

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

August 7, 2014

1. **Call to Order.** A Special 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, August 7, 2014, in the offices of the East Orange County Water District, 185 N. McPherson Road, Orange, California. JOAN ARNESON, Secretary, recorded the minutes of the meeting. Director DAVERT was appointed temporary chairman for the meeting.

The following Directors were present: RICHARD BELL, DOUGLASS DAVERT, JOHN DULEBOHN, SEYMOUR EVERETT and WILLIAM VANDERWERFF.

Also present were:

LISA OHLUND	General Manager
CHRISTI GRISWOLD	District Management Analyst
JOAN ARNESON	District Secretary and Legal Counsel (by telephone)
JOSE DIAZ	City of Orange

2. **Public Communications to the Board.** None.

3. **Items Arising After Posting of Agenda.** None.

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

A. **District Response to State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Emergency Drought Regulations.** Ms. OHLUND reported that the consideration of this item at tonight's special meeting was due to the timing of this rather unprecedented SWRCB step. She said there are different thresholds for compliance. An entity that is a public water supplier but not an urban water supplier must implement outdoor irrigation restrictions to 2 days per week or an equivalent measure. She said staff assumed the Board would prefer to proceed under the requirement to implement the initial drought level requiring outdoor irrigation restrictions; Level 1 of the District's ordinance requires a restriction to 3 days per week, targeting ornamental landscaping. Ms. OHLUND added that the District is already in compliance with the mandatory all-the-time restrictions.

In response to questions regarding implementation, Ms. OHLUND said staff would monitor compliance. She described various ongoing and proposed efforts to notify and

educate customers, including a page on the District's website (also of benefit to the retailers who can provide a link to it); bill messaging; monitoring over-budget use; proposed investigation of any complaints. She explained that the ordinance was based on a model developed by MWDOC in the urban water management plan (UWMP) process.

President VANDERWERFF expressed his view that this is a highly complex issue, with an attempt by the State to implement a bureaucratic solution that doesn't make economic sense because it burdens agencies like the District but overlooks, for example, the stormwater lost to the ocean. It also will divert staff effort to enforcement that would have been used on repairs and save more water. Chair DAVERT agreed and said he also was not comfortable the proposed action, but said the District is at risk unless it complies, and the District can educate and work with the customers to minimize problems. Ms. OHLUND said that if the State sees progress toward its 20% reduction target, which appears to be realistic, it will look at lifting the requirements. Director BELL said it is also possible that MWD will go into an allocation before that occurs, and asked how that will affect reserves. Ms. OHLUND discussed the anticipated effects of an allocation on rates and sales.

Ms. OHLUND said the data on how the implementation is working should be readily compiled and that she would report back to the Board on the handling of the implementation and any customer issues that may be encountered. In response to questions as to how this affects new connections, Ms. OHLUND said although they are not being restricted, she is conscious of these issues in discussions with developers.

ACTION TAKEN:

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried on a roll call vote, 4-0-1 with VANDERWERFF abstaining, Resolution No. 744 was adopted, entitled: "Resolution of the Board of Directors of the East Orange County Water District Declaring That A 20 Percent Reduction Is Necessary In Customer Water Use and Approving Related Actions For Implementation of Ordinance."

B. Proposed Social Media Policy. Ms. OHLUND briefly introduced the proposed policy described in her written report.

ACTION TAKEN:

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 745 was adopted, entitled: "Resolution of the Board of Directors of the East Orange County Water District Adopting Social Media Policy."

5. Adjournment.

ACTION TAKEN:

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m., the next regular meeting date and time being Thursday, August 21,

2014, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joan C. Arneson", written over a horizontal line.

Joan C. Arneson