

## EXHIBIT "A"

### MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING –FEBRUARY 27, 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 February 27, 2023 at the District offices, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine.

Directors Present: Withers, Reinhart, and McLaughlin

Directors Absent: LaMar and Swan (Note: LaMar present virtually to comment on Item No. 4 and would not be voting on any items at this meeting.)

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 Treasury and Risk Management Jacobson, 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. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

General Manager Cook presented the proclamation to Mr. Robert Jacobson for his 19 years of service to the District. The Board of Directors thanked Mr. Jacobson for his service.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

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

#### 5. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: That the minutes of the February 13, 2023 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

#### 6. JANUARY 2023 TREASURY REPORT

Recommendation: That the Board receive and file the Treasurer's Investment Summary report, the summary of fixed and variable rate debt, and the disclosure report of reimbursements to Board members and staff, approve the January 2023 summary of payroll ACH payments in the total amount of \$2,359,464, and approve the January 2023 accounts payable disbursement summary of warrants 433144 through 433680, Workers' Compensation distributions, ACH payments, virtual card payments, wire transfers, payroll withholding distributions and voided checks in the total amount of \$31,667,142.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

7. MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT AND THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS (AFL-CIO) LOCAL #47 GENERAL UNIT AND NON-EXEMPT SUPERVISOR UNIT EMPLOYEES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026 AND ENHANCEMENT TO THE IRWD RETIREE HEALTH COSTS REIMBURSEMENT PLAN

Recommendation: That the Board authorize the General Manager to execute the Memoranda of Understanding between the Irvine Ranch Water District and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL-CIO) Local #47 General Unit and Non-exempt Supervisor Unit employees effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026 subject to non-substantive changes, and approve an enhancement to the Retiree Health Costs Reimbursement Plan by increasing each tier by \$200 for all eligible employees who retire from the District on or after July 1, 2023.

8. WELL ET-1 REHABILITATION

Recommendation: That the Board authorize the addition of Project 12262, Well ET-1 Rehabilitation, to the FY 2022-23 Capital Budget in the amount of \$748,000 and approve Contract Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$448,585 to Best Drilling and Pump, Inc. for the Well ET-1 Rehabilitation, Project 12262.

9. THREE-YEAR JANITORIAL SERVICES CONTRACT AWARD

Recommendation: That the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a three-year janitorial services contract with DMS Facilities Services in the amount of \$1,335,781.44.

10. SANTIAGO CREEK DAM IMPROVEMENTS CONSULTANT VARIANCE

Recommendation: That the Board authorize the General Manager to execute Variance No. 4 with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. in the amount of \$189,524 for the additional costs to complete the geotechnical investigations for the cracking study at the Santiago Creek Dam.

ACTION CALENDAR

11. TERMS FOR A THREE PARTY SHORT-TERM UNBALANCED EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Water Resources Manager Welch provided the history of exchange programs with Centra Coast Water Authority. Ms. Welch said that in anticipation of a substantial increase in State Water Project (SWP) Table A allocation, staff has initiated discussions with both Rosedale and Santa Clarita Valley to develop terms for a short-term unbalanced exchange program among the three agencies. She said that Santa Clarita Valley has indicated its preference to enter into a long-term unbalanced exchange program with both IRWD and Rosedale and that this program would be beneficial in that it would simplify complexities associated with the various first, second, and third priorities for the recovery of water from the

separate water banking projects owned by IRWD and Rosedale. She said that the terms for the proposed Short-term Exchange Program call for a total of 20,000 acre-feet (AF) of storage capacity to be allocated by Rosedale and IRWD with each contributing 10,000 AF. Santa Clarita Valley's water would be delivered into storage on a 2-for-1 basis with one-half of the water being split equally to Rosedale and IRWD. The remaining half would be available for return to Santa Clarita Valley. Recharge capacity would be subject to scheduling and availability, considering Rosedale and IRWD's other banking programs. Rosedale and IRWD would each return one-half of the water, less a proportional share of losses, to Santa Clarita Valley by the end of the fifth year. Each party would be responsible for their respective banking costs.

Director Reinhart said that this item was reviewed with the Supply Reliability Programs Committee on February 14, 2023. On MOTION by Reinhart, seconded by Withers and unanimously carried, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR A SHORT-TERM EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT AND SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY BASED ON THE TERMS PRESENTED.

12. TERMS FOR SHORT-TERM EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Water Resources Manager Welch provided the history of exchange programs with Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency. Ms. Welch said that's since 2008, IRWD has implemented four unbalanced exchange programs with Carpinteria Valley Water District (CVWD), all of which were facilitated through the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA). She said that as a result of current wet-year conditions, CCWA has urgently requested that IRWD implement a new short-term program for 2023 whereby CCWA proposes to deliver up to 2,500 acre-feet (AF) of water to the IRWD Water Bank on a 2-for-1 basis. The water would be delivered to the Water Bank in advance of water potentially spilling from the San Luis Reservoir. The water to be delivered into storage would be from CVWD and other CCWA member agencies.

Ms. Welch said that staff has prepared terms for a proposed program with CCWA that would facilitate a mutually beneficial short-term unbalanced exchange of up to 2,500 AF consistent with the terms from the 2019 program. The terms would allow CCWA to deliver SWP water for recharge at the IRWD Water Bank on a 2-for-1 basis. The deliveries of water would be completed by the end of 2023. IRWD would return one-half of the water, less a proportional share of losses to CCWA by the end of the sixth year. IRWD would use its first priority recovery well capacity in the IRWD Water Bank to recover return water for CCWA after meeting IRWD's own water supply needs. The actual water returned to CCWA would be from Metropolitan's future approved SWP Table A water. Staff will work with IRWD special legal counsel at Kronick Moskovitz to prepare a letter agreement for the new short-term exchange with CCWA.

On MOTION by Reinhart, seconded by Withers and unanimously carried, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LETTER AGREEMENT FOR A SHORT-TERM WATER EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY BASED ON TERMS PRESENTED.

OTHER BUSINESS:

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Cook reported on reservoir status for both Irvine Lake and Sand Canyon Reservoir and noted that water is being diverted to both the Green Acres Project and the Harvard Avenue Trunk Sewer.

Mr. Cook provided an update on Trabuco Canyon Water District exiting from SOCWA in which they are using a different process and noted that IRWD may need to use special legal counsel on this item.

He noted that he will be attending a WateReuse conference in Atlanta, Georgia in early March.

General Manager Cook said that he spoke with Consultant Newell and all is well in the canyons.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Withers reported that he attended the Urban Water Institute conference along with a meeting with ACCOC's Chris Murray to discuss IRWD and Regional Board issues.

Director Reinhart said that he attended a MWDOC Board meeting and the Urban Water Institute conference.

Director McLaughlin said that she had no meetings to report on this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

President McLaughlin adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 13<sup>TH</sup> day of March 2023.

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President, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

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Secretary, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Claire Hervey Collins, General Counsel  
Hanson Bridgett LLP