

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT SYSTEM STEERING COMMITTEE
Monday, January 23, 2023**

OC San Director Ryan Gallagher called the Groundwater Replenishment System Steering Committee meeting to order via Zoom webinar. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, the Secretary called the roll and reported a quorum.

Committee Members

Kelly Rowe
Ryan Gallagher
Cathy Green
David Shawver
Van Tran
Chad Wanke

Alternates

Roger Yoh
Bob Ooten (absent)
Dina Nguyen (absent)
Steve Sheldon (absent)

OCWD Director Bruce Whitaker was also in attendance.

OCWD Staff	OC SAN Staff
Mike Markus, Mehul Patel, Sandy Scott-Roberts, Gina Ayala, Christina Fuller, Assistant District Secretary	Jim Herberg, Jennifer Cabral

• **Annual Reorganization of GWRS Steering Committee Officers**

GWRS Steering Committee member Ryan Gallagher stated the Steering Committee reorganizes on an annual basis. It was a consensus of the Committee members present to approve the following nomination:

- 2023 GWRS Steering Committee Chair – OC San Director Chad Wanke
- 2023 GWRS Steering Committee Vice Chair – OCWD Director Cathy Green

Director Wanke assumed the role of Chair and conducted the remainder of the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Yes –Rowe, Gallagher, Shawver, Green, Tran, Wanke

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the GWRS Steering Committee meeting held October 10, 2022 are approved as presented.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2. GWRS Operations Update

Executive Director of Operations/GWRS Mehul Patel reported that the average daily production for the quarter, October through December, was 91 mgd. He stated that as of December 31, 2022, the GWRS Fiscal Year 2022-2023 production total was 49,815 af, which

is 5,637 af below the target fiscal year production to date of 55,452 af. He advised that this shortfall was anticipated due to the GWRS Final Expansion (GWRSFE) project construction activities, including commissioning and start up. Mr. Patel stated that on December 12, OC San Plant 2 water was introduced to GWRS for use in normal production for the first time. He advised that this marked a milestone in the GWRSFE construction project that now allows for functional use of all of the newly constructed facilities at OC San Plant 2 and noted that GWRS production was able to go above 100 mgd as of December 12 as a result of this milestone.

3. Update on GWRS Final Expansion

GWRS Program Manager Sandy Scott-Roberts provided an update on construction activities, completion status of project elements and budget as of December 21, 2022.

4. Update on GWRS Final Expansion Influent Water Quality

Ms. Scott-Roberts reported that the GWRS Final Expansion Project is currently being operated for a 90-day performance test and advised that during this phase, it was discovered that the segregated OC San Plant 2 effluent being fed to GWRS has a higher than anticipated salinity concentration. She stated that OCWD staff would like to develop a comprehensive sampling plan/study with OC San and other cities/municipalities to help better understand where this high salinity water is coming from. She noted that this high salinity influent to GWRS will affect operational costs and production rates and is therefore important to analyze further.

5. Quarterly Outreach Report [October– December 2022]

Director of Public Affairs Gina Ayala reviewed public outreach highlights including virtual tours, the speakers bureau program, media and construction outreach. She reported that 22 GWRS tours were given during the fourth quarter of 2022. She provided an update on activities planned for the GWRS 15th Anniversary.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Chad Wanke

Chad Wanke (Apr 13, 2023 14:30 PDT)

OC San Director Chad Wanke, Chair








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