

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
EAST ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

September 19, 2013

1. Call to Order. A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Orange County Water District was called to order by WILLIAM VANDERWERFF, President of the Board of Directors, at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 19, 2013, in the offices of the East Orange County Water District, 185 N. McPherson Road, Orange, California. Ms. JOAN ARNESON, Secretary, recorded the minutes of the meeting (the minutes with respect to Items 10(B) and 11 were recorded by General Manager OHLUND).

The following Directors were present: RICHARD BARRETT, RICHARD BELL, JOHN DULEBOHN and WILLIAM VANDERWERFF.

Also present were:

LISA OHLUND	General Manager
JERRY MENDZER	Maintenance & Operations Superintendent
JOAN ARNESON	District Secretary and Legal Counsel
DARCY BURKE	MWDOC Director of Public Affairs
DOUGLAS CHAPMAN	Former Director

2. Public Communications to the Board. None.

3. Items Arising After Posting of Agenda. None.

4. General Manager's Report. Ms. OHLUND indicated she had nothing to add to the General Manager's report. The Board inquired as to the site analysis for solar at the Peters Canyon Reservoir. Ms. OHLUND noted that as part of the Reservoir Roof Repair Project, Brady Engineering is examining whether the present roof can accommodate the static and live loads that would occur with the addition of the solar panels, and that would be exacerbated during high wind events. No decision on solar will be made without further analysis of the financial and environmental benefits of the addition of solar; this work was being done just to assess the structural viability if the District decided to pursue solar energy at the site,

ACTION TAKEN:

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously (Davent absent), the General Manager's Report was received and filed.

5. **Minutes.**

ACTION TAKEN:

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously (Davert absent), the minutes of the meeting of August 13, 2013, were approved as submitted.

6. **Operation, Management and Construction Matters**

B. Value of Water. Board considered a request to sponsor a grant application of the Water Research Foundation. Ms. OHLUND discussed importance of investing in water system for our customers, for themselves, their children, and grandchildren. Ms. Darcy Burke presented to the Board regarding the purposes of the grant, including funding for an assessment as to the effectiveness of a "Value of Water Communications Plan." Director BELL recused himself from consideration of this item.

ACTION TAKEN:

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried (Davert absent and Bell abstaining), the Board approved the submission of a pre-proposal and proposal to the Water Research Foundation for grant funding for the assessment of the effectiveness of the Value of Water Communications Plan, amended to provide that the approval was subject to the understanding set forth in General Manager OHLUND's memorandum in the September 19, 2013 agenda packet.

A. Shared Accounting Services Agreement. Board considered termination of an Employee Sharing Agreement with Serrano Water District, due to the resignation of the shared employee both with the District and SWD. SWD does not plan to refill the position, as they do not require a half-time position, which effectively terminates the agreement. A draft letter of appreciation was presented.

ACTION TAKEN:

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously (Davert absent), the Board approved that the Employee Cost Sharing Agreement with Serrano Water District be terminated, and that the District President be authorized to send a letter of appreciation to Serrano Water District in the form of the draft as presented.

C. MWDOC Home Certification Program Contract Approval. Ms. OHLUND presented the contract to the Board, indicating that there would be no cost to the District, and it would award conserving customers. Director BARRETT questioned how, to which Ms. OHLUND explained that the program would primarily teach homeowner's how to use their programmable irrigation timers. Director BELL recused himself from consideration of this item.

ACTION TAKEN:

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried (Davert absent and Bell abstaining), the Board approved the agreement for participation in Municipal Water District of Orange County's Water Smart Home Certification Program substantially in the form presented to this meeting.

D. Wholesale and Retail Water Usage Report. Board considered the wholesale and retail water usage report provided by Staff.

7. Financial Matters.

A. Schedule of Disbursements. Schedules of disbursements in the following amounts were presented: \$791,916.43 from Wholesale and Retail Operating Funds, \$2,360.23 for directors payroll, and \$33,709.04 for employees payroll.

B. Investment Activity. On behalf of the Finance Committee, Director DULEBOHN recommended approval of the investment schedules.

ACTION TAKEN:

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously (Davert absent), the schedule of disbursements and schedule of investments were ratified and approved.

8. Miscellaneous Matters.

A. California Friendly Landscape Training Class: Ms. OHLUND reported a successful class, with the best attendance they have had in several years. Received compliments from many attendees. Ms. OHLUND announced that two more classes were coming up. Director DULEBOHN suggested that the classes were close to Armstrong Nursery, and that the District may be able to get them to sponsor the classes.

B. Proposed Changes to ISDOC bylaws: Board was presented with amended and restated bylaws.

ACTION TAKEN

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously (Davert absent), the Board approved the ISDOC amended and restated bylaws, and directed Director DULEBOHN, as the District's representative to ISDOC, to cast the District's vote for such approval at the October 31, 2013 ISDOC meeting.

C. Authorization of Conference AttendanceACTION TAKEN

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously (Davert absent), the Board appointed Director DULEBOHN and General Manager OHLUND to attend the ACWA 2013 Fall Conference.

D. Reports from Committees and Representatives to Organizations. None.

E. Directors' Reports on Meetings Attended. None.

9. **Information Items**

A. General Interest Publications.

10. **Closed Session.** President VANDERWERFF announced that the Board would meet in the following closed session as listed in the agenda: **(A)** conference with legal counsel – existing litigation pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)—*Successor Agency to the Tustin Community Redevelopment Agency, et. al. v. Ana J. Matosantos in her capacity as Director of State of California Department of Finance, et.al.*

OPEN SESSION

Open session was resumed. President VANDERWERFF reported that the Board authorized the filing of a Notice of Representation and Response to Petition for Writ of Mandate and Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief, indicating the District's intent not to participate in the litigation.

Closed Session. President VANDERWERFF announced that the Board would meet again in the following closed session as listed in the agenda: **(B)** conference with legal counsel – Government Code § 54956.9(d)(4). Ms. ARNESON was excused and left the meeting prior to this closed session.

OPEN SESSION

Open session was resumed. No action was reported from the closed session.

11. **Adjournment.**ACTION TAKEN:

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m., to September 19, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., to be held in the Offices of the East Orange County Water District, 185 N. McPherson Road, Orange, California, the next

regular meeting being scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2013, at 5:00 p.m., to be held in the Offices of the East Orange County Water District, 185 N. McPherson Road, Orange, California.

Respectfully submitted,



Joan C. Arneson