

EXHIBIT “A”

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING –FEBRUARY 14, 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 February 14, 2022.

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

Directors Absent: None.

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, Director of Treasury and Risk Management Jacobson, Executive Director of Water Policy Weghorst, Director of Recycling Operations Zepeda, Director of Water Resources Sanchez, Director of Human Resources Mitcham, Director of Maintenance Mykitta, Director of Strategic Communications and Advocacy / Deputy General Counsel Compton, Director of Safety and Security Choi, Secretary Bonkowski, Assistant Secretary Swan, General Counsel Collins, Special Legal Counsel DeMayo, Consultant Diep, Consultant Newell, and members of the public and other staff.

PUBLIC HEARING

2021 REDISTRICTING: COMPOSITION OF REDISTRICTED DIVISIONS, PROPOSED DRAFT DIVISION MAP AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF FINAL MAP

President LaMar declared this meeting to be the time and place for a hearing on the redistricting of the Irvine Ranch Water District Board of Directors Division Boundaries, and to receive public comments on the composition of the redistricted divisions, the revised draft map, and the Board’s consideration of adoption of a final map. He asked the Board Secretary to announce how the hearing was noticed.

Secretary Bonkowski said that the revised public hearing was noticed by publication in the *Orange County Register* on January 30 and February 6, 2022; by publication in Spanish in the *Excelsior Unidos* on February 4, 2022; by publication in Korean in the *Korea Times* on January 28 and February 4, 2022; by publication in Traditional Chinese in the *World Journal* on January 30 and February 6, 2022; by publication in Farsi in *Hafteh Bazaar* on January 28 and February 4, 2022; by electronic posting in English, Farsi, Korean, Traditional Chinese, and Spanish on the IRWD website, which can be translated into approximately 20 languages; and by physical posting at IRWD’s headquarters. She presented affidavits of posting and proof of publication to the Board related to the hearing.

On MOTION by Swan, seconded by McLaughlin, and unanimously carried, THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE AFFIDAVITS OF POSTING AND PROOF OF PUBLICATION.

President LaMar asked staff to describe the nature of the proceedings, explain the purpose of the hearing as being the opportunity to invite and solicit public comment on the revised draft division map, which has been published by the District on its website at least seven days prior to the hearing. Using a PowerPoint presentation, Director of Strategic Communications and Advocacy/Deputy General Counsel Compton briefly reviewed the IRWD redistricting process. Consultant demographer Deborah Diep reviewed the redistricting data and existing conditions, the required and permissible redistricting criteria. Using maps, she provided an overview of the differences with target division population, reviewed the current division boundaries, showed the boundary changes from Plan 1 and Plan 1A noting the changes made in Division 5 as recommended at the last Public Hearing on January 24, 2022. She further reviewed the percentage spread in both plans noting that Plan 1A now included 16 new residents, which does not impact the spread.

President LaMar inquired of the Secretary whether there have been any written communications. Secretary Bonkowski said there were none. President LaMar then asked whether there is any person present who wishes to provide comments; there were none. President LaMar asked whether there are any comments or questions from members of the Board of Directors. There were none. On MOTION by Withers, seconded by Swan and unanimously carried, THE HEARING WAS CLOSED AND THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY TITLE ADOPTING A FINAL MAP OF REDISTRICTED DIVISION BOUNDARIES BASED ON DRAFT MAP PLAN 1A:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-4

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT ADJUSTING THE BOUNDARIES OF DIVISIONS FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOLLOWING THE 2020 DECENNIAL CENSUS

WORKSHOP

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ASSET MANAGEMENT

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Engineering Manager Akiyoshi reviewed Phase 1 of the asset management project which focused on pump stations, lift stations, tanks, and wells. He said that this phase also developed powerful and sustainable business intelligence (i.e., reporting and data analysis) tools in the Microsoft Power Business Intelligence (BI) environment.

Mr. Akiyoshi then reviewed the five-year plan noting that the program uses a risk-based integrated approach that is comprehensive, considers levels of service, and assesses and prioritizes the replacement and life-cycle costs of system improvements. He reviewed the condition of facilities assessment which calculates the age and its remaining useful life. He further reviewed the top projects including pump stations, tanks, and wells showing a risk dashboard for projects.

Mr. Akiyoshi reviewed the next steps for the project which include top projects for the Fiscal Years 2022-23 and 2023-24 budgets, completing the condition assessment at the asset level for the top projects, and then proceeding with Phase II for the pipelines.

