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## AGENDA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 12:00 p.m.  
Board Room, UWCD Headquarters  
1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard CA 93030

### 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.*

### ROLL CALL

#### 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 Standing Committee Assignments and Appointments of Board Representation to Outside Agencies  
Information Item**

The Board President will designate the 2024 Standing Committee assignments to the Board.

**2.8 Proclamation Presentation to Director Dandy  
Ceremonial Item**

The Board will present a proclamation to Director Bruce Dandy in recognition of 20 years of service to the United Water Conservation District in his role as Director of Division 5 and as Board President for six years, Board Vice President for six years, and Board Secretary/Treasurer for three years.

**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)**

**3.1 Approval of the January 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes  
Motion**

Approve the minutes.

**3.2 Groundwater Basin Status Reports  
Information Item**

Receive and file Monthly Hydrologic Conditions Report for the District

**3.3 Monthly Investment Reports for Month Ending December 31, 2023  
Information Item**

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.

**3.4 Fiscal Year First Quarter 2023-2024 Financial Reports  
Information Item**

Receive and review fiscal year first quarter 2023-24 financial reports for the period of July 1 through September 30, 2023.

**4. PRESENTATIONS AND MONTHLY STAFF REPORTS (By Department)**

**4.1 Operation and Maintenance Department Monthly Report  
Craig Morgan  
Information Item**

Summary 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; 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.

**4.2 Park and Recreation Department Monthly Report  
Craig Morgan  
Information Item**

Summary 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.

**4.3 Water Resources Department Monthly Report and Update on Activities of Local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs)  
John Lindquist  
Information Item**

Summary report and presentations on the monthly activities of the Water Resources Department including but not limited to updates to the District's Groundwater Flow Model; reservoir releases; importation of State Water Project (SWP) water; optimization of diversion and recharge operations; hydrologic and well conditions; available Forebay storage; support of design of the Extraction Barrier and Brackish (EBB) Water Treatment Project; other potential water supply and sustainability water projects; outreach and educational activities; and various user groups (including but not limited to Oxnard Plain and Pumping Trough Pipeline groups) including 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).

**4.4 Administrative Services Department Monthly Report**

**Josh Perez and Brian Zahn**

**Information Item**

Summary report and presentation on the monthly activities of the Administrative Services 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.

**4.5 Engineering Department Monthly Report**

**Dr. Maryam Bral**

**Information Item**

Summary report and presentation on the 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.

**4.6 Environmental Services Department Monthly Report**

**Marissa Caringella**

**Information Item**

Summary report and presentation on the 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, and any interactions with Rancho Temescal and Rancho Camulos.

**5. MOTION ITEMS**

**Administration Services Department – Josh Perez and Brian Zahn**

**5.1 Director Vacancy – Division 5**

**Motion**

Open the recruitment process to have an individual fill the Division 5 vacancy or call for a special election.

**Engineering Department – Dr. Maryam Bral**

**5.2 Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade – Freeman to Ferro Recharge Basin – Inverted Siphon Replacement Project Construction Contract in the Amount of \$891,000**

**Motion**

Authorize the General Manager to award a construction contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Granite Construction, in the amount of \$891,000 for the construction of the Inverted Siphon Replacement Project, a component of the Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade – Freeman to Ferro Recharge Basin Project.

**Finance Department – Brian Zahn**

**5.3 Approve the Purchase of Two New Vehicles for the Operations and Maintenance Department**

**Motion**

Approve the procurement of two new Operations and Maintenance vehicles in an amount of \$86,000 for both vehicles.

**6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS READING FILE**

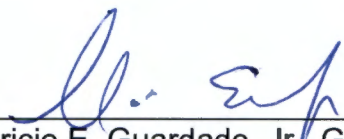
**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

*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

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Tracy J. Oehler, Clerk of the Board

**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. 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).
- B. OPV Coalition v Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, Superior Court of the State of California, County of Ventura, Case No. 56-2021-00555357-CU-PT-VTA; 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.
- C. United Water Conservation District v United States, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 22-542L; Complaint for Just Compensation under the 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment.
- D. State of California Department of Transportation v. Santa Elena Farms, LLC, County of Ventura, Case No. 2024CUE1019827 (assigned to Department 41); Complaint in Eminent Domain (Parcels 81213-1, 81213-2, and 81213-3).