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

# October 15, 2025

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Olivenhain Municipal Water District was held on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at the district office, 1966 Olivenhain Road, Encinitas, California.

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 Guerin, Hahn, and Meyers. It was noted that Directors Lanfried and Maloni were absent.

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; Jennifer Joslin, Human Resources Manager; John Carnegie, Customer Services Manager; Lindsey Stephenson, Engineering Manager; Jesse Bartlett-May, Operations Manager; Leo Mendez, Finance Manager; Steve Weddle, Engineering Services Supervisor; Brian Sodeman, Customer Service and Public Affairs Supervisor; Jared Graffam, Accounting Supervisor; Teresa Chase, Administrative Analyst; Joe Jansen, Administrative Analyst; David Valenzuela, Systems Administrator; Stephanie Kaufmann, Executive Secretary; and Robert Kreutzer, Department Assistant.

# 5. <u>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</u>

Director Guerin moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Director Meyers, and approved unanimously with Directors Lanfried and Maloni absent.

# 6. PERSONAL APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public speakers.

#### 7. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND HONORABLE MENTIONS

#### <u>Service Awards, Promotions, and Honorable Mentions</u>

- \* Lori Ayres Department Assistant I New Position
- \* Jared Graffam Accounting Supervisor Grow Your Own Promotion
- \* Diego Zaragoza Utility I New Hire
- \* WateReuse Outreach and Education Program of the Year Award in Partnership with SEJPA and LWWD 2024 Water Career Day

The employees were congratulated by the board.

It was noted that Director Maloni arrived to the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

# 8. <u>CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 REGULAR BOARD</u> OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Director Meyers moved to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2025, Regular Board of Directors meeting, seconded by Director Guerin, and approved unanimously with Director Lanfried absent.

# 9. 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
C-b	CONSIDER ANNUAL OBJECTIVES AND TIGER TEAM STATUS REPORT
C-c	CONSIDER NOMINATION FOR THE SAN DIEGO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
	SPECIAL DISTRICTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

President Hahn moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Director Guerin, and approved unanimously with Director Lanfried absent.

# 10. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT HONORING MARLO REED FOR 25 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

Director Guerin moved to adopt Resolution 2025-25, seconded by Director Meyers, and approved unanimously with Director Lanfried absent.

Engineering Services Supervisor Weddle and General Manager Thorner presented the resolution.

# 11. <u>INFORMATIONAL UPDATE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER'S EMERGENCY DECLARATION</u> OF THE AZAHAR/CADENCIA/ROMERIA STREETS AND ALDEA PLACE LEAK REPAIR PROJECT

Operations Manager Bartlett-May presented the informational report.

# 12. <u>CONSIDER THE CALENDAR FOR THE 2026 OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT'S</u> BOARD MEETINGS

General Manager Thorner presented the report.

President Hahn moved to approve the 2026 Olivenhain Municipal Water District's board meeting calendar, seconded by Director Guerin, and approved unanimously with Director Lanfried absent.

13. <u>CONSIDER INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS AND LONG-</u> TERM WATER USE EFFICIENCY LEGISLATION

Administrative Analyst Jansen presented the informational report.

14. CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE DAVID C. MCCOLLOM WATER TREATMENT PLANT
STAGE 4 UPGRADES PROJECT INTO OMWD'S SYSTEM AND ORDER A NOTICE OF
COMPLETION FILED

Engineering Services Supervisor Weddle presented the report.

Director Meyers moved to accept the David C. McCollom Water Treatment Plant Stage 4 Upgrades Project into OMWD's system and authorize filing a Notice of Completion with the San Diego County Recorder, seconded by Director Maloni, and approved unanimously with Director Lanfried absent.

15. BOARD MEMBER SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH POLICY REVIEW WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

General Counsel Smith presented the informational presentation to the board.

16. REVIEW OF GENERAL MANAGER'S DECLARATION OF THE OTP-1 LEAK REPAIR PROJECT AS AN EMERGENCY PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 1102, INCLUDING APPROVAL OF A TIME AND MATERIAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH CASS ARIETTA FOR AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$75,000, APPROPRIATE \$100,000 TO THE PROJECT BUDGET FROM THE RSF RD PIPELINE INSPECTION PROJECT BUDGET, AND AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT, AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION MAKING CEQA FINDINGS AND ORDERING A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION BE FILED WITH THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK AND THE STATE CLEARINGHOUSE AT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Engineering Services Supervisor Weddle presented the report.