Director Withers said that this item was reviewed by the Engineering and Operations Committee on December 6, 2022. Following discussion, this item was received and filed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Withers made a motion, which was seconded by McLaughlin, but before voting, Director Swan said he would be voting no on Item No. 10. He then read the following into the record: *“I am voting against the grant funding of the Syphon Reservoir as well as anything to do with the enlargement of Syphon Reservoir because I have raised issues about the feasibility of the proposed enlargement that have not been addressed either in a public meeting, the EIR process, or privately. My evaluation of the project has concluded (in the absence of data to the contrary) that the project which has over doubled in projected cost is not needed enough to justify its funding or construction and that there are alternative ways to address wet weather excess recycled water that would cost the rate payers and taxpayers of the District far less. I continue to be disappointed that my concerns about this matter have been so thoroughly disregarded and that neither my fellow Board members or staff are inclined to take the time to address them. I also find it highly unusual that a 42-year member of the Board who has been such an advocate for many of the District’s best known projects has been forced to comment in the formal EIR process and that in that EIR process most of the comments were disregarded.”* There being no further comments, Consent Calendar items 6 through 9 were unanimously approved (Withers, Reinhart, LaMar, Swan, and McLaughlin voting aye (5-0 vote)), and Item No. 10 was carried (Withers, Reinhart, LaMar, and McLaughlin voting aye and Swan voting no (4-1 vote)).

6. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: That the minutes of the January 24, 2022, Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

7. 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, Douglas Reinhart, Peer Swan, and John Withers, as described.

8. 2022 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

Recommendation: That the Board adopt a “watch” position on AB 1001 (Christina Garcia).

9. REHABILITATION OF IRWD WELL 51 FINAL ACCEPTANCE

Recommendation: That the Board accept construction of Rehabilitation of IRWD Well 51, authorize the General Manager to file a Notice of Completion, and authorize the release of retention 35 days after filing of the Notice of Completion.

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

Recommendation: That the Board adopt the following resolution by title authorizing submission of 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 \$30 million, for the Syphon Reservoir Improvement Project, and authorized the General Manager to execute a related agreement to receive grant funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-5

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

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Cook reported on current COVID-19 conditions noting that staff is back to work at each facility, and that rapid COVID-19 test kits and masks are being delivered this week.

Mr. Cook said that 4,000 accounts are currently delinquent, and that after accounting for payments from the State of California for water bill arrearages, there is a currently outstanding amount of \$1.2 million in unpaid bills. He said that staff has applied for \$700,000 in state funding for in outstanding sewage debt.

Mr. Cook noted that last week the Governor signed into law COVID-19 supplemental paid sick leave allowing for 80 hours of coverage.

Mr. Cook welcomed Mr. Steve Choi to the District as its new Director of Safety and Security.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Consultant Bruce Newell provided an update of activities in the canyon.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Director Reinhart reported on his attendance at a MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meeting, an OCWD Board meeting, a SOCWA Board meeting, a WACO meeting, a Groundwater Banking JPA Board meeting, an OCWD Water Issues Committee meeting, a SOCWA ETM and Outfall Ownership meeting, and a OCWD Administration and Finance Issues Committee meeting.

Director Withers reported on his attendance at an ISDOC Quarterly lunch meeting, an ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, a WACO meeting, an NWRI Board of Directors meeting, and a SOCWA ETM and Outfall Ownership meeting.

Director McLaughlin reported on her attendance at a South Orange County Watershed Management Area Executive Committee meeting and a WACO meeting.

Director Swan reported on his attendance at a MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meeting, a Southern California Water Dialogue meeting, a MWDOC Board meeting – Workshop with MWD Directors, a WACO meeting, a Groundwater Banking JPA Board meeting, a MWDOC Administration & Finance Committee meeting, a San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary Board meeting, and a MWDOC Planning and Operations Committee meeting.

Director LaMar reported on his attendance at a Natural Communities Coalition Executive Committee meeting, a 2022 ACWA Board Workshop, a WACO meeting, and a 2022 ACWA Board Workshop.

CLOSED SESSION

General Manager Cook said that the Closed Sessions listed on the agenda would not be held this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, President LaMar adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 14th day of March 2022.

President, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

Secretary IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Claire Hervey Collins, General Counsel
Hanson Bridgett LLP