

EXHIBIT "A"

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING –JULY 10, 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 July 10, 2023 at the District offices, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine.

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

Directors Absent: None

Written Communications and Oral Communications: Mr. James Fisler, Commissioner of LAFCO, provided an update. In response to an inquiry by Director Swan, Mr. Fisler, also a Director of the Mesa Water District, provided LAFCO's position on consolidations which he confirmed should be collaborative among agencies.

Items too late to be agendaized: None

Also Present: General Manager Cook, Executive Director of Operations Chambers, Executive Director of Water Policy Weghorst, Executive Director of Finance and Administration Clary, Executive Director of Technical Services Burton, Director of Water Resources Sanchez, Director of Human Resources Mitcham, Director of Water Quality and Regulatory Compliance Colston, Director of Safety and Security Choi, Director of Maintenance Manning, Director of Treasury Morris, Director of Information Services Kaneshiro, Secretary Bonkowski, Assistant Secretary Swan, General Counsel Collins, Mr. James Fisler, and members of the staff and public.

PUBLIC HEARING

4. SEWER CHARGES IN IRWD'S NEWPORT NORTH AREA

General Manager Cook reported that the Board adopted Rates and Charges effective July 1, 2023, which included monthly sewer charges of \$33.24 for a residential single-family home and \$23.10 per unit for multiple-family dwelling units and that customers in Newport North will be charged the same rate, but the method of collection differs in that they pay their sewer fees on an annual basis by means of collection on the County of Orange tax rolls. Mr. Cook said that to implement these sewer charges for IRWD's Newport North customers, a Public Hearing is required per State law.

President McLaughlin declared this to be the time and place for a hearing on the sewer charge report for the Newport North area and declare the hearing open. She asked the Secretary how the hearing was noticed. Secretary Bonkowski said that the report was filed with her on June 12, 2023 and notice of the filing of the report and the time and place of this hearing was published in the Daily Pilot on June 25, 2023 and July 2, 2023. She said that a notice was also posted in the District office on June 26, 2023 and on the District's website on June 28, 2023.

On MOTION by Swan, seconded by Reinhart, and unanimously carried, THE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING AND THE PROOF OF PUBLICATION PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED.

PUBLIC HEARING (CONTINUED)

President McLaughlin asked Legal Counsel to describe the nature of the proceedings. Legal Counsel Collins said that the public hearing on the sewer charge report is an annual requirement of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5473, in order to collect the sewer charges on the tax roll.

President McLaughlin asked the Secretary whether there have been any written communications. She said there had been none.

President McLaughlin asked whether there is anyone present who wished to address the Board regarding the proposed collection of sewer charges on the tax roll. There were none.

President McLaughlin asked whether there were any comments or questions from members of the Board of Directors. There were none. On MOTION by Swan, seconded by Reinhart and unanimously carried, THE HEARING WAS CLOSED AND THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 11

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT ADOPTING THE
SEWER CHARGE REPORT AND AUTHORIZING
COLLECTION OF SEWER CHARGES ON THE TAX ROLL
FOR IRWD'S NEWPORT NORTH AREA

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Swan asked that under No. 5, BOARD MEETING MINUTES, that language be included under DIRECTOR COMMENTS to reflect his inquiry on the status of wastewater that is being diverted to the OCSD including other locations. On MOTION by LaMar, seconded by Reinhart, CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 5 THROUGH 6 WERE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

5. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: That the minutes of the June 26, 2023 Regular Board meeting be approved as amended to include the following under DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

In response to Director Swan's inquiry on the status of wastewater that is being diverted to the OCSD along with other locations, General Manager Cook said that staff will be including that information as an update at a future Engineering and Operations Committee meeting.

6. 2023 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

Recommendation: That the Board adopt a "support" position on H.R. 2964 (McClain / Peltola) / S. 1350 (Merkley / Collins), H.R. 3027 (Porter), S. 1429 (Lummis), and S. 1430 (Lummis); and a "seek amendments" position on the Senate EPW Committee Draft PFAS Legislation.

ACTION CALENDAR

7. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DISCOVERY CUBE ORANGE COUNTY

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Communications Analyst / Deputy PIO Rivenberg provided history of the District's collaboration with Discovery Cube Orange County since 2007. She said that the program has created and implemented meaningful water education programming for schoolchildren throughout the District's service area educating more than 125,000 local students on the importance of water in our lives and the need to use it wisely. Ms. Rivenberg highlighted the proposed two-year agreement for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 which will blend the same successful in-person and virtual programming of the past with new opportunities for hands-on learning.

