

EXHIBIT “A”

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING –MARCH 13, 2023

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 McLaughlin on March 13, 2023 at the District offices, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine.

Directors Present: Withers, Reinhart, and McLaughlin

Directors Absent: Swan and LaMar

Written and Oral Communications: None.

Also Present: General Manager Cook, Executive Director of Operations Chambers, Executive Director of Finance and Administration Clary, Executive Director of Technical Services Burton, Executive Director of Water Policy Weghorst, Director of Strategic Communications and Advocacy / Deputy General Counsel Compton, Director of Water Resources Sanchez, Director of Recycling Operations Zepeda, Director of Human Resources Mitcham, Director of Water Quality and Regulatory Compliance Colston, Director of Safety and Security Choi, Director of Maintenance Manning, Secretary Bonkowski, Assistant Secretary Swan, General Counsel Collins, and members of the staff and public.

PRESENTATION

4. COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROGRAM STRATEGIC PLAN

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Community Relations Manager VanDyke presented the IRWD Community Relations Program Strategic Plan. Following the presentation, Director Withers reported that this item was reviewed by the Water Resources Policy and Communication Committee on March 6, 2023 and was well done.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

5. BOARD MINUTES

Recommendation: That the minutes from the February 27, 2023 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented.

6. 2023 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

Recommendation: That the Board adopt a “SUPPORT” position on AB 557 (Hart) and SB 366 (Caballero); a “SUPPORT IN CONCEPT” position on SB 747 (Caballero); a “SUPPORT IF AMENDED” on AB 305 (Villapudua), AB 1567 (Garcia), SB 638 (Eggman), and SB 867 (Allen); a “WATCH” position on AB 457 (Patterson), and AB 480 (Ting); a “SEEK AMENDMENTS” position on AB 1572 (Friedman); and an “OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED” position on SB 34 (Umberg), SB 229 (Umberg), SB 745 (Cortese).

CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

7. REVISED PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Recommendation: The Board adopt the following resolution by title superseding Resolution No. 2021-26 and Establishing Revised Personnel Policies and Procedures.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-3

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT,
SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 2021-26
AND ESTABLISHING REVISED PERSONNEL
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

8. RIPARIAN VIEW PAVEMENT REHABILITATION CONSTRUCTION AWARD

Recommendation: That the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a construction contract with All American Asphalt in the amount of \$558,855.50 for the Riparian View Pavement Rehabilitation, Project 12215.

9. IRVINE BUSINESS COMPLEX APPURTENANCE RELOCATIONS
FINAL ACCEPTANCE

Recommendation: That the Board accept construction of the Irvine Business Complex Appurtenance Relocations Project, 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 12053.

10. IRWD'S OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TRUST GUIDING PRINCIPLES
AND INITIAL FUNDING

Recommendation: That the Board approve the proposed OPEB Guiding Principles and initial funding of \$10 million into the OPEB Section 115 Trust

ACTION CALENDAR

11. LAND USE CLASSIFICATION DATA UPDATE

Water Efficiency Manager McNulty said that the “Conservation as a Way of Life Legislation,” enacted in 2018, will require urban water suppliers to comply with and report on agency-specific water budget targets – known as the Water Use Objective – beginning in November 2023. Ms. McNulty said that accurate measurement of irrigable areas is an integral part of calculating the outdoor water use component of the Water Use Objective. The legislation requires the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to provide residential landscape area measurements to all water suppliers. She said that IRWD staff has observed significant inaccuracies in the measurements provided to the District. IRWD has used aerial imagery, combined with 2016 Land Use Classification (LUC) data, to develop more accurate measurements of irrigable area for IRWD’s service area. Since 2016, DWR has modified the algorithms used to classify landscape area and IRWD has grown significantly. As a result,

IRWD's LUC data needs to be updated, and would provide additional benefits to the District, such as improving the ability to target outdoor water efficiency programs and assessing landscape transformation between data sets.

