by Reinhart, seconded by Swan, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED A BUDGET INCREASE FOR PROJECT 05761 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,131,825, FROM \$4,020,000 TO \$5,151,825, AND APPROVED CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$791,975 AND THE ADDITION OF 42 CALENDAR DAYS TO THE CONTRACT TIME WITH PACIFIC HYDROTECH CORPORATION FOR THE 15 MG ZONE 1 RESERVOIR INTERIOR COATING AND IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT 05761.

ACTION CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

2022 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

Director of Strategic Communications and Advocacy/Deputy General Counsel Compton reported on the 2022 California State Budget noting Governor Newsom’s May Revise, a 2022 State Legislative update noting recommendations on AB 2357 (Ting) – surplus land, AB 2536 (Grayson) Impact Fee Nexus Studies: Connection Fees and Capacity charges, ACR 180 (Bauer - Jahn) Special District Work, and SB 1345 (Ochoa Bogh) Excavations – Subsurface Installations. Ms. Compton further reviewed a 2022 State and Regional Regulatory Update and a 2022 Federal Legislative and Regulatory update.

Director McLaughlin said that this item was reviewed by the Water Resources Policy and Communications Committee on May 11, 2022, and on MOTION by McLaughlin, seconded by Reinhart, THE BOARD ADOPTED AN “OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED” POSITION ON AB 2357 (TING) AND SB 1345 (OCHOA BOGH), A “WATCH” POSITION ON AB 2536 (GRAYSON), AND A “SUPPORT” POSITION ON ACR 180 (BAUER-KAHAN).

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

General Manager Cook reported that COVID-19 cases were up at the District with nine active cases since Saturday.

Mr. Cook introduced Mr. Gus Baretto, the District’s recently promoted Field Services Manager, to the Board.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Mr. Newell noted recent activity with the sheared fire hydrant at Santiago and Loma Ridge.

DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS

Director Swan reported on his attendance at an OCBC Infrastructure meeting, a MWDOC Administration and Finance Committee meeting, a WACO meeting, a WACO Planning meeting, and a four-day Water Education Foundation Bay Delta tour. In response to Director Swan’s request to add an item to the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting to discuss the significant increase in the capital budget which may impact the Replacement Fund, General Manager Cook said he will add an item to the agenda.

Director Reinhart reported on his attendance at a WACO meeting, an OCWD Water Issues Committee meeting, and a MWDOC Board meeting.

Director McLaughlin reported on her attendance at a WACO meeting and a Southern California Water Coalition Task Force meeting.

Director LaMar reported on his attendance at a Natural Communities Coalition Executive Committee meeting and a Southern California Water Coalition Task Force meeting.

CLOSED SESSIONS

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

- 1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1):
Graciela Montejano v. IRWD, Paul Cook and Does 1 through 50, Case No. 30-2022-01251588-CU-OE-NJC, and

- 2) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Designated Representatives: Paul Cook, General Manager, and Tiffany Mitcham, Director of Human Resources
Employee Group: Managers, Supervisors and Confidential Employees

OPEN SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President LaMar adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 13th day of June 2022.

President, IRVINE RANCH WATER
DISTRICT

Secretary IRVINE RANCH WATER
DISTRICT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Claire Hervey Collins, General Counsel
Hanson Bridgett LLP