

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT SYSTEM STEERING COMMITTEE
Monday, July 8, 2024**

OCWD Director Bruce Whitaker called the Groundwater Replenishment System Steering Committee meeting to order in the OCWD Boardroom. Public access was also provided via Zoom webinar. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, the Secretary called the roll and reported a quorum.

Committee Members

Bruce Whitaker
Chad Wanke
Cathy Green
Ryan Gallagher
Van Tran
Jon Dimitru

Alternates

Roger Yoh (absent)
Bob Ooten (absent)
Dina Nguyen (absent)
Andrew Nguyen
Steve Sheldon (absent)
Pat Burns

OCWD Directors Bilodeau and Weigand attended.

OCWD Staff	OC San Staff
John Kennedy, Mehul Patel, Gina Ayala, Christina Fuller	Rob Thompson, Jennifer Cabral

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Wanke, seconded by Director Green and carried [6-0] as follows.

Yes – Whitaker, Wanke, Green, Gallagher, Tran, Dumitru

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the GWRS Steering Committee meeting held April 8, 2024, are approved as presented.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2. GWRS Operations Update

Executive Director Mehul Patel reported that the daily production for the quarter, April through June 2024, was 79 mgd. He advised that production was limited during this reporting period due to two major issues at OC San that reduced available flows to GWRS. He stated that the first issue was due to a planned valve repair project on the OC San Knott/Bushard flow diversion structure that required a portion of Plant No.1 flows to be reduced to 130 mgd. He noted that this work lasted for the last two weeks of April, limiting GWRS production to 95 mgd. Mr. Patel reported that the second and more impactful OC San issue was a major leak and subsequent pump failures to the Plant No. 1 Sunflower trunkline and pump station. He stated that this resulted in a reduction of Plant No. 1 flows and an increase to Plant No. 2 flows. He reported that OC San staff indicates that a full resolution of the Sunflower pump station issue could be months out thus limiting GWRS production to 85 mgd for an extended period of time. He advised that this lack of flow from OC San due to the Sunflower trunkline and pump station issues not only reduced fiscal year 2023-2024 GWRS production but will impact next

fiscal year's production which starts on July 1, 2024. Mr. Patel noted it is hoped that normal production can resume by the end of summer as the Plant 1 issues are resolved.

3. GWRS Second Quarter Outreach Report (April - June)

Director of Public Affairs Gina Ayala provided an overview of outreach for the second quarter of 2024.

Second Quarter Highlights:

- 43 GWRS tours conducted accounting for 695 guests
- 7 Speakers bureau engagements
- OC San held an Open House on June 8 with 1,300 attendees
- 2 awards were received: EPIC Award and Best in Show Award

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

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OCWD Director Bruce Whitaker, Chair