

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT SYSTEM STEERING COMMITTEE  
Monday, October 14, 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  
Bob Ooten (absent)  
Dina Nguyen  
Andrew Nguyen  
Steve Sheldon (absent)  
Pat Burns

OCWD Directors Bilodeau and Weigand attended.

<b>OCWD Staff</b>	<b>OC San Staff</b>
John Kennedy, Mehul Patel, Crystal Nettles, Christina Fuller	Rob Thompson

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Gallager, 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 July 8, 2024, are approved as presented.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

2. GWRS Operations Update

Executive Director Mehul Patel reported that the daily production for the quarter, July through September 2024, was 89 mgd. He advised that production was limited during this reporting period due to a major treatment plant issue at OC San that reduced available flows to GWRS. He reported that the impactful OC San issue was a major leak and subsequent pump failures to the Plant No. 1 Sunflower trunkline and pump station which resulted in a reduction of Plant No. 1 flows and an increase to Plant No. 2 flows. He recalled that the Sunflower trunkline and pump station issues at Plant No. 1 started on April 30, 2024 and initially limited GWRS production to 55 mgd until May 21, 2024. Mr. Patel stated that in May a partial resolution of the issue allowed for higher flows to Plant No.1 and an increase in GWRS production to 90 mgd. He stated that a full resolution of the Sunflower pump station issue will not be achieved until October 15 thus limiting GWRS production to 90 mgd for a total duration of ten months.

3. GWRS Third Quarter Outreach Report (July - September)

Principal Communications Specialist Crystal Nettles provided an overview of outreach for the third quarter of 2024. She stated there were 27 GWRS tours during the third quarter of 2024, which accounted for 384 guests. She advised that there has been a steady increase in tours over the past couple of years with people coming back for in-person tours after the pandemic. Ms. Nettles provided an update on the Next Generation Water Leaders (NGWL) Education Program. She stated that there is an overwhelming interest in the program which needs updating to meet educational standards and maximize student engagement. She reported that the past NGWL sessions were scheduled through Inside the Outdoors; however, OCWD is now running the program, so interested schools should book directly with OCWD. Ms. Nettles advised that once the new program starts, staff will begin promoting it.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

DocuSigned by:  
*Christina Fuller*  
Christina Fuller, OCWD District Secretary