



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TRABUCO CANYON WATER DISTRICT | MAY 18, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Trabuco Canyon Water District (TCWD or District) conducted on May 18, 2023, was called to order by President Dopudja 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 Secretary, transcribed the minutes thereof.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

President Dopudja
Director Glenn Acosta
Director Don Chadd
Director Michael Safranski

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Vice President Ed Mandich

STAFF PRESENT

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

DISTRICT CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Claire Collins, Hansen & Bridgett

DISTRICT CONSULTANTS VIA CONFERENCE CALL

None

PUBLIC PRESENT

Cathy Green, Director, Orange County Water District
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

None

ORAL COMMUNICATION

None

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DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director Chadd reported on his attendance at the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Spring Conference.

Director Safranski reported on his attendance at the following meetings:

- Community Associations of Rancho (CAR) meeting which included a presentation on the development of a fire safety council.
- ACWA Spring Conference, and he provided a report on the Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) committee meetings.
- District Water Awareness Day event was great event, and he expressed his appreciation for staff's efforts.

Director Acosta expressed his appreciation for District staff's work on the Water Awareness Day event, and he reported on his attendance at the Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO).

Director Dopudja expressed his appreciation for District staff's work on the Water Awareness Day event, and he reported on his attendance at the ACWA Spring Conference.

REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Paludi reported on the following matters:

- Notice for public hearing on the proposed water, wastewater, and recycled water rates and charges in accordance with Proposition 218 was mailed to District customers. Mr. Paludi reminded the Board that the public hearing is scheduled for June 29, 2023.
- Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) Water Policy Forum and Dinner is scheduled for June 22, 2023.

Mr. Perea reported that the District has filled the open Customer Service Representative I position.

CONSENT CALENDAR

President Dopudja 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.

MOTION: Approve the Consent Calendar as presented – Director Chadd

SECOND: Director Acosta

AYES: Directors Dopudja, Acosta, Chadd, & Safranski

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mandich

MOTION PASSED/FAILED: Passed 4 – 0 – 1 with Mandich absent

ACTION CALENDAR

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Board, through President Dopudja, moved Item 10 to the front of the agenda.

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ITEM 10: CONSIDERATION OF SUPPORT FOR CATHY GREEN’S CANDIDACY FOR ACWA PRESIDENT

Mr. Paludi presented this matter for Board consideration, and he introduced Ms. Cathy Green, Director, Orange County Water District, to the Board of Directors. Ms. Green addressed the Board concerning her qualifications, and she requested the Board’s support for her candidacy for Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Board President. Mr. Paludi presented a resolution for the Board’s consideration.

MOTION: Adopt Resolution No. 2023-1315 – Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Trabuco Canyon Water District in Support of the Nomination of Cathy Green as a Candidate for the Position of Association of California Water Agencies President– Director Acosta

SECOND: Director Safranski

AYES: Directors Dopudja, Acosta, Chadd, & Safranski

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mandich

MOTION PASSED/FAILED: Passed 4 – 0 – 1 with Mandich absent

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.

MOTION: Approve the tentative future meetings/attendance items and ratify the Directors’ expenses and fees from April 2023– Director Chadd

SECOND: Director Acosta

AYES: Directors Dopudja, Acosta, Chadd, & Safranski

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mandich

MOTION PASSED/FAILED: Passed 4 – 0 – 1 with Mandich absent

ITEM 6: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO RESCIND WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN LEVEL TWO

Mr. Paludi presented this matter for Board consideration, and he reported that due to improved water supply conditions throughout the State that District staff recommends rescinding the current Level 2 Water Supply Shortage in accordance with the Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP). Discussion occurred concerning District potable and recycled water supplies to meet system demands. Director Safranski recommended that District staff provide additional context to this action for customers.

MOTION: Adopt Resolution No. 2023-1314 - Resolution of the Board of Directors of Trabuco Canyon Water District Rescinding Level 2 Water Supply Shortage Pursuant to the Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) and authorize the General Manager to publish notification consistent with the WSCP– Director Chadd

SECOND: Director Safranski

AYES: Directors Dopudja, Acosta, Chadd, & Safranski

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mandich

MOTION PASSED/FAILED: Passed 4 – 0 – 1 with Mandich absent

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

ITEM 7: URBAN WATER INSTITUTE 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP

Mr. Paludi presented this matter for Board consideration, and he mentioned that the District is a member of the Urban Water Institute. Mr. Paludi reported that the 2023 Annual Conference is scheduled for August 2023, and he recommended the Board approve a sponsorship for this event in the amount of \$1,250.

MOTION: Approve sponsorship of the Urban Water Institute’s 2023 Annual Conference in the amount of \$1,250 – Director Safranski

SECOND: Director Acosta

AYES: Directors Dopudja, Acosta, Chadd, & Safranski

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mandich

MOTION PASSED/FAILED: Passed 4 – 0 – 1 with Mandich absent

ENGINEERING MATTERS

ITEM 8: SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY (SOCWA) JPA DISCUSSION UPDATES

Mr. Paludi introduced this matter for Board consideration, and he reported that the SOCWA Board of Directors approved the District’s withdrawal agreement at the May 4, 2023 regular board meeting. The Board expressed their appreciation to District staff and Ms. Collins for their dedication and coordination in accomplishing this effort. Director Dopudja briefly reported on his attendance at the meeting, and he related that the SOCWA Board was both understanding and supportive of the District’s withdrawal.

MOTION: Informational item only. No action was taken.

LEGISLATIVE AND OTHER MATTERS

ITEM 9: ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA) ELECTION CALL FOR NOMINATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION TO VOTE

Mr. Paludi presented this matter for Board consideration. Mr. Perea provided a brief overview of the election process changes to the bylaws, and he reviewed the voting deadlines. Mr. Perea indicated that the Board must designate a voting representative by June 16, 2023, and he reviewed the current Board representative assignments for ACWA. Mr. Perea reported that District staff will submit the appropriate documentation to ACWA by the deadline.

MOTION: Informational item only. No action was taken.

ITEM 11: LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AND LEGISLATIVE MATTER(S)

Mr. Paludi reported on the following matters:

- A joint MWDOC/OCWD meeting is scheduled for the following week for the purpose of reviewing the proposed consolidation of the two agencies in accordance with OC LAFCO processes. The South Orange County Agencies Group meeting was originally scheduled for the same day and has been cancelled to accommodate this meeting.
- Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MET) – MET is currently seeking input from member agencies on their Master Plan climate adaption policies.

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- Legislative Update – Mr. Paludi provided an update concerning proposed amendments to Department of Water Resources (DWR) water supply targets. Discussion occurred concerning the Solve the Water Crisis Coalition.

MOTION: Informational item only. No action was taken.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

None

OTHER INFORMATION/MATTERS

None

ADDITIONAL DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

President Dopudja adjourned the May 18, 2023, Regular Board Meeting at 6:15 p.m.