

EXHIBIT "A"

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING –MAY 9, 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 Vice President McLaughlin on May 9, 2022 at the District offices, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine.

Directors Present: Withers, Swan, Reinhart and McLaughlin.

Directors Absent: LaMar.

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 Maintenance Mykitta, Director of Safety and Security Choi, Director of Information Services Kaneshiro, Director of Water Quality and Regulatory Compliance Colston, Secretary Bonkowski, Facilities and Fleet Manager Tedescucci, General Counsel Collins, Consultant Newell, and members of the public and other staff.

PRESENTATIONS

SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

Public Affairs Assistant Jordan presented awards to local students for their water-related projects entered in the Irvine Unified School District Science Fair.

NWRI UPDATE

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Kevin Hardy, Executive Director of the National Water Research Institute, provided an update of NWRI's current activities and research projects.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Swan requested that item Nos. 10 and 11 be moved to the Action Calendar for discussion, and these items were removed from the Consent Calendar. There being no further comments, on MOTION by Reinhart, seconded by Withers and unanimously carried, CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 6 THROUGH 9 AND 12 WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

6. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: That the minutes of the April 25, 2022 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

7. RATIFY/APPROVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS AND EVENTS IN 2022

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

8. REGISTRAR OF VOTERS INFORMATION REQUEST AND CANDIDATE STATEMENT WORD LIMIT FOR THE ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Recommendation: That the Board authorize the District Secretary to file the “Transmittal of Election Information” form for each General Election confirming IRWD’s political and division boundaries, providing the Registrar of Voters with the requested information, selecting a 200-word limit for candidate statements of qualifications, and indicating that IRWD will not pay for the statements of qualifications.

9. DEEP AQUIFER TREATMENT SYSTEM MISCELLANEOUS REPAIR AND REHABILITATION FINAL ACCEPTANCE

Recommendation: That the Board accept construction of the Deep Aquifer Treatment System Miscellaneous Repair and Rehabilitation, authorize the General Manager to file a Notice of Completion, and authorize the payment of the retention 35 days after recording the Notice of Completion for Project 11483.

12. TRUCK-MOUNTED CRANE PURCHASE CONTRACT AWARD

Recommendation: That the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Altec Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$366,954 for the purchase of one new truck-mounted crane.

ACTION CALENDAR

REVISED IRWD POLICY PRINCIPLES REGARDING METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT’S INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES PLAN AND LOCAL RESOURCES PROGRAM

In response to Director Swan’s comments about paring down the document along with noting his concerns relative to prioritizing future local water project funding, General Manager Cook said that staff can create a condensed version as needed. It was further noted that the items of Director Swan’s concerns were included in the proposed version. Following discussion, on MOTION by Withers, seconded by Reinhart, and carried (Withers, McLaughlin, Reinhart voting aye, Swan voting no, and LaMar absent) (3-1-0), THE BOARD ADOPTED THE REVISED IRWD POLICY PRINCIPLES REGARDING METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT’S INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES PLAN AND LOCAL RESOURCES PROGRAM, INCORPORATING REVISIONS REQUESTED BY THE BOARD ON APRIL 11, 2022.

ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION PROJECT CONTRACT AWARD

In response to Director Swan’s inquiry to learn more about the need to modernize the elevators, Facilities and Fleet Manager Tedescucci provided an overview of the work to be performed to ensure durability and reliability of the elevators including upgrading the fire and safety features. General Manager Cook noted that the exhibit provided all items requiring replacement for the 30-year-old elevators. On MOTION by Reinhart, seconded by McLaughlin and unanimously

carried, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH TKE ELEVATOR CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$112,059 FOR THE SAND CANYON BUILDING AND A CONTRACT WITH TKE ELEVATOR CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$128,445 FOR THE MICHELSON WATER RECYCLING PLANT OPERATIONS CENTER FOR ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION.

SANTIAGO RESERVOIR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT UPDATE AND CONSULTANT VARIANCE

Using a PowerPoint presentation. Engineering Manager of Dams and Storage Moeder provided background on the Santiago Reservoir Improvement Project. He reviewed the completed work since April 2020, a summary of the environmental activities, changed conditions since 2020, probable maximum flood and spillway hydraulic design criteria, impacts of updated hydraulic design criteria on overall design, transition to Risk-Informed Decision Making (RIDM)-based dam safety programs, RIDM and project impacts, and additional scope of work and fees. He said that AECOM submitted a variance in the amount of \$2,618,959 that includes items required to complete the design and RIDM-related items. The additional scope of work required to complete the design amounts to \$1,585,820 and includes additional geotechnical investigations and engineering costs to successfully complete the design of the larger and more complex spillway and outlet structure. The additional RIDM-related scope of work amounts to \$1,033,139 and includes completing risk analysis on the spillway and outlet improvements and geotechnical investigations focused on reducing uncertainties. He said that the revised design completion date is April 2024, one year past the original schedule. He further provided a summary of an updated “all-in” project cost, project schedule and next steps.

