

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

May 31, 2023

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Olivenhain Municipal Water District was held on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at the district office, 1966 Olivenhain Road, Encinitas, California.

Vice President Hahn called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Assistant Secretary called the roll. Directors present were Hahn, Meyers, and Watt. It was noted that President Guerin and Director San Antonio were absent.

Vice President Hahn 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; Stephanie Kaufmann, Executive Secretary; Robert Kreutzer, Department Assistant; George Mileon, Senior Systems Administrator; Don MacFarlane, Consulting Engineer; Jeremy Jungreis from Rutan and Tucker, LLP; Rosalyn Prickett from Rincon Consultants, Doug Gillingham from Gillingham Water, and Brian Villalobos from Geoscience.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Director Watt moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Director Meyers and carried unanimously.

6. PERSONAL APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

7. CONSIDER A PRESENTATION ON THE RESULTS OF RECENT INVESTIGATIONS FOR THE SAN DIEGUITO VALLEY BRACKISH GROUNDWATER DESALINATION PROJECT AND DISCUSSION OF FUTURE STEPS (INFORMATIONAL ITEM)

General Manager Thorner, Assistant General Manager Randall, and consultants Don MacFarlane and Doug Gillingham presented the report.

Director Watt inquired about the \$44M operations and maintenance (O&M) costs associated with the project and whether other plants of the same size have similar maintenance costs. Consultant Gillingham indicated that the O&M costs are comparable to plants of similar size and that the estimated amount is budgeted to ensure that the plant is in top working order.

Director Meyers asked why O&M increased from \$28M for a 1.3 million gallons per day (MGD) plant to \$44M for a 1.5 MGD. Consultant Gillingham stated that the increase was due to labor, staffing, power, chemicals, brine disposal, and long-term monitoring of the

basin. Consultant Gillingham will prepare a detailed breakdown of these increases and will report back to the board at a future date.

Director Meyers asked how this project would contribute to OMWD's overall water portfolio and the rate impacts that it would have to customers. General Manager Thorner stated that it depends on the final design, but that this project is projected to be about 10% of our potable water supply. She also stated that the project has been included in the Long-Range Financial Plan, that the board will know rate impacts once the 2024 Cost of Service Study is completed, and that the rate model will be updated to include this project at that time.

8. CONSIDER PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NOTE: The meeting was in recess
from 5:56 p.m. to 6:08 p.m.

NOTE: The meeting was in closed session
from 6:08 p.m. to 7:08 p.m.

9. CLOSED SESSION

A) POTENTIAL LITIGATION – ONE POTENTIAL CASE [PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT
CODE SECTION 54956.9 (d)(2)]

10. OPEN SESSION

There were no reportable actions from closed session.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Hahn adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Matthew Hahn, Vice President
Board of Directors
Olivenhain Municipal Water District

ATTEST:

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