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AGENDA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 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

Members of the public may address the Board on any matter on the Executive (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

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

2. SECOND OPEN SESSION AND CALL TO ORDER 1:30 P.M.

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

2.2 Public Comment

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**

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 2025 Standing Committee assignments to the Board.

**2.8 District's Accomplishments Presentation
Information Item**

Receive and file.

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 8, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes and the
January 14, 2025 and the February 3, 2025 Special 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 Investment Monthly Report (December 2024)
Information Item**

Review the most current investment report for the month ending December 31, 2024.

3.4 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Second Quarter Financial Reports (July 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024)

Information Item

Review the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Second Quarter Financial Reports for the period of July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, that are attached.

3.5 Request for Payment Plan from Esther Martinez (Boise Herb and Spice)

Motion

Approve the payment plan for Esther Martinez (Boise Herb and Spice) January 2025 Groundwater billing.

3.6 Approve Resolution Authorizing a Funding Agreement with the United States Bureau of Reclamation for the Freeman Diversion Fish Passage Rehabilitation Project (CIP 8001)

Motion

Approve 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 \$3 million in federal funds under the WaterSMART Environmental Water Resource Projects grant program for the Freeman Diversion Fish Screen and Fish Bypass System Project, a separate component of the Fish Passage Rehabilitation Project to the full Board.

4. MONTHLY REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT

4.1 Operations 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

Anthony Emmert

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 models and modeling efforts; reservoir releases; import of State Water Project (SWP) water; support of diversion and recharge operations; evaluation of groundwater conditions; estimates of available Forebay storage; support during development and implementation of water supply and sustainability projects; outreach and education; and engagement with Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, Technical Advisory Committees, and other user groups or governmental agencies involved in local and regional water-resource issues.

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, monitoring efforts, water releases and increased State Water imports, Freeman Diversion fish ladder and sediment management operations, compliance with the District's FERC license, actions associated with the federal and state Endangered Species Acts, compliance with the California Environmental Quality and National Environmental Policy Acts, and support of local, state, and federal environmental and cultural permitting needs for District projects and operations.

5. MOTION ITEMS

5.1 Request from the California Department Fish and Wildlife to Waive Interest Charges for Late Payment
Motion

Approve a request from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to waive interest charges of \$10,398 for late payment.

6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS READING FILE

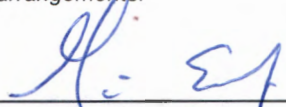
7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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 Guardado, General Manager

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Tracy J. Oehler, Clerk of the Board

**EXHIBIT A
EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION AGENDA**

1. THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Consultation with Tony Huynh, Risk & Safety Manager

2. LITIGATION

2.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) Government Code Sections 54956.9(e)(1)

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(e)(1) (two matters).

2.2 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.