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Legal Counsel
David D. Boyer

MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 12:00 p.m.
Board Room, UWCD Headquarters
1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard CA 93030

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors Ford, Hasan, Huber, Maulhardt, Keeling, and Kimball

Absent: President Berger

1. **FIRST OPEN SESSION:** 12:00 p.m.

1.1 **Public Comments:** None

1.2 **EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION:** 12:02 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:** 1:07 p.m.

2.1 **Pledge of Allegiance:** Director Ford

2.2 **Public Comment**

Public Speakers: None

Communications Received: Steven Nash and Bert Perello

2.3 **Approval of Agenda**

Action: M/S/C (Hasan/Huber) to approve the agenda.

Voice Vote: All Ayes

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

District Legal Counsel David D. Boyer stated the Board of Directors approved the Southside Improvements Company settlement agreement with a 6-0-1 vote (President Berger absent). The public document is available for review in the Clerk of the Board's office.

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

Received and filed.

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

Received and filed.

**2.7 Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission Ballot for Election of a
Special District Regular Member
Motion Item**

Action: M/S/C (Maulhardt/Keeling) to vote for Director Huber for the election of a special district regular member to the Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2025.

Vote: Ayes: Ford, Huber, Keeling, Kimball, and Maulhardt; Noes: Hasan; Absent: Berger

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Action: M/S/C (Huber/Ford) to approve the consent calendar.

Vote: Ayes: Ford, Huber, Hasan, Keeling, Kimball, and Maulhardt; Noes: None; Absent: Berger

3.1 Approval of the October 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Approved the minutes.

3.2 Groundwater Basin Status Reports

Received and filed.

3.3 Investment Monthly Report (September 2024)

Received and filed.

3.4 Adopt Resolution Authorizing a Funding Agreement with the United States Bureau of Reclamation for the Freeman Diversion Fish Passage Rehabilitation Project (CIP 8001)
Motion Item

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing and designating United Water Conservation District's General Manager to enter into a funding agreement with the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, and to accept and expend \$20 million in federal funds under the WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program for the Freeman Diversion Fish Passage Rehabilitation Project. **Resolution No. 2024-17**

4. MONTHLY REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

4.1 Operations and Maintenance Department Monthly Report

Chief Operations Officer Craig Morgan gave a presentation; received and filed.

4.2 Park and Recreation Department Monthly Report

Chief Operations Officer Craig Morgan gave a presentation; received and filed.

4.3 Water Resources Department Monthly Report and Update on Activities of Local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs)

Water Resources supervisor John Lindquist gave an oral presentation; report received and filed.

4.4 Administrative Services Department Monthly Report

Chief Financial Officer Brian Zahn and Chief Human Resources Officer Josh Perez gave an oral presentation; report received and filed.

4.5 Engineering Department Monthly Report

Chief Engineer Dr. Maryam Bral and Engineering Manager Robert Richardson gave a presentation; received and filed.

4.6 Environmental Services Department Monthly Report

Environmental Services Manager Marissa Caringella gave an oral presentation; received and filed.

5. MOTION ITEMS

5.1 Authorize Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Consulting Services Agreement with GEI Consultants, Inc., for the Final Design for the Santa Felicia Dam Outlet Works Improvement Project (CIP 8002)

Dr. Maryam Bral

Motion

Action: M/S/C (Hasan/Huber) Authorize the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 2 with GEI Consultants, Inc., in the amount of \$1,075,060 for the Final Design for the Santa Felicia Dam Outlet Works Improvement Project (CIP 8002).

Vote: Ayes: Ford, Hasan, Huber, Keeling, Kimball, and Maulhardt;
Noes: None; Absent: Berger

6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS READING FILE

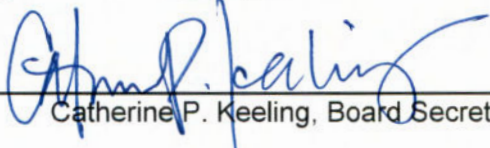
7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCD Board of Directors meeting of November 13, 2024.

