

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT SYSTEM STEERING COMMITTEE
Monday, July 14, 2025

OC San Director Gallagher 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

Ryan Gallagher
Cathy Green
Chad Wanke
Denis Bilodeau (arrived 5:03 p.m.)
Jon Dumitru
Van Tran

Alternates

Roger Yoh
Bob Ooten (absent)
Dina Nguyen (absent)
Andrew Nguyen
Fred Jung
Pat Burns

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Dumitru and carried [5-0] as follows.

Yes – Gallagher, Green, Wanke, Dumitru, Tran

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the GWRS Steering Committee meeting held April 14, 2025, are approved as presented.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

2. GWRS Steering Committee Schedule Change

Executive Director of Operations/GWRS Mehul Patel recalled that at the April Committee meeting the Chair requested staff provide a couple of options for a possible change in meeting frequency; two options were proposed: 1) maintain quarterly meetings and 2) reduce to biannual meetings with the option of additional meetings to be requested if specific topics arise or staff identifies a need. Chair Gallagher added that both Boards are committed to delivering the best value to the ratepayers but also looking for opportunities to improve efficiency. He added that past meetings have primarily focused on reviewing operational performance, which may no longer require such frequent discussion. OC San Director Wanke suggested moving forward with three meetings a year to see how it works and revisiting the issue at a later date.

Upon motion by Director Wanke, duly seconded and carried [6-0], the motion of the GWRS Steering Committee Meetings from Quarterly to three meetings a year starting in January 2026 passed:

Ayes: Gallagher, Green, Wanke, Bilodeau, Dumitru, Tran

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. GWRS Operations Update

Mr. Patel reported that the daily production for the quarter, April to June 2025, was 103 mgd. He stated that production was limited during this period due to a planned one-week outage from June 2 to June 6. He stated that the GWRS Final Fiscal Year 2024-25 production was 113,177 acre feet which is a record for GWRS. He shared high groundwater levels limited injection flows to seawater intrusion barrier and mid-basin well.

4. GWRS Second Quarter Outreach Report (April – June 2025)

Director of Public Affairs Gina Ayala reported that for the second quarter of 2025 a total of 32 GWRS tours were conducted accounting for 533 guests. She shared there have been some tour enhancements that include a new tour video, new interactive elements for student engagement and noted that tours are being customized for each group via pre-tour surveys and correspondence to meet each group's needs. She announced a new tour bus partnership pilot program with OC San that includes use of the OC San tour bus for up to 5 tours per year. She highlighted upcoming events including, OC San Wastewater 101 Citizens Academy beginning September 2, Groundwater Adventure tours: September 25 for staff and October 23 for the public and the formation of an Ad Hoc committee to explore and update meeting room and displays.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.



OC San Director Ryan Gallager, Chair

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