Ms. McNulty said that Eagle Aerial is uniquely qualified, as a sole source vendor, to provide IRWD with updated LUC data. Eagle Aerial and Quantum Spatial conducted the state-wide analysis for DWR and developed the algorithms to classify land use cover based on DWR standards. Eagle Aerial also worked with IRWD to prepare the initial aerial imagery and LUC data that was the foundation of the Meter to Parcel Project. They also customized the process to IRWD's requirements. Other firms offer remote sensing analysis services but cannot provide LUC data that is aligned with DWR's landscape classification methodology. In updating IRWD's LUC data, Eagle Aerial would partner with NV5 (formerly Quantum Spatial), with NV5 serving as a sub-consultant.

Director Withers said that this item was reviewed at the March 6, 2023, Water Resources Policy and Communications Committee meeting. On MOTION by Withers, seconded and unanimously carried, **THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH EAGLE AERIAL SOLUTIONS AS A SOLE SOURCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$221,646 TO UPDATE IRWD'S LAND USE CLASSIFICATION DATA.**

12. TERMS FOR PILOT WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM WITH HOMER LLC

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Water Resources Manager Welch reported that the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is expected to make Article 21 water available to the State Water Project (SWP) Contractors in the coming weeks and that IRWD will have access to Article 21 water through its ownership of land in the Dudley Ridge Water District but will likely not have access to the Cross Valley Canal (CVC) to deliver the water to IRWD's Water Bank.

Ms. Welch said that Homer LLC is a landowner in Berrenda Mesa Water District with the right to use SWP water and also has the right to 217 cubic feet per second (cfs) of CVC capacity in Kern County that exceeds Homer's needs. She said that IRWD has the right to 4.87 cfs of CVC conveyance capacity and relies on Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District to deliver IRWD and its partners water in the CVC using Rosedale's excess CVC capacity. In wet years, Rosedale may not have excess capacity to convey IRWD's Article 21 water in the CVC. She said that over the past year, staff explored with Homer the possibility of implementing a mutually beneficial water management program. The proposed program would allow Homer to deliver water into the IRWD Water Bank on a 1-for-1 basis with IRWD being compensated with access to Homer's CVC capacity during periods when IRWD would otherwise not be able to deliver its own water into the IRWD Water Bank. She said to facilitate IRWD's urgent need for access to Homer's CVC capacity, staff has prepared the mutually beneficial draft terms for a Pilot Water Management Program.

On MOTION by Reinhart, seconded by Withers and unanimously carried, **THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LETTER AGREEMENT FOR A PILOT WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM WITH HOMER LLC BASED ON THE TERMS PRESENTED.**

13. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Due to the recent rain events, General Manager Cook reported on the reservoir status for Irvine Lake and the Sand Canyon Reservoir and said that water is continuing to be diverted to the Green Acres Project.

Mr. Cook reported on a meeting held last week with Second Harvest. The District may be able to accommodate its request for land to grow food in containers, either at the MWRP or on IRWD property in Lake Forest.

Mr. Cook reported that he attended a WateReuse Symposium in Atlanta last week where IRWD, along with Discovery Cube, received an award in the category of Outreach and Education.

14. COMMUNITY UPDATES

Mr. Cook said that consultant Newell did not have a community update this evening as he was deployed to San Bernardino assessing structures that have been impacted by heavy snow.

15. DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS

Director Withers said that he attended meetings on the list and also noted upcoming meetings he will attend including the Santiago Aqueduct Commission meeting and a Lake Forest State of the City address this week.

Director Reinhart said that he attended meetings on the list except for the OCWD Board meeting. He also said he attended a MWDOC Board meeting.

Director McLaughlin said that she attended the meetings on the list with the exception of the monthly WACO meeting.

16. ADJOURNMENT

President McLaughlin adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 27th day of March 2023.

President, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

Secretary, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Claire Hervey Collins, General Counsel
Hanson Bridgett LLP