

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

February 19, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Olivenhain Municipal Water District was held on Wednesday, February 19, 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, Maloni, and Meyers. It was noted that Director Guerin utilized teleconference under AB 2449 with just cause due to a contagious illness.

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; Don MacFarlane, Consulting Engineer; Rainy Selamat, Finance Manager; Jennifer Joslin, Human Resources Manager; John Carnegie, Customer Services Manager; Lindsey Stephenson, Engineering Manager; Jesse Bartlett-May, Operations Manager; Steve Weddle, Engineering Services Supervisor; Brian Sodeman, Customer Service and Public Affairs Supervisor; John Onkka, Water Reclamation Facilities Supervisor; Jeff Anderson, Park Supervisor; Leo Mendez, Accounting Supervisor; Teresa Chase, Administrative Analyst; Joe Jansen, Administrative Analyst; Melody Colombo, Administrative Analyst; Tim Schuette, Safety and Risk Compliance Administrator; Liz Kostas, Senior Systems Administrator; Stephanie Kaufmann, Executive Secretary; and Robert Kreutzer, Department Assistant.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Director Meyers moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Director Maloni, and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors Guerin, Hahn, Meyers, and Maloni
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

6. PERSONAL APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no personal appearances or public comments.

7. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND HONORABLE MENTIONS

Service Awards, Promotions, and Honorable Mentions

* Abran Baza – Utility I – New Hire

* Evan DeWindt – Water Treatment Facilities Supervisor – 15 Years

- * California Water Environment Association’s San Diego Section Plant of the Year Award - 4S Ranch Water Reclamation Facility
- * California Society of Municipal Finance Officers Operating Budget Excellence Award for FYs 2024-2025 and 2025-2026

The employees were congratulated by the board.

The awards were presented to the board.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2025, REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Director Meyers moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2025 Regular Board of Directors meeting, seconded by Director Maloni, and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors Guerin, Hahn, Meyers, and Maloni
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

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; AND MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORTS
- 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 REPORTS
- C-c CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH KONECRANES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,994.68 FOR THE DAVID C. MCCOLLOM WATER TREATMENT PLANT BRIDGE CRANE REHABILITATION PROJECT, INCLUDING WAIVER OF A MINOR IRREGULARITY TO EXCLUDE A BID BOND, APPROPRIATION OF \$20,000 FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AND AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF OMWD
- C-d CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING MARCO SAN ANTONIO FOR HIS SERVICE REPRESENTING DIVISION 1 ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- C-e CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE 14740 LAS QUINTAS (CHARLES SHER) WATER SERVICE INSTALLATION INTO OMWD’S SYSTEM AND ORDER A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FILED
- C-f CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE LA COSTA CANYON HIGH SCHOOL REDUCED BACKFLOW PRESSURE PREVENTOR ASSEMBLY INSTALLATION PROJECT (SAN DIEGUITO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT) INTO OMWD’S SYSTEM AND ORDER A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FILED
- C-g CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PRIVATE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT NO. 427 FOR THE TIDWELL FAMILY TRUST TO CONSTRUCT FACILITIES WITHIN EASEMENT 845 LOCATED AT 2901 WISHBONE WAY AND ORDER THE PERMIT BE RECORDED
- C-h CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE UNIT A RANCHO SANTA FE POTABLE WATER PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT INTO OMWD’S SYSTEM AND ORDER A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FILED

Director Meyers moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by President Hahn, and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors Guerin, Hahn, Meyers, and Maloni
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

- 10. INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON THE PROCESS TO FILL THE BOARD VACANCY IN DIVISION 1, AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS TO PROVIDE INPUT TO THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE ON THE NARROWING OF CANDIDATES AND QUALIFICATIONS PRIOR TO FORMAL INTERVIEWS BY THE BOARD IN MARCH, AND TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF TO BRING BACK AN ITEM AT THE MARCH BOARD MEETING FOR A NEW DESIGNATION OF OFFICER POSITIONS FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2025-2026

General Manager Thorner presented the informational report.

There was board direction to resend the Division 1 vacancy posting. There was also direction to the Personnel Committee to postpone the application deadline if there is not more than one applicant by the March 3 deadline.

There was board consensus to bring back an agenda item in March on the officer positions and waiving the one year of service requirement for Director Maloni to serve as Treasurer.

- 11. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES AND AUTHORIZING INVESTMENTS FOR THE MONEY OF THE DISTRICT AND DESIGNATING THE SIGNATORIES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DISTRICT DEPOSITS AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2024-04

Finance Manager Selamat presented the report.

Director Maloni moved to adopt Resolution 2024-03, seconded by Director Meyers, and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors Guerin, Hahn, Meyers, and Maloni
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

12. CONSIDER INFORMATIONAL REPORT TO BOARD ON THE HISTORY AND STATUS OF FLUORIDATION AT OMWD AND PROVIDE INPUT TO STAFF FOR POTENTIAL NEXT STEPS

General Manager Thorner presented the informational report.

There was staff direction to email the State Water Resources Control Board to inquire about funding for future fluoridation operations and maintenance and whether there are exemptions available, to follow up with OMWD’s legislative affairs representative, to forward the General Counsel’s opinion on the obligation to continue to fluoridate to the board, and to have the General Counsel follow up with an opinion once a response is received from the state.

13. CONSIDER ANNUAL UPDATE ON ELFIN FOREST RECREATIONAL RESERVE (INFORMATIONAL ITEM)

Park Supervisor Anderson presented the informational report.

14. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT’S ADMINISTRATIVE AND ETHICS CODE (Article 26 – Regulations of the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve and Other District Parks)

Park Supervisor Anderson presented the report.

Upon motion by President Hahn, and a second by Director Meyers, Ordinance 527 was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors Guerin, Hahn, Maloni, and Meyers
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

15. CONSIDER INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON OMWD’S WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

General Manager Thorner and Safety and Risk Compliance Administrator Schuette presented the informational report.

16. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS 3 AND 4 WITH TEICHERT ENERGY AND UTILITIES GROUP INC. DBA TEICHERT UTILITIES IN THE COMBINED AMOUNT OF \$350,572.14 FOR THE RECYCLED WATER PIPELINE EXTENSIONS FOR CALLE BARCELONA, VILLAGE PARK, AND SUMMERHILL PROJECT, INCREASE PROJECT BUDGET \$250,000, APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$200,000 FOR FY25, AND AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF OMWD

Engineering Services Supervisor Weddle presented the report.

President Hahn moved to approve of Construction Change Orders 3 and 4 with Teichert Energy and Utilities Group Inc. dba Teichert Utilities in the combined amount of \$350,572.14 for the Recycled Water Pipeline Extensions for Calle Barcelona, Village Park, and Summerhill Project; increase the Project budget by \$250,000; appropriate an additional \$200,000 for FY25; and authorize the General Manager to sign on behalf of Olivenhain Municipal Water District, seconded by Director Guerin, and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors Guerin, Hahn, Maloni, and Meyers
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

17. INFORMATIONAL UPDATE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER’S DECLARATION OF THE FIREHOUSE PUMP STATION SEWER FORCE MAIN EMERGENCY LEAK REPAIR PROJECT

Water Reclamation Facilities Supervisor Onkka presented the update.

18. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. President’s Report

President Hahn reported that he attended the California Water Environment Association Plant of the Year finalist judging and tour at the 4S Ranch Water Reclamation Facility.

B. General Manager’s Report

General Manager Thorner reported that OMWD requested two payments of federal grants before the funding freeze went into effect and that we received a payment for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project, that OMWD is under a Fitch rating review, and that negotiations are still underway on the City of San Diego’s recycled water contract.

C. Consulting Engineer’s Report

Consulting Engineer MacFarlane provided a report.

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 that the contract for architectural design of SDCWA’s operations building in Escondido was approved, and that proposed rate increases are coming from SDCWA in the months to come.

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

Engineering Briefing (Jan 21)

Director Maloni attended the briefing.

Safety Committee Meeting (Jan 22)

Directors Guerin and Hahn attended the meeting.

AB 1234 Ethics Training (Jan 22)

Director Maloni completed the training.

Conference Call with the General Manager RE: Vacancy (Jan 23)

President Hahn had a call with the General Manager.

AB 1825 Harassment Prevention Training (Jan 24)

Director Maloni completed the training.

Conference Call with the General Manager RE: CalDesal and Wildfire Preparedness (Jan 28)

Director Maloni had a call with the General Manager.

Conference Call with the General Manager RE: Federal Funding and Division 1 Vacancy (Jan 29)

President Hahn had a call with the General Manager.

Legal Briefing (Jan 29)

Director Maloni attended the briefing.

Facilities Tour (Jan 30)

Director Maloni attended the tour.

Conference Call with the General Manager RE: SDCWA, Division 1 vacancy, CalDesal (Jan 30)

Director Meyers had a call with the General Manager.

Finance Briefing (Feb 3)

Director Maloni attended the briefing.

CWEA Plant of the Year Tour/Judging (Feb 4)

President Hahn provided an introduction and attended the tour.

Conference Call with the General Manager RE: Division 1 Vacancy (Feb 5)

Director Guerin had a call with the General Manager.

CalDesal Conference (Feb 5-6)

Director Meyers attended the conference.

Reception for 2025-2026 SDCWA Chair (Feb 6)

Director Maloni attended the reception.

Cybersecurity Trainings (Feb 7)

Director Maloni completed the trainings.

Conference Call with the General Manager RE: The Firehouse Sewer Emergency (Feb 10)

President Hahn had a call with the General Manager.

Finance Committee Meeting (Feb 10)

Director Meyers attended the meeting.

Meeting with the General Manager RE: SDCWA Proxy (Feb 11)

Director Meyers met with the General Manager.

Board Meeting Pre-Briefing (Feb 18)

President Hahn met with the General Manager.

Meeting with Chair Friehauf RE: ACWA Region 10 (Feb 18)

Director Maloni met to discuss ACWA Region 10.

Conference Call with the General Manager RE: Fluoride Board Item (Feb 18)

Director Guerin had a call with the General Manager.

Board Meeting Questions (Feb 19)

Director Maloni had a call with the General Manager.

19. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was provided in the board packet.

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

There were no meetings requiring authorization to attend.

21. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items added.

22. **CONSIDER PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no additional public comments.

NOTE: The meeting was in Recess
from 7:07 p.m. to 7:17 p.m.

NOTE: The meeting was in Closed Session
from 7:17 p.m. to 7:28 p.m.

23. CLOSED SESSION

- A) CONSIDER LITIGATION – OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT v. COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO [PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9]
- B) CONSIDER LITIGATION – STANLEY D. JONES ET AL. VS. OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT [PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9]

24. OPEN SESSION

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

25. ADJOURNMENT

President Hahn adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

Christy Guerin, Secretary
Board of Directors
Olivenhain Municipal Water District