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AGENDA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, September 8, 2021, 12:00 P.M.
Board Room, UWCD Headquarters
1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard CA 93030

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BOARD MATTERS

*Normally, Action (Motion) Items will be considered and acted upon separately; Consent Items will be considered and acted upon collectively, although a Consent Item may be considered and acted upon separately; and Information Items will be considered separately without action.
The Board of Directors in its discretion may change the order of agenda items.*

1. FIRST OPEN SESSION 12:00 P.M.

Items to be discussed in Executive (Closed) Session will be announced.

1.1 Public Comments
Information Item

Members of the public may address the Board on any matter on the Closed Session agenda or on any non-agenda item within the jurisdiction of the Board. All comments are subject to a five-minute time limit.

1.2 EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION 12:05 P.M.

The Board will discuss matters outlined in the attached Executive (Closed) Session Agenda (Exhibit A).

2. SECOND OPEN SESSION AND CALL TO ORDER 1:00 P.M.

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

**2.2 Public Comment
Information Item**

Members of the public may address the Board on any item on the Consent Calendar or on any non-agenda item within the jurisdiction of the Board. No action will be taken by the Board on any non-agenda item. All comments are subject to a five-minute time limit.

**2.3 Approval of Agenda
Motion**

**2.4 Oral Report Regarding Executive (Closed) Session
Information Item**

Presented by District Legal Counsel David D. Boyer.

**2.5 Board Members' Activities Report
Information Item**

The Board will receive and file information regarding meeting participation provided by each of the Board Members through Monthly Activities (aka per diem) Reports.

**2.6 General Manager's Report
Information Item**

The General Manager will present information on his activities of possible interest to the Board and that may have consequence to the District.

**2.7 Election of Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 5 Chair, Vice Chair and Board Members for the 2022-2023 Term
Motion**

The Board will consider casting United Water Conservation District's one vote for the Region 5 Nominating Committee's recommended slate of candidates or in support of individual candidates running for the Region 5 Board for the 2022-2023 term before the September 30, 2021 deadline.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR: All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine by the Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member pulls an item from the Calendar. Pulled items will be discussed and acted on separately by the Board. Members of the public who want to comment on a Consent Calendar item should do so under Public Comments. (ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)

**A. Approval of Minutes
Motion**

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of July 14, 2021 and Minutes from the Special Board Meeting of August 30, 2021.

B. Groundwater Basin Status Reports

Information Item

Receive and file Monthly Hydrologic Conditions Report for the District.

C. Monthly Investment Reports

Information Item

Receive and file report on the District's investments and the availability or restriction of these funds. All investments are in compliance with the District's investment policy, which is reviewed and approved annually by the Board.

4. MOTION ITEMS (By Department)

Environmental Services Department – Linda Purpus

4.1 Resolution 2021-17 Approving the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) and issuance of the Notice of Determination (NOD) for the Freeman Diversion Fish Passage Facility Geotechnical Exploration Project

Motion

The Board will consider approving Resolution 2021-17, a resolution of the United Water Conservation District approving and adopting the Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) and accompanying Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), approving the Freeman Diversion Fish Passage Facility Geotechnical Exploration Project (Project) and authorizing its implementation by the General Manager; and directing the General Manager to file a Notice of Determination in accordance with CEQA.

Engineering Department – Dr. Maryam Bral

4.2 Geotechnical Investigation at the Freeman Diversion Contract Award to GEI Consultants, Inc.

Motion

The Board will consider awarding a consulting engineering contract to GEI Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$499,724 (includes 9% contingency or \$41,403 to be used upon the District's written authorization only) and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract with GEI Consultants, Inc. for the Geotechnical Investigation at the Freeman Diversion.

4.3 Authorize Execution of an Agreement with California American Water to Establish an Emergency Use Interconnection to the Oxnard Hueneme Pipeline for providing additional System Reliability to the El Rio Service Area.

Motion

The Board will consider authorizing the General Manager to execute an agreement with California American Water to establish an emergency use interconnection to the Oxnard Hueneme Pipeline for providing additional System Reliability to the El Rio Service Area.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND MONTHLY STAFF REPORTS (By Department)

Operations and Maintenance Department – Brian Collins

5.1 Monthly Operation and Maintenance Department Report Information Item

The Board will receive a staff report and presentation on monthly activities of the Operations and Maintenance Department, including but not limited to the District's facilities (Santa Felicia Dam and hydroplant; the Piru Groundwater Recharge facility; the Freeman Diversion Dam; the Saticoy and El Rio Groundwater Recharge facilities; the Pleasant Valley and Pumping Trough Pipeline systems; and the Oxnard Hueneme Pipeline system), encompassing operating plans, the quantity and quality of water diverted and delivered, fish ladder operations, major maintenance problems and repairs, status of Operations and Maintenance projects and safety and training issues.

Park and Recreation Department – Clayton Strahan

5.2 Monthly Park and Recreation Department Report Information Item

The Board will receive a staff report and presentation on monthly activities of the Park and Recreation Department, including but not limited to the Lake Piru Recreation Area, encompassing camping and boating policies at the lake; operations and activities; financing and status of facility improvement projects; maintenance activities; security issues; and emergency response activities.