Director LaMar reported that this item was reviewed by the Water Resources Policy and Communications Committee on July 6, 2023, and on MOTION by LaMar, seconded by Withers, and unanimously carried, **THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DISCOVERY CUBE ORANGE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$355,983 FOR THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD COVERING FY 2023-24 AND FY 2024-25 FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.**

8. MICHELSON WATER RECYCLING PLANT TRANSFORMER REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION AWARD

Executive Director of Technical Services Burton reported that the electrical service to MWRP is provided by Southern California Edison (SCE) through two separate electrical services, and under normal operating conditions, the MWRP electrical loads are balanced between both services. Mr. Burton said that during an emergency, either one or the other can provide power to all of the plant loads.

Mr. Burton said that this March, one of the SCE-owned transformers on Service A failed, rendering it completely inoperable. He said that the transformer that failed is obsolete, and the existing service no longer meets SCE's design standards. He said that the entire existing service must be replaced with a new service that complies with current SCE standards for equipment, technology, and minimum working clearances.

Mr. Burton said that staff and SCE collaborated to develop the design of the replacement service and associated equipment. Due to the specialized nature of the work and the urgency associated with restoring electrical service, staff also coordinated closely with a contractor, Arizona Pipeline Company, during the design phase. Arizona Pipeline specializes in underground construction and high-voltage facilities and is well-versed in SCE design, construction standards, and other requirements. He said that once the design for the new service was complete, staff requested a bid from Arizona Pipeline Company which staff reviewed and confirmed that the proposed cost is comparable to similar work on other District projects with similar SCE infrastructure. On MOTION by Reinhart, seconded by Swan and unanimously carried, **THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH ARIZONA PIPELINE COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$419,405 FOR THE MICHELSON WATER RECYCLING PLANT SERVICE A TRANSFORMER REPLACEMENT, PROJECT 12615.**

9. 2023 ANNUAL WATER SUPPLY AND DEMAND ASSESSMENT

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Director of Water Resources Sanchez provided the background of the Annual Water Supply and Assessment which was submitted to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). Ms. Sanchez reviewed the key assumptions and findings noting that IRWD: 1) has no projected water shortage; and 2) has an overall surplus of 40% for potable supplies and a 12% surplus for non-potable supplies with no supply gap. She further said that additional supplies are available if needed for emergency use through water banking supplies, imported supplies in Southern California, and groundwater.

Director LaMar said that this item was reviewed by the Water Resources Policy and Communications Committee on July 6, 2023. Following discussion, on MOTION by LaMar, seconded by Swan, and unanimously carried, THE BOARD RATIFIED THE 2023 ANNUAL WATER SUPPLY AND DEMAND ASSESSMENT SUBMITTAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES.

OTHER BUSINESS

10. General Manager's Report

General Manager Cook reported that the District has been awarded the 2023 Association of State Dam Safety Officials award for the western states, and recognized Mr. Jacob Moeder for his efforts in leading the District's dam projects.

11. Receive oral update(s) from District liaison(s) regarding communities within IRWD's service area and provide information on relevant community events.

General Manager Cook said that he spoke with Consultant Newell, who is on vacation, and he relayed that all is well in the canyon.

12. Directors' Comments

Director Withers reported on his attendance at the Southern California Water Dialogue meeting and a WACO meeting.

Director LaMar reported on his attendance at ACWA officers' meetings, an ACWA Region 10 program and tour, a Southern California Water Dialogue meeting, and a WACO meeting.

Director Swan reported on his attendance at a Southern California Water Dialogue meeting, a MWDOC Planning and Operations Committee meeting and Board Workshop with MWD Directors, a WACO meeting, Newport Chamber of Commerce meetings, and an OCBC Government Affairs meeting.

Director Reinhart reported on his attendance at a MWDOC Board workshop with MWD Directors, an OCWD Communications and Legislative Liaison Committee meeting, and a WACO meeting.

Director McLaughlin had no meetings to report.

13. Adjournment

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

APPROVED and SIGNED this 24th day of July 2023.

President, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

Secretary, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Claire Hervey Collins, General Counsel
Hanson Bridgett LLP

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