



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TRABUCO CANYON WATER DISTRICT | DECEMBER 12, 2024

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Trabuco Canyon Water District (TCWD or District) conducted on December 12, 2024, was called to order by Vice President Edward Mandich 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

Vice President Ed Mandich
Director Glenn Acosta
Director Mark Anderson
Director John Horst
Director Michael Safranski

STAFF PRESENT

Fernando Paludi, General Manager
Michael Perea, Assistant General Manager
Lorrie Lausten, District Engineer
Gary Kessler, Water Operations Superintendent
Oscar Ulloa, Wastewater Operations Superintendent
Jason Stroud, Maintenance Superintendent
Karen Warner, Principal Accountant
Roseann Lejsek, Executive Assistant
Phil Serpas, CMMS/SCADA Administrator
Other staff was present

DISTRICT CONSULTANTS

Claire Collins, District General Legal Counsel – Hanson & Bridgett, LLP

PUBLIC PRESENT

There were members of the public present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE FOR DIRECTORS ELECTED IN 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

District Secretary, Mr. Perea, administered the oath of office to Director Anderson and Director Horst.

ITEMS TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

None

VISITOR PARTICIPATION

None

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ORAL COMMUNICATION

Fred Yeakel – Mr. Yeakel addressed the Board of Directors with his concerns regarding the installation and necessity of a 2” water meter on his property at the time his property was built. Mr. Yeakel requested to be charged the same as other homes in the area.

Sue Marucci – Ms. Marucci addressed the Board of Directors with her concerns regarding the current rates and charges versus the cost of service. Ms. Marucci also expressed her concerns with the District’s indemnification form, and she requested that the existing Board members work with the newly elected Board members to fix these issues.

Alan Burnham – Mr. Burnham congratulated Directors Anderson and Horst on their election wins, and he stated that they will be a great asset to the community. Mr. Burnham also stated that he wanted to publicly apologize to Director Safranski for a discussion they had during the recall effort. Mr. Burnham noted that he would like everyone to work together.

DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS

Director Acosta offered his congratulations to the new Board members, and he stated that he is looking forward to working together to be more responsive and engaging with residents of the community.

Director Safranski welcomed the newly elected Board members, and he reported on the meetings he attended during the previous month.

Director Horst commented that along with Mr. Yeakel and Ms. Marucci, the community echoes their concerns, and he stated that it will be his priority to find solutions for better water rates.

Director Anderson stated that he was happy to be on the Board and is looking forward to meetings in the future.

Director Mandich stated that the Meter Downsizing Program will be placed on the agenda soon in hopes of coming to a satisfactory solution.

REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Paludi congratulated the newly elected Board members.

Mr. Paludi reported that Metropolitan Water District of Southern California’s (MET) Reverse Cyclic Program will an informational item on the January Regular Board Meeting agenda.

Mr. Paludi reported that Mr. Karl Seckel, a member of the Board of Directors with Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) extended an invitation the District’s Board members to attend a tour of the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS) through Orange County Water District (OCWD) as well as a tour of Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts in Carson. Mr. Paludi stated that the tour will be January 24, 2025 from 8am-5pm. Mr. Paludi stated that Mr. Seckel will be reaching out to the Directors for their interest in attending the tour.

ACTION CALENDAR

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ITEM 1: BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION AND WORKSHOP

Mr. Paludi presented the Board of Directors with an overview of the District, as well as a summary of the Board members’ function and responsibilities. Mr. Paludi delivered a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the

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services the District provides to its customers and the types of facilities and associated challenges in the service area. All members of the Board were provided with an onboarding binder that included copies of the District's governance documents, policies and procedures, financial information, and rates and charges information.

The meeting took a 10-minute break at 6:40 p.m. and reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

Ms. Collins presented a summary of the federal, state, and local laws and regulations applicable to the duties and responsibilities of the District's Board of Directors, specifically, Brown Act requirements for public meetings and conflict of interest rules and requirements.

MOTION: None – Informational item only.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Mandich adjourned the December 12, 2024 Special Board Meeting at 7:39 p.m.