Water Resources Department – Dr. Maryam Bral

5.3 Monthly Water Resources Department Report Information Item

The Board will receive a staff report and presentation on the monthly activities of the Water Resources Department including but not limited to updates to the Ventura Regional Groundwater Flow Model; brackish water treatment feasibility study; upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL; hydrologic and well conditions statewide and locally; available Forebay storage; Ventura County well ordinance update; Fox Canyon GMA issues; City of Oxnard's recycled water program; potential water supply and recycled water projects, including use of United's terminal reservoirs; and various user groups (including but not limited to Oxnard Plain and Pumping Trough Pipeline groups).

5.4 Update on Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

Information Item

The Board will receive a staff report and presentation on the monthly activities of the three local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (Mound Basin GSA, Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA, and the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency), for which the District serves as a member director, and the Santa Paula basin (adjudicated) Technical Advisory Committee (including formation of groundwater

sustainability agencies in the District's basins, stakeholder and basin user groups, joint powers or governance agreements, development of water markets, and potential basin boundary changes). Staff may also report on state-wide issues related to the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014.

Administrative Services Department – Joseph Jereb and Josh Perez

**5.5 Monthly Administrative Services Department Report – Anthony Emmert
Information Item**

The Board will receive and file a summary report on the monthly activities of the Administration Department including but not limited to issues associated with budget development, financial performance versus budget plan, financial accounting requirements and procedures, potential debt issuance and related financial services, status of District investments and reserves, updates on its capital improvement programs, human resources and safety, District property and facilities maintenance and administration, District records and reports, groundwater extraction statements administration, risk management and District liability insurance matters, management of District contracts, policy development, governance procedures, and supporting activities of Board and staff.

Engineering Department – Dr. Maryam Bral

**5.6 Monthly Engineering Department Report
Information Item**

The Board will receive and file a summary report on the various monthly activities of the Engineering Department, including but not limited to water resources, planning efforts and department programs impacting the District, such as project design and construction; dam safety; FERC license compliance; Freeman Diversion; recycled water; pipeline operations and various engineering analysis.

Environmental Services Department – Linda Purpus

**5.7 Monthly Environmental Services Department Report
Information Item**

The Board will receive and file a summary report on the various monthly activities of the Environmental Services Department, including but not limited to environmental and regulatory issues of note to the District, water releases, operations of the fish ladder at the Freeman Diversion, various monitoring efforts, study plans and issues associated with the Endangered Species Act, including the Section 10 MSHCP process, future fish passage requirements, compliance with the District's FERC license/Biological Opinion, the Santa Felicia Dam, studies and operations in and near Piru Creek, any interactions with Rancho Temescal and Rancho Camulos.

6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS READING FILE

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. ADJOURNMENT

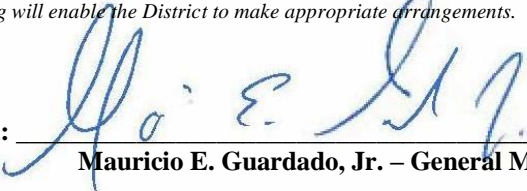
The Board will adjourn to the **Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 13, 2021** or call of the President.

All testimony given before the Board of Directors is recorded.

Materials, which are non-exempt public records and are provided to the Board of Directors to be used in consideration of the above agenda items, including any documents provided subsequent to the publishing of this agenda, are available for inspection at the District's offices at 1701 N. Lombard Street, Suite 200, Oxnard CA 93030 during normal business hours.

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Approved: _____



Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr. – General Manager

Posted: (date) September 2, 2021 (time) 3:45p.m. (attest) Kris Sofley

At: United Water Conservation District Headquarters, 1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard CA 93030

Posted: (date) September 2, 2021 (time) 4:00p.m. (attest) Kris Sofley

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EXHIBIT A
EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION AGENDA

1. LITIGATION

1.1 Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), two (2) cases.

1.2 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)

A. City of San Buenaventura v. United Water Conservation District, et al,
Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. VENCI00401714

B. City of San Buenaventura v. United Water Conservation District, et al,
Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. 1414739 (consolidated for
purposes of trial with case in subsection A.)

Note: 1.2 A and B consolidated in the California Supreme Court, 2nd Civil No. S226036, Review granted on June 24, 2015 of published decision of Division Six, Second District of the Court of Appeal of the State of California, 2d Civil No. B251810.

C. City of San Buenaventura v. United Water Conservation District, et al,
Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. 1467531

D. Wishtoyo Foundation, et al v. United Water Conservation District, U.S.
District Court for the Central District of California, Case No.2:16-cv-
03869 GHK (PLAx)

E. Josey Hollis Dorsey, a minor, through his guardian ad litem Ryan Dorsey; and The Estate of Naya Rivera, through its personal representative, Justin Stiegemeier, v. County of Ventura, a California public entity; United Water Conservation District, a California public entity; and Parks and Recreation Management, d/b/a Parks Management Company, a California corporation; and Does 1-20, inclusive, Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Ventura Case No. 56-2020-00547077-CU-PO-VTA

F. OPV Coalition v Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, Superior Court of the State of California, County of Ventura, Case No (none listed) Complaint for Comprehensive Groundwater Adjudication of the Oxnard Groundwater Subbasin (No. 4-004.02) and Pleasant Valley Subbasin (No. 4-006) Pursuant to Sections 830, *Et Seq.* of the Code of Civil Procedure; Declaratory Relief; Quiet Title; and Petition for Writs of Mandate