President Hahn moved to affirm the General Manager's emergency declaration, including approval of the time and materials contract with Cass Arietta in the estimated amount of \$75,000, authorize an appropriation of \$100,000 from the Rancho Santa Fe Road Pipeline Inspection project Budget, adopt Resolution 2025-26 which makes CEQA findings for declaration of the Project as an Emergency Project, and file a Notice of Exemption for the project with the San Diego County Clerk and with the State Clearinghouse at the Governor's

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Office of Planning and Research, seconded by Director Maloni, and approved unanimously with Director Lanfried absent.

17. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 8.1, 8.2, AND 8.3 OF THE OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATIVE AND ETHICS CODE (Article 8 – Water Rates and Charges) TO TAKE EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2026

Finance Manager Mendez presented the report.

Upon motion by Director Maloni, and a second by Director Guerin, Ordinance 534 was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Guerin, Maloni, and Meyers

NOES: President Hahn

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Director Lanfried

18. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION MAKING CEQA EXEMPTION FINDINGS FOR THE WATER RATE AND CHARGE INCREASES AND ORDERING A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AND THE STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Finance Manager Mendez presented the report.

Director Meyers moved to adopt Resolution 2025-27, seconded by Director Guerin, and approved unanimously with Director Lanfried absent.

#### 19. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

#### A. President's Report

President Hahn did not have a report.

#### B. General Manager's Report

General Manager Thorner reported that the Clear Air Resources Board delayed implementation of regulations until 2030 and that they directed staff to work with water agencies to develop standards for exemptions for emergency response vehicles.

# C. Consulting Engineer's Report

Consulting Engineer MacFarlane provided a presentation from the September and October Metropolitan Water District (MWD) meetings on the MWD Planning Processes, the 2026 Colorado River Operational Guidelines negotiations, supply

forecast, the Pure Water Southern California updated cost estimate, and MWD Staffing Forecast.

#### 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 (SDCWA) Report

SDCWA representative Meyers reported on the MWD Hoover Dam tour and provided an update on the SDCWA board meeting and CIP workshop.

# F. <u>Legislative Report</u>

The Legislative Report was included in the board packet.

# G. <u>Twelve Month Calendar/Other Meetings/Reports by Board Members Per AB</u> 1234

# **Special Districts Leadership Academy Module 3 (Sep 18)**

Director Lanfried completed the training.

#### MWD Colorado River Tour (Sep 18-20)

Directors Maloni and Meyers attended the tour.

# **Safety Committee Meeting (Sep 24)**

Directors Guerin and Hahn attended the meeting.

#### Conference Call with the General Manager RE: OMWD Issues (Sep 26)

Director Guerin had a call with the General Manager.

#### Human Firewalls KnowBe4 Training (Sep 29)

President Hahn completed the training.

#### **Customer Service and Engineering Briefings (Sep 29)**

Director Lanfried attended the briefings.

#### Knowbe4 Cybersecurity Data Privacy Training (Sep 30)

President Hahn completed the training.

# Health & Wellness Expo (Oct 1)

President Hahn attended the event.

# <u>Conference Call with the Assistant General Manager RE: Board Meeting</u> (Oct 7)

Director Lanfried had a call with the Assistant General Manager.

# <u>Conference Call with the Assistant General Manager RE: Customer Issue</u> (Oct 9)

Director Meyers had a call with the Assistant General Manager.

#### **Board Meeting Pre-Briefing (Oct 14)**

President Hahn had a briefing with the General Manager.

### Conference Call with the General Manager (Oct 14)

Director Lanfried had a call with the General Manager.

#### 20. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was provided in the board packet.

# 21. <u>AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND UPCOMING MEETINGS / CONFERENCES / SEMINARS</u>

There were no meetings requiring authorization to attend.

#### 22. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items added.

#### 23. <u>CONSIDER PUBLIC COMMENTS</u>

There were no public comments.

NOTE: The meeting was in Recess from 6:43 p.m. to 7:01 p.m.

NOTE: The meeting was in Closed Session from 7:01 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

It was noted that Director Lanfried arrived at 7:03 p.m.

# 24. <u>CLOSED SESSION</u>

- A) <u>CONSIDER LITIGATION STANLEY D. JONES ET AL. VS. OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT [PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9]</u>
- B) <u>CONSIDER POTENTIAL LITIGATION ONE CASE [PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9]</u>
- C) CONSIDER GENERAL MANAGER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION [PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957] Additional Facts: Receive packet; full review and compensation discussion to be held on November 19, 2025.

# 25. OPEN SESSION

General Counsel Smith reported that there was no reportable action from Closed Session.

# 26. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Matthew R. Hahn, President Board of Directors Olivenhain Municipal Water District

ATTEST:

Christy Guerin, Secretary
Board of Directors

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