

MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING– DECEMBER 17, 2018

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by President LaMar on December 17, 2018 in the Multi-Purpose Room, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine, California.

Directors Present: Matheis, Withers, Reinhart, LaMar and Swan.

Directors Absent: None.

Also Present: General Manager Cook, Executive Director of Finance Clary, Executive Director of Water Policy Weghorst, Executive Director of Engineering and Water Quality Burton, Executive Director of Operations Chambers, Director of Treasury and Risk Management Jacobson, Director of Water Resources Sanchez, Director of Public Affairs Beeman, Director of Administrative Services Mossbarger, Director of Recycling Operations Zepeda, Director of Water Operations Roberts, Secretary Bonkowski, Legal Counsel Collins, Legal Counsel DeMayo, Legal Counsel McKee, Government Relations Officer Compton, Manager of Human Resources Srader, and Consultant Bruce Newell.

Written and Oral Communications: None.

Items too late to be agendized: None.

DRAFT IRWD 2019 GOALS AND TARGET ACTIVITIES

General Manager Cook reported that the foundational documents, the IRWD Mission, Vision and Values Statement and the IRWD Strategic Objectives, are provided in the agenda package and said he would be reviewing these documents for Board discussion and recommendations. Director Swan commented on the Strategic Objectives, and language was added to one of the objectives. General Manager Cook reviewed the more prominent changing conditions that impact the District including: 1) emerging contaminants and the impact on regulations, analytical testing needs, and customer expectations; 2) increases in legislation and regulation (water; sewer; power; personnel; governance; transparency; natural treatment system; water quality; and financial) and IRWD's expanding role in development and implementation; 3) increased regionalization of water supply solutions and interconnectivity with neighboring agencies; 4) climate change and its impact on imported water supplies, local groundwater availability, and IRWD's water banking activities; 5) cyber security; 6) expanding potable reuse applications; 7) optimizing District data storage and integration utilizing methods such as data analytics and artificial intelligence; 8) logistics associated with a larger workforce (e.g., office space); 9) tighter job market necessitating increasing training and education for new and existing employees; 10) increased need for physical security; 11) Employees' interest in increased communications; 12) preserving and enhancing IRWD's culture as the District grows; and 13) preparing IRWD for build-out (technically, operationally, and financially). Mr. Cook further reviewed the 2019 IRWD Goals and Target Activities with comments and suggestions provided by the Board.

CLOSED SESSION

At 1:45 p.m. Legal Counsel Collins said that the following Closed Session would be held:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2). (One (1) potential case. Claim is on file with the District).

OPEN SESSION

Following the Closed Session, the meeting was reconvened with Directors LaMar, Withers, Matheis, Swan and Reinhart present. President LaMar said no action was reported in Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, President LaMar adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 14th day of January 2019.

President, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

Secretary IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH, LLP

By: _____
District Counsel