

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

MARCH 16, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Olivenhain Municipal Water District was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 via video conference and in person.

Vice President Bruce-Lane called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Assistant Secretary called the roll. Directors present were Bruce-Lane, Guerin, Meyers, Topolovac, and Watt. It was noted that the meeting was published via teleconference in accordance with Assembly Bill 361, which allows local or state legislative bodies to hold meetings via teleconference, makes meetings accessible electronically, and waives certain Brown Act provisions.

Vice President Bruce-Lane declared a quorum present and ordered the meeting to proceed. In attendance were Kimberly Thorner, General Manager; Alfred Smith, General Counsel; Joey Randall, Assistant General Manager; Rainy Selamat, Finance Manager; John Carnegie, Customer Services Manager; Jennifer Joslin, Human Resources Manager; Geoff Fulks, Operations Manager; Brian Sodeman, Customer Service and Public Affairs Supervisor; Steve Weddle, Engineering Services Supervisor; Brandon Barnick, Field Services Supervisor; Stephanie Kaufmann, Executive Secretary; Don MacFarlane, Consulting Engineer; George Briest from Briest Consulting; and Neena Kuzmich, San Diego County Water Authority Deputy Director of Engineering.

Director Guerin experienced technical difficulties and briefly stepped away from the meeting.

5. CONSIDER IMPLEMENTING ASSEMBLY BILL 361 THAT PROVIDES THE ABILITY TO MEET REMOTELY DUE TO THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAIMED STATE OF EMERGENCY UNDER MODIFIED BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS

President Watt moved to implement AB 361, seconded by Director Meyers and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors Bruce-Lane, Meyers, Topolovac, and Watt
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Director Guerin

6. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Director Topolovac moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by President Watt and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors Bruce-Lane, Meyers, Topolovac, and Watt
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

ABSENT: Director Guerin

7. PERSONAL APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

8. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND HONORABLE MENTIONS

- * Tiger Team/A Better Way Award – Highline Hose Reel 5000
- * Tiger Team/A Better Way Award – Plug Valve Rebuild Project
- * Jay Turman – Field Services Technician III – GYO Promotion – February
- * Morgan Ferguson – Field Services Technician III – GYO Promotion – February

The Tiger Team/A Better Way Awards were presented to Systems Operator Calm, Valve Maintenance Technician Rodriguez, and Valve Maintenance Technician Fichtelman.

Field Services Technician III Turman and Field Services Technician III Ferguson were congratulated on their promotions.

Director Guerin rejoined the meeting.

President Watt experienced technical difficulties and was unable to vote on items 9 and 10.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2022 REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Director Meyers moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2022 Regular Board of Directors meeting with the edit above, seconded by Director Topolovac and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Bruce-Lane, Guerin, Meyers, and Topolovac
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: President Watt

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

- C-a CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A MOTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF LISTED WARRANTS FROM THE DISTRICT'S REVOLVING AND REGULAR ACCOUNTS; LISTED TRANSFERS OF FUNDS; REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES TO BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF; AND MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT

- C-b CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A MOTION APPROVING THE DISTRICT’S CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF NET POSITION, CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION, CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS, CONSOLIDATED ACTUAL VS BUDGET SUMMARY, AND CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS REPORT

- C-c CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING SAN DIEGUITO WATER DISTRICT’S 100th ANNIVERSARY

- C-d CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE MIRA COSTA PIPELINE ABANDONMENT PROJECT (MIRA COSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT) INTO OMWD’S SYSTEM AND ORDER A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FILED

- C-e REVIEW OF GENERAL MANAGER’S DECLARATION OF THE CROSBY HOA SEWER FORCE MAIN LEAK REPAIR PROJECT AS AN EMERGENCY PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 1102, INCLUDING APPROVAL OF A TIME AND MATERIALS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH PIPERIN CORPORATION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000, APPROVAL OF A NOTICE OF COMPLETION TO BE FILED WITH SAN DIEGO COUNTY RECORDER, AND AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT

Director Meyers moved to authorize the Consent Calendar, seconded by Director Guerin and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors Bruce-Lane, Guerin, Meyers, and Topolovac
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	President Watt

President Watt rejoined the meeting.

- 11. CONSIDER AN INFORMATIONAL REPORT FROM THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY ON THE SAN VICENTE ENERGY STORAGE FACILITY PROJECT

San Diego County Water Authority Deputy Director of Engineering Neena Kuzmich presented the informational update to the board.

- 12. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT HONORING RAINY K. SELAMAT FOR 25 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

President Watt moved to adopt Resolution 2022-09, seconded by Director Meyers and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors Bruce-Lane, Guerin, Meyers, Topolovac, and Watt
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NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

13. REVIEW AND DISCUSS OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT'S PENSION LIABILITY AND PENSION FUNDING PLAN WITH THE BOARD (WORKSHOP)

Finance Manager Selamat and Julio Morales from Urban Futures, Inc. presented the informational report.

Director Meyers requested an analysis of the pros and cons of a Pension Stabilization Fund/115 trust in the next report. The board concurred.

14. CONSIDER AN INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON OMWD'S TOP 25 CRITICAL EASEMENTS

Engineering Services Supervisor Weddle presented the informational report.

15. CONSIDER UPDATE ON THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY DECLARATION

General Manager Thorner provided the informational report.

16. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. President's Report

President Watt reported that he will return for the March 30 Special Board Meeting.

B. General Manager's Report

General Manager Thorner's report was included in the board packet.

C. Consulting Engineer's Report

Consulting Engineer MacFarlane's written report was distributed to the board.

D. General Counsel's Report

General Counsel Smith provided a written report that was included in the board packet.

E. San Diego County Water Authority Report

General Manager Thorner reported that the Fiscal Sustainability Work Group will have 31 meetings through next February and she will be participating as a

member of the work group and GM Group. She also attended the team building workshop. Lastly, she indicated that Metropolitan Water District (MWD) is showing 16% rate increases over the next two years and that OMWD will be sending a letter in opposition of these untenable increases, specifically commenting on the 81 new positions MWD is proposing.

F. Legislative Report

The Legislative Report was included in the board packet.

G. Twelve Month Calendar/Other Meetings/Reports by Board Members Per AB 1234 / Board Comments

OMWD Board Meeting Debrief (Feb 17)

President Watt met with the General Manager.

San Diego Botanic Gardens Appreciation Event (Feb 17)

Directors Meyers and Watt attended the event.

Safety Committee Meeting (Feb 23)

Director Topolovac attended the meeting.

Conservation Committee Meeting (Mar 2)

Directors Guerin and Meyers attended the meeting.

Call with the General Manager Call RE: OMWD Issues (Mar 3)

President Watt had a call with the General Manager.

Meeting with the General Manager RE: OMWD Status (Mar 8)

Director Topolovac met with the General Manager.

SDCWA Meeting Review Conference Call with the General Manager (Mar 8)

Director Guerin had a call with the General Manager.

ACWA Legislative Virtual Symposium (Mar 10)

Director Meyers attended the event.

Safety Award Luncheon (Mar 16)

Directors Meyers and Topolovac attended the luncheon.

17. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was provided in the board packet.

18. **AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND UPCOMING MEETINGS / CONFERENCES / SEMINARS**

There were no meetings requiring authorization to attend.

19. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No future agenda items were requested.

20. **CONSIDER PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments

It was noted that there was no need for a Closed Session.

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President Bruce-Lane adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Lawrence A. Watt, President
Board of Directors
Olivenhain Municipal Water District

ATTEST:

Robert F. Topolovac, Secretary
Board of Directors
Olivenhain Municipal Water District