



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TRABUCO CANYON WATER DISTRICT | NOVEMBER 17, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Trabuco Canyon Water District (TCWD or District) conducted on November 17, 2022, was called to order by President Chadd at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the District Administrative Facility located at 32003 Dove Canyon Drive, Trabuco Canyon, California. Mr. Michael Perea, District Board Secretary, transcribed the minutes thereof.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

President Don Chadd
Vice President Stephen Dopudja
Director Glenn Acosta
Director Edward Mandich
Director Michael Safranski

STAFF PRESENT

Fernando Paludi, General Manager
Michael Perea, Assistant General Manager
Lorrie Lausten, District Engineer
Karen Warner, Principal Accountant

DISTRICT CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Claire Collins, General Legal Counsel – Hanson Bridgett LLP

PUBLIC PRESENT

There were members of the public in attendance

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Acosta led the Board of Directors, District staff, and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

None

VISITOR PARTICIPATION & ORAL COMMUNICATION

None

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director Mandich reported on his attendance at the Community Associations of Rancho (CAR) meeting which included a presentation from the Chief of Police on recent burglary trends in the community. Director Mandich reported on his attendance at the South Orange County Integrated Regional Watershed Management Area (IRWM) Executive Committee meeting, and he commended Ms. Lausten and Mr. Ulloa on their presentation on the District's Tick Creek Pump Station Expansion Project.

Director Dopudja had no comments.

Director Safranski reported on his attendance at the City of RSM City Council meeting and he commented that that Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) employees attended the meeting.

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Director Acosta had no comments.

Director Chadd had no comments.

REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Paludi reported on the following matters:

- District staff have identified a subsequent leak in the Dove Lake vent pipe structure and will work with a diving team to affect the repairs.
- District staff delivered a presentation on the Tick Creek Pump Station Expansion Project to the South Orange County IRWM Executive Committee.

CONSENT CALENDAR

President Chadd indicated that all matters under the Consent Calendar would be approved by one motion unless a Board member or staff member requests a separate action on a specific item.

Action: A motion was made by Director Acosta and seconded by Director Mandich to approve the Consent Calendar.
The motion was approved by a vote of 5 - 0.

ACTION CALENDAR

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ITEM 5: RATIFICATION OF DIRECTORS' FEES AND EXPENSES, AND TENTATIVE FUTURE MEETINGS/ ATTENDANCE

Mr. Paludi presented this matter for Board consideration, and he reported this matter was reviewed with the Finance/Audit Committee. Discussion occurred concerning certain scheduled updates.

Action: A motion was made by Director Mandich and seconded by Director Safranski to approve the Directors' Fees and Expenses Report as amended.
The motion was approved by a vote of 5 - 0.

ENGINEERING MATTERS

ITEM 6: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ONE SURGE TANK FOR GOLF CLUB SEWER LIFT STATION

Mr. Paludi presented this matter for Board consideration, and he reported this matter was reviewed by the Engineering/Operational Committee. Ms. Lausten reported that this facility upgrade project is approved for Fiscal Year 2022/2023, and that the surge tank is one component of the total improvement project. Ms. Lausten added that District staff have opted to purchase the surge tank independently due to the impacts of supply chain delays, and she reported that District staff requested quotes for surge tanks from two firms. Ms. Lausten reviewed the proposals for the equipment, and she recommended the District purchase the surge tank from Blacoh. Ms. Lausten did indicate that Blacoh has expressed concerns with the District's purchasing terms and conditions, but that District staff is negotiating with Blacoh on these matters. Director Acosta asked if Blacoh has experience working with other wastewater agencies; Ms. Lausten confirmed that Blacoh does have experience working with other similar agencies.

Action: A motion was made by Director Acosta and seconded by Director Mandich to authorize the General Manager to purchase one surge tank for Golf Club Sewer Lift Station from Blacoh for a not to exceed amount of \$70,479.50 under the terms and conditions

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substantially similar to TCWD's contract terms and conditions; or to Pulsco for \$73,037.50 if a contract was unable to be negotiated with Blacoh.
The motion was approved by a vote of 5 - 0.

ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 2 WITH HAZEN FOR DOVE DAM OUTLET REPAIR ALTERNATIVES

Mr. Paludi presented this matter for Board consideration, and he mentioned this matter was reviewed with the Engineering/Operational Committee. Ms. Lausten presented the proposal from Hazen for the evaluation of repair alternatives to the Dove Dam Outlet, and she added that a contract dive team is scheduled to dive the following week to expose the outlet structure for additional evaluation. Discussion occurred concerning the budgetary impacts to the Condition Assessment/Master Plan project and the potential for cost sharing on the proposed repairs once identified.

Action: A motion was made by Director Acosta and seconded by Director Mandich to authorize the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 2 for the Dove Dam Repair Alternative Evaluation and Cost Estimate to Hazen and Sawyer in the not to exceed amount of \$44,528.
The motion was approved by a vote of 5 - 0.

ITEM 8: SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY (SOCWA) JOINT POWER AGREEMENT (JPA) DISCUSSIONS UPDATE

Mr. Paludi presented this matter for Board consideration. Ms. Collins provided a brief update on the preparation of a withdrawal agreement from the JPA, and that discussions with SOCWA General Counsel indicated that TCWD will need approval from all current JPA member agencies, and not just Project Committee (PC) 12 agencies. Discussion occurred certain terms for withdrawal, including financial impacts, timelines, and potential political implications. The Board, through President Chadd, directed District staff and General Counsel to finalize the preparation of the withdrawal agreement for presentation to the SOCWA Board of Directors.

Action: The Board of Directors, through President Chadd, directed District staff and General Counsel to prepare a withdrawal agreement from South Orange County Wastewater Authority.

LEGISLATIVE AND OTHER MATTERS

ITEM 9: PRESENTATION BY DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL ON MATTERS RELATED TO PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Mr. Paludi presented this matter for Board consideration. Ms. Collins delivered a PowerPoint presentation related to property acquisition matters, and she highlighted the legal obligations and standards involved with the methods of acquiring real property, including, but not limited to, purchase, sale, and eminent domain, and the related statutory timelines. Ms. Collins provided a handout of the slides reviewed with the Board for reference purposes.

Action: No action was taken.

ITEM 10: DROUGHT STATUS UPDATE

Mr. Paludi provided an update on this matter, and he provided a handout which summarized a recent Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MET) presentation concerning drinking water supplies and storage reservoir levels. Mr. Paludi mentioned that the State Water Project allocation is currently at 0% and current storage levels in Lake Mead is at 2 MAF. Discussion occurred concerning impacts to Colorado River supplies, including the potential for water delivery restrictions and regional water allocation plans.

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Action: No action was taken

ITEM 11: LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AND LEGISLATIVE MATTER(S)

Mr. Paludi presented a letter from Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) to Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) concerning the potential merger between MWDOC and Orange County Water District as highlighted in a recent Orange County Grand Jury report.

Mr. Paludi provided a copy of the “Facilitated Discussions with MWDOC Member Agency” report prepared by Paul Redvers Brown (PRB) dated November 2022.

Action: No action was taken

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

Ms. Collins provided a brief report on the impacts of the Levine Act to publicly elected officials reporting of campaign contributions to the Fair Political Practices Commission.

OTHER INFORMATION/MATTERS

No comments were received.

ADDITIONAL DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

No comments were received.

ADJOURNMENT

President Chadd adjourned the November 17, 2022, Regular Board Meeting at 7:01 p.m.