



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TRABUCO CANYON WATER DISTRICT | MAY 19, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Trabuco Canyon Water District (TCWD or District) conducted on May 19, 2022, was called to order by President Chadd at 7:01 p.m. in the Board Room at the District Administrative Facility located at 32003 Dove Canyon Drive, Trabuco Canyon, California. Ms. Lisa Marie Sangi, Assistant District Secretary, transcribed the minutes thereof.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

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

DISTRICT CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Claire Collins, General Legal Counsel – Hanson Bridgett LLP

PUBLIC PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL

None

PUBLIC PRESENT

Vicki Osborn, WEROC

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PRESENTATION BY VICKI OSBORN ON WATER EMERGENCY RESPONSE ORGANIZATION OF ORANGE COUNTY (WEROC)

Ms. Osborn with the Water Emergency Response Organization of Orange County (WEROC) delivered a PowerPoint presentation which outlined the organizational functions, and she reviewed the benefits of inter-agency cooperation in emergency response. Ms. Osborn provided a brief overview of the current fiscal year and fiscal year 2022/23 organizational goals. Discussion occurred concerning recent local wildfires in the wildfire interface areas within the District's service area and the impacts of Southern California Edison (SCE) Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events.

The Board of Directors recessed for a short meeting break from 7:30 p.m. to 7:35 p.m.

ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

None

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VISITOR PARTICIPATION & ORAL COMMUNICATION

None

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director Mandich had no comments.

Director Dopudja had no comments.

Director Acosta provided a brief report on the California Coastal Commission's actions on the Poseidon Desalination Plant in Huntington Beach, and he reported that Governor Newsom has secured \$100M in funding for drought communication and public outreach.

Director Safranski reported on his attendance at the City of Rancho Santa Margarita City Council Meeting, and he provided a brief update on certain grant funds for road median improvements on Antonio Parkway. Director Safranski reported the Orange County Register has published his opinion article concerning water supply challenges statewide, specifically the capture of snowpack runoff to meet water demands.

Director Chadd had no comments.

REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Paludi reported on the following matters:

- Mr. Michael Perea, Assistant General Manager, was not in attendance at this Board meeting as he was celebrating his twentieth wedding anniversary.
- Irvine Ranch Water District's (IRWD) V.P. Baker Pipeline was still offline due to certain project delays, but the system was expected to be online by June 1st.
- The District has joined the City of Rancho Santa Margarita Chamber of Commerce, and he commented that the Chamber will be hosting an event with Orange County Supervisor Don Wagner on June 16th.
- A Special Board Meeting - Budget Workshop has been scheduled for Monday, May 23rd.
- The District's Water Awareness Day Event is scheduled for Saturday, May 21st at the Administration Facility, and he provided an aerial map for Board consideration and review.

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 Mandich and seconded by Director Safranski 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. Director Dopudja provided an update to his attendance report and mentioned that he did not attend the Irvine Ranch Water District V.P. Baker Pipeline construction project tour.

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

FINANCIAL MATTERS

ITEM 6: DISTRICT ETHICS POLICY UPDATE

Mr. Paludi introduced this matter for Board consideration, and he reported this matter was reviewed with the Executive Committee. Mr. Paludi provided a high-level review of the proposed policy, and the highlighted the additional proposed redlines for Board consideration. Discussion occurred concerning certain definitions of terms and classifications. Ms. Collins commented that the use of the word personnel includes the Board and District staff purposefully. Discussion occurred concerning the inclusion of additional language related to reimbursement of certain expenses.

Action: A motion was made by Director Acosta and seconded by Director Safranski to approve the proposed Ethics Policy Update as amended and rescind the Code of Conduct Guidelines approved on January 17, 1996.
The motion was approved by a vote of 5 – 0.

ENGINEERING MATTERS

ITEM 7: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION(S) CONCERNING GOLF CLUB SEWER LIFT STATION REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Paludi introduced this for Board consideration and reviewed the totality of the handout provided. Ms. Lausten mentioned that this matter was previously reviewed with the Engineering/Operational and Finance/Audit Committee, and she provided a brief project review for Board consideration. Ms. Lausten reported that both Committees approved the purchase of the pump systems from Tekdraulics, and recommended the Board ratify the purchase. Ms. Lausten provided a preliminary condition assessment of the facility performed by Hazen & Sawyer.

Action: A motion was made by Director Acosta and seconded by Director Mandich to approve and ratify the purchase of three (3) replacement pumps, two (2) guide rail systems and two (2) discharge elbows from Tekdraulics for Golf Club Sewer Lift Station in the amount of \$193,286.39.
The motion was approved by a vote of 5 – 0.

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

Mr. Paludi provided an update on this matter for Board consideration, and he reported that the District performed an analysis for the costs associated with participation in SOCWA in late 2017, including considerations for recycled water permit costs, salt and nutrient plan participation costs, and chemical purchasing costs.

Director Dopudja provided a brief report on the SOCWA Budget, and he reported that the SOCWA Board approved acceptance of the notice from Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD) for the annexation of the City of San Juan Capistrano water and wastewater systems. Discussion occurred concerning certain budget-related matters discussed at the SOCWA Board Meeting and overall risk exposure for the District as SOCWA member agency.

Action: No action was taken.

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LEGISLATIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER MATTERS

ITEM 9: LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AND LEGISLATIVE MATTER(S)

There was no discussion on this matter.

Action: No action was taken.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

Ms. Collins reported that the County of Orange (Orange County Public Works) has initiated a settlement agreement with the District for the damages to its infrastructure.

OTHER INFORMATION/MATTERS

Mr. Paludi reported on his attendance at the ACWA Conference and the Solve the Water Crises Coalition meeting.

ADDITIONAL DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Dopudja echoed Mr. Paludi's report concerning the ACWA Conference, and he commented the focus on water affordability, availability, and pricing.

ADJOURNMENT

President Chadd adjourned the May 19, 2022 Regular Board Meeting at 8:22 p.m.