Director Reinhart said that this item was reviewed by the IRWD/Serrano Water District Committee on April 26, 2022, and noted that Serrano Water District’s share of the costs is 25%. He said that this item is scheduled for Serrano Water District Board approval on May 24. Following discussion, on MOTION by Reinhart, seconded by Swan and unanimously carried, THE BOARD APPROVED VARIANCE NO. 2 WITH AECOM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,618,959 FOR ADDITIONAL DESIGN PHASE SERVICES FOR THE SANTIAGO RESERVOIR IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT 01813.

ONE-FOR-ONE EXCHANGE WITH DUDLEY RIDGE WATER DISTRICT

Executive Director of Water Policy Weghorst reported that the IRWD long-term unbalanced exchange program with Buena Vista Water Storage District allows Buena Vista to store its high-flow Kern River supplies on a two-for-one basis in IRWD’s Strand Ranch Integrated Banking Project. These Kern River supplies are referred to as “non-State Water Project (SWP)” supplies that are not exportable to IRWD’s service area. Mr. Weghorst said that in 2017, IRWD entered into a long-term one-for-one exchange agreement with Dudley Ridge Water District which allows IRWD to exchange its stored non-SWP supplies for an equal amount of Dudley Ridge Water District’s exportable SWP Table A water.

Mr. Weghorst said that based on the continued dry conditions statewide, Dudley Ridge landowners are evaluating their water needs for the year and are interested in using IRWD’s non-SWP supplies in Kern County consistent with the exchange agreement. He said that staff recommends the Board approve delivery of up to 5,000 acre-feet (AF) of IRWD’s stored non-SWP water for use in Kern County by Dudley Ridge landowners, and that in exchange, Dudley Ridge would return an equal amount of exportable Table A water to IRWD within five years. This water would then be banked for later use in IRWD’s service area.

Director Reinhart said that this item was reviewed by the Supply Reliability Programs Committee on April 27, 2022, and on MOTION by Reinhart, seconded by Swan and unanimously carried, THE BOARD APPROVED DELIVERY OF UP TO 5,000 ACRE-FEET OF IRWD'S STORED NON-SWP WATER FOR USE BY DUDLEY RIDGE WATER DISTRICT LANDOWNERS IN KERN COUNTY IN EXCHANGE FOR EXPORTABLE STATE WATER PROJECT TABLE A WATER FROM DUDLEY RIDGE WATER DISTRICT CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE 2017 AGREEMENT BETWEEN DUDLEY RIDGE WATER DISTRICT AND IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT FOR LONG-TERM EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT

Executive Director of Water Policy Weghorst reported that in February 2021, IRWD entered into an agreement with Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District to participate in the planning of the proposed Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) through the Kern County Water Agency (KCWA). Mr. Weghorst said that the DCP would allow IRWD to receive water supply benefits from the State Water Project and potentially secure water supplies from north of the San Joaquin-Sacramento Delta for delivery to IRWD's Water Banks with fewer restrictions and reduced carriage losses. He said that to continue IRWD's participation over the next two years, Rosedale has requested that IRWD execute Amendment No. 1 to the agreement.

Director Reinhart said that this item was reviewed by the Supply Reliability Programs Committee on April 27, 2022, and on MOTION by Reinhart, seconded by Swan and unanimously carried, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT AND IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT FOR PRELIMINARY PLANNING AND DESIGN COSTS RELATED TO A POTENTIAL DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT, SUBJECT TO NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES APPROVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL.

OTHER BUSINESS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Cook recognized Director of Maintenance Mykitta for his three years of service to the District and acknowledged his impending retirement.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Consultant Newell provided an update of activities within the canyon including the Modjeska Bridge, SCE's potholing on Santiago Canyon Road, and recent discussions relative to helicopter water sources for use in future brush fires.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Reinhart reported on his attendance at an ACWA conference along with the meetings listed in the report.

Director Withers reported on his attendance at an ACC-OC installation of officers' event along with the meetings listed in the report.

Director Swan reported on his attendance at an ACWA conference and an OCBC Government Affairs Committee meeting, along with the meetings listed in the report.

Director McLaughlin said she had no meetings to report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice President McLaughlin adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 23rd day of May 2022.

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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