ATTEST:



Catherine P. Keeling, Board Secretary

ATTEST:



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), three (3) 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.



United Water
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 13, 2024

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**OPERATIONS AND
MAINTENANCE
DEPARTMENT
UPDATE**



November 13, 2024

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Lake Piru Recreation Area



Leak Repairs caused by Felicia Fire



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Santa Felicia Dam



SFD Conservation Release



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Saticoy



SFD, El Rio Staff and Lake Piru Recreation Team Performing Sediment Removal at the Desilting Basin



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Saticoy



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El Rio



Pressure Relief Station



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El Rio



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El Rio



CLA-VAL Installation



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El Rio



12" Valve with elevated AUMA for Pressure Relief Station



Questions?





ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT Monthly Update November 13, 2024

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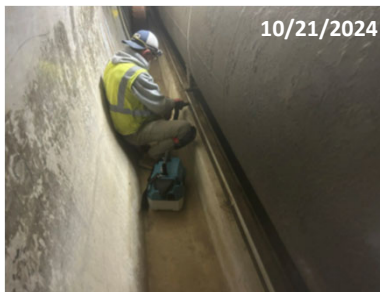
C. REGULATORY AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project

72" Butterfly Valve Redundant Control Project:

- ✓ Oct 3 – Contract with MDJ executed
- ✓ Oct 8 – Notice to Proceed
- ❑ **Nov 13th – 21st Commissioning Test (Target)**

➤ Construction Cost: \$116,012



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A. WATER SUPPLY **B. SYSTEM RELIABILITY**



Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade

Inverted Siphon Replacement

- ✓ July 8th – Pre-Construction Mobilization
- ✓ July 15th – Construction begins
- ✓ Sep 10th – Bypass decommissioned, water flows under bridge
- ✓ Oct 25th – Road opened
- ✓ Nov 4th – Project Complete (November 19th Contract Deadline)
- Project Closeout Underway

Grant funding:

- \$1.01 million (DWR 2022 SGMA R1)

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A. WATER SUPPLY **B. SYSTEM RELIABILITY**

Freeman Conveyance System Upgrade




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El Rio Water Treatment Plant

Well 12/13/14 Pressure Relief Station

- ✓ Sep 30 – Contract with Travis Ag executed
 - ✓ Oct 29 – CLA-VAL commissioning
 - ❑ Electrical & Instrumentation Install
 - ❑ Punch List and Project Closeout
- Construction Cost: \$47,780



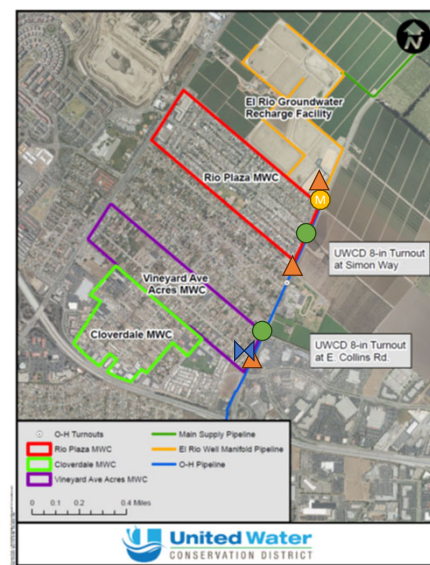
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OH Pipeline and Asset Management

Cal-Am Emergency Connections:

- **OH Pipeline shutdown scheduled for November 23-26**
- Locations:
 - 2 new emergency connections (Cal-Am) ●
 - 1 mainline meter turnout (O&M) Ⓜ
 - 3 valve replacements (O&M) ⚡
 - 3 camera inspection locations ▲



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A. WATER SUPPLY

Recycled Water Connection – Laguna Road Pipeline Project

- ✓ Oct 17 - Notice of Award to Toro Enterprises (Contractor)
- ✓ Nov 6 – Pre-Construction Meeting
- ❑ **Nov 15th – Mobilization**
- ❑ Mar 15 – Construction Completion

