

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT SYSTEM STEERING COMMITTEE
Monday, July 10, 2023**

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
Kelly Rowe
David Shawver
Van Tran

Alternates

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

OCWD Director Whitaker was also in attendance.

| OCWD Staff | OC SAN Staff |
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| Mike Markus, 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 Tran and carried [6-0] as follows.

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

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the GWRS Steering Committee meeting held April 10, 2023, are approved as presented.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2. GWRS Operations Update

Executive Director of Operations/GWRS Mehul Patel reported that the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2023, and the final FY2022-2023 production was 101, 981 AF. He stated that the original goal for the year was 110,000 AF based on the assumption that the final expansion would be done in the first 6 months of the fiscal year and the second half of the fiscal year, there would be the availability to make 130 MGD per day. He highlighted activities that arose to limit production during the Second Quarter. He noted recent heavy precipitation from the winter resulted in limited recharge basin capacity and various maintenance work by OC San and planned outages to work on equipment. He stated production was up to 115 mgd by June, with production being limited to 115-120 mgd until RO pump issues are resolved by the GWRSFE contractor.

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

Director of Public Affairs Gina Ayala reported the success of the GWRS Final Completion dedication held on April 14. She reported that we had 14 speakers, and the event was attended by over 300 attendees comprising elected officials, members of the water industry, regulators, and producers. The event attracted much media attention both onsite and post-event. She reported onsite coverage, including ABC7, OC Register, Orange Coast Magazine, LA Times, and Spectrum News. She announced that GWRS received four awards during the second quarter and expressed our continued collaboration with OC San to pursue further awards. She shared PBS aired a special program titled "Weathering the Future" that highlighted GWRS, which has had over a million viewers. As a result of the show, PBS approached OCWD to do a virtual field trip that reached over 2,000 students across the US. She noted that we continue to hold in-person and online tours.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.



OC San Director Chad Wanke, Chair