



## TRABUCO CANYON WATER DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING RECAP | SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

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### **DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Vice President Ed Mandich, Committee Chair  
President Stephen Dopudja, Committee Member

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Fernando Paludi, General Manager  
Michael Perea, Assistant General Manager  
Roseann Lejsek, Administrative Assistant

### **CONSULTANTS PRESENT**

Robin Rockey, Rockspark Communications

### **PUBLIC PRESENT**

None

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Vice President Mandich called the September 6, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

### **VISITOR PARTICIPATION**

No visitor participation was received.

### **ORAL COMMUNICATION**

No oral communication was received.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

None

### **REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER**

Mr. Paludi reported on the following matters:

- The Orange County Public Relations Society of America (OCPRSOA) has selected the District's Strategic Communications Plan as a finalist in their 2023 PROTOS Event on September 27, 2023. Mr. Paludi reported that Director Acosta has offered to represent the District at the event.
- Mr. Paludi provided a brief status update on efforts to obtain an easement from Orange County Rescue Mission (OCRM).

### **DISCUSSION MATTERS**

#### **ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING RECAP**

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Mr. Paludi presented the Executive Committee Meeting Recap for Committee consideration in accordance with the agenda.

**MOTION:** Approve the Executive Committee Meeting Recap and recommend the Board of Directors receive and file the same (Consent Calendar) – Director Dopudja

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**SECOND:** Director Mandich  
**AYES:** Directors Mandich & Dopudja  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**MOTION PASSED/FAILED:** Passed 2 - 0

**ITEM 2: BOARD AGENDA PLANNING CALENDAR**

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Mr. Paludi presented this matter for Committee consideration, and he provided a handout which highlighted certain proposed Board agenda planning calendar updates including, but not limited to:

**September 2023**

**Regular Board Meeting**

- Discussion of TCWD health benefit costs (F/A)  
Mr. Paludi reported that staff will provide an analysis of the CalPERS approved CY 2024 health rates and expected budgetary impacts.
- California Voting Rights Act (CVRA)  
Mr. Paludi reported that District General Counsel recommends a discussion with the Board of Directors on the potential impacts of the CVRA on the District, and he mentioned that the City of Rancho Santa Margarita (RSM) is currently evaluating the implementation of divisional seats. The Committee recommended agendaing this matter for Board consideration at the meeting.

**October 2023**

**Regular Board Meeting**

- Expense Reimbursement Policy changes (Executive)
- Contract Amendment for rate study with IB Consultants (F/A)
- Golf Club Sewer Lift Station Rehabilitation Construction Contract Award (E/O)

**MOTION:** None – Informational item only.

**OTHER MATTERS**

**ITEM 3: REPORTS OR COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER AND/OR STAFF**

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Mr. Paludi provided a brief update on the following matters:

- **Public Education Event Planning**

Mr. Paludi provided an update on the planning for the Facilities Tour event scheduled for October 2023, and discussion occurred concerning the development of the tour itinerary. Director Dopudja recommended the event focus the day in the life of water in the District's service area and how the rates and charges fund critical infrastructure.

- **Customer Meter Downsizing Requests – Policy & Process**

Mr. Paludi reported that the District has received requests from some customers to downsize their meters due in response to the recently adopted rates and charges. Discussion occurred concerning the development of a District program to address customer concerns. Mr. Perea provided an overview of the impacted customers and related fiscal impacts to the District. The Committee requested the total number of residential metered connections sized from 1" to 2", and recommended agendaing this matter for discussion at the next committee meeting and a future regular board meeting.

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- **Dove Canyon V-Ditch/Slope Repair**

Mr. Paludi provided a brief update on the Dove Canyon Master Association (DCMA) V-Ditch/Slope Repair project and the impacts to the District's properties and facilities adjacent to the project area. Mr. Paludi reported that DCMA's General Manager has requested the District's position concerning responsibility to participate/contribute to the project. Discussion occurred concerning the project's impacts, costs, and timeline for completion.

- **Dove Plaza Reciprocal Parking Agreement – Final Draft**

Mr. Paludi provided a brief update on this matter, and he reported that property management for the plaza has requested information concerning the frequency of after-hours events that may impact on their parking area. Discussion occurred concerning the number of District-related and community events that may occur at the District's Administration Facility throughout the year and have the potential to create overflow parking. Mr. Paludi commented that District staff will relay this information to the property management concerning this matter.

**MOTION:** None – Informational item only.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President Mandich adjourned the September 6, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting at 7:30 p.m.