- Grants
 - ✓ Oct 15 - NRCS Docket Executed
 - ✓ Nov 1 – DWR SGM Amendment requests approved
 - \$1.5m from Oxnard Subbasin
 - \$464k from PV Basin

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A. WATER SUPPLY

Recycled Water Connection – Laguna Road Pipeline Project

| Budget Item | Total Projected Costs |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Non-Construction | \$1,461,138 |
| Construction (Toro) | \$5,092,286 |
| 5% Construction Contingency | \$254,614 |
| Total Project Budget | \$6,808,038 |

| Funding Source | Amount |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| PT Pipeline (8043 + 8022) | \$1,997,242 |
| USDA NRCS | \$347,231 |
| DWR SGMA (original) | \$2,651,500 |
| DWR SGMA (reallocation) | \$1,964,356 |
| Total Funding | \$6,860,329 |

Total Grant Funding: \$4,963,087
Approx. 97% of Construction Cost

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Public Outreach



10/16/2024

UWCD Facilities Site Tours with Foley & Lardner



10/17/2024

Maryam Bral, Robert Richardson, and Chris Coppinger presenting the EBB Project at the 2024 Water Sustainability Summit



10/23/2024

Maryam Bral presenting at the FCGMA Board Meeting



10/28/2024

Destiny Rubio and Maryam Bral at the Installation Innovation Forum 2024 in San Antonio, Texas



THANK YOU

Regulatory and Environmental Compliance

Motion Item 5.1

Authorize Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Consulting Services Agreement with GEI Consultants, Inc. for the Final Design for the Santa Felicia Dam Outlet Works Improvement Project (CIP 8002)

Amendment No. 2 – Cost Breakdown Per Task

| Proposed Tasks | Proposed Fee |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Sloping Intake Stability Analysis | \$206,586 |
| 2. Final Design Reports | \$516,504 |
| 3. Final Plans and Specifications | \$142,216 |
| 4. BOC Meeting No.10 | \$53,024 |
| 5. Project Management | \$106,730 |
| 6. Contingency Services | \$50,000 |
| Total | \$1,075,060 |



Intake Control Facility Rendering



Regulatory and Environmental Compliance

Motion Item 5.1

Santa Felicia Dam - Outlet Works Improvement Project Timeline

| | 2019 | | | | 2020 | | | | 2021 | | | | 2022 | | | | 2023 | | | | 2024 | | | | 2025 | | | | | | | |
|--|------|----|----|----|------|----|----|----|------|----|----|----|------|----|----|----|------|----|----|----|------|----|----|----|------|----|----|----|-------|--|--|--|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | | | | |
| OW Improvement Project Design Phase | 10% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 30% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 60% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 90% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 100% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Contractor Procurement | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Final | | | |

Updated Schedule Key Milestones Per August 06, 2024 Submittal to FERC

- Final Design Completion: **March 3, 2025**
- Board of Consultants Meeting No.10: April 29-30, 2025 (Tentative)
- Advertise for Bids: June 26, 2025



Regulatory and Environmental Compliance

Motion Item 5.1

Summary – Budget Under Contract -100% and Final Design SFD Outlet Works

| Contract and Amendments | Contract Amount | Date Authorized |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Original Contract | \$867,980 | June 9, 2023 |
| Amendment No. 1 | \$1,158,211 | December 13, 2023 |
| Amendment No. 2 | \$1,075,060 | November 14, 2024 (Proposed) |
| Total Contract Amount | \$3,101,251 | |

Summary – CIP Budget - Account (8002-815) Design Professional Services

| Date | Budget Available | Proposed Action |
|-------------------|----------------------|---|
| November 7, 2024 | \$1,621,182.31 | - |
| | (\$1,075,060) | Execute Amendment No.2 with GEI on November 14, 2024 |
| November 14, 2024 | \$546,122.31 | - |

Staff Recommendation:

Authorize Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Consulting Services Agreement with GEI Consultants, Inc. for the Final Design for the Santa Felicia Dam Outlet Works Improvement Project (CIP 8002)

