

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT SYSTEM STEERING COMMITTEE
Monday, January 13, 2025**

OC San Director Wanke 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

Chad Wanke
Cathy Green
Ryan Gallagher
Van Tran (absent)
Vacant
Jon Dumitru

Alternates

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

OCWD Staff	OC SAN Staff
John Kennedy, Mehul Patel, Gina Ayala, Leticia Villarreal	Robert Thompson, Jennifer Cabral

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

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

- 2025 GWRS Steering Committee Chair – OC San Director Ryan Gallagher
- 2025 GWRS Steering Committee Vice Chair – OCWD Director Cathy Green

Director Gallagher conducted the remainder of the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the GWRS Steering Committee meeting held October 14, 2024, are approved as presented.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2. **GWRS Operations Update**

Executive Director of Operations/GWRS Mehul Patel reported that the daily production for the Quarter, October through December 2024 was 103 mgd. He stated the average production

total for the reporting period was lower than normal due to a major treatment plant issue at OC San that reduced available flows to GWRS. Mr. Patel reported that another impactful OC San issues was a leak and pump failure to Plant No. 1 Sunflower trunkline and pump station. He stated the Sunflower trunkline and pump issues started on April 20, 2024 and limited GWRS production to 55 mgd until May 21, 2024. He reported OC San did not resolve the Sunflower pump station issues until November 14, 2024. As of November 14, 2024 GWRS operated at average flow of 115 mgd.

3. GWRS Fourth Quarter Outreach Report (October – December 2024)

Director of Public Affairs Gina Ayala reported that for the fourth quarter of 2024 GWRS tours continued to be active with a total of 30 tours conducted accounting for 600 guests. She noted this amount was more than double that of the last quarter. She shared OCWD hosted the Groundwater Adventure Tour for the first time since 2019 and will continue to host on a yearly basis. She reported GWRS received 7 awards during the fourth quarter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.



OC San Director Ryan Gallager, Chair