



**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EAST ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT (EOCWD)**

February 17, 2022

Call to Order. A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Orange County Water District was called to order by President DOUGLASS DAVERT at 5:02 p.m. on Thursday, February 17, 2022, with Director BELL leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e), and related findings of the Board of Directors, there was no public location for attending this board meeting in-person. JEFFREY HOSKINSON, Secretary, recorded the minutes of the meeting.

The following Directors attended the meeting via videoconference: Directors RICHARD BELL, DOUGLASS DAVERT, JOHN DULEBOHN, GEORGE MURDOCH, and JOHN SEARS.

Also present, via videoconference, were:

DAVID YOUNGBLOOD	General Manager
JERRY MENDZER	Operations Manager
JEFF SMYTH	Engineering Manager
SYLVIA PRADO	Office Manager
JEFF HOSKINSON	District Secretary and Legal Counsel
HON. JOHN LEWIS	Lewis Consulting

There was no in-person location provided due to COVID-19 restrictions currently in-place. Other staff and members of the public may have attended via videoconference who are not listed.

State of Emergency Virtual Meeting Findings.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion from SEARS, seconded by BELL, renewed for an additional 30 days its prior Government Code section 54953(e) findings, authorizing the continued use of emergency teleconferencing procedures for all District meetings as (1) the State of Emergency declared by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, relative to the COVID-19 emergency, remains in effect; and (2) Orange County public health officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing in connection with such emergency, and the Board finds that the provision of a physical location for the District's meetings, in light of the existing rate of community transmission and the small meeting space available to the District, would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees.



Addition of Items Arising After Posting of Agenda Requiring Immediate Action.
(Requires 2/3 vote or unanimous vote if less than 2/3 of members are present).

ACTION TAKEN: None.

Public Communications to the Board. No public comments were presented. Ms. Prado confirmed that the District had not received any e-mail communications for public comment.

Consent Calendar. The Board, on motion from DULEBOHN, seconded by BELL, approved the Consent Calendar items by unanimous roll-call vote, as follows:

1. **Minutes:** THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 2022 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED;
2. **Schedules of Disbursements:** THE BOARD APPROVED THE SCHEDULES OF DISBURSEMENTS AS SUBMITTED;
3. **General Manager's Report:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT;
4. **Financial Statements:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS;
5. **Wholesale and Retail Water Usage Report:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL WATER USAGE REPORT; and
6. **Quarterly Treasurer's Report on Investments:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE QUARTERLY TREASURER'S REPORT ON INVESTMENTS.

Matters for Consideration.

7. **Conference & Meeting Requests.** General Manager Youngblood noted that the Association of California Water Districts ("ACWA") Spring Conference is May 3-6, 2022, in Sacramento. President DAVERT mentioned that ACWA was looking for volunteers for the conference. Directors BELL and MURDOCH indicated interest in attending the conference, and Director MURDOCH mentioned he had a voucher for a cancelled flight he will use for this trip.

ACTION TAKEN: On motion by SEARS, seconded by DULEBOHN, the Board by unanimous roll-call vote, approved and authorized the attendance of Directors BELL and MURDOCH to the ACWA Conference.



Miscellaneous Items.

8. Directors' reports on meetings attended at District expense (Government Code Section 53232.3) and Directors' comments. The Directors reported attendance as set forth in the agenda, as follows:

President Davert

1/12 OC LAFCO Commission Meeting**

1/20 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting**

Vice President Dulebohn

1/13 Engineering & Operations Committee*

1/20 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting*

1/27 ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon via Zoom*

Director Bell

1/13 Engineering & Operations Committee*

1/20 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting*

Director Murdoch

1/5 ACWA Region 10 State Legislative Committee Prep Meeting**

1/6 ACWA Region 10 Board Meeting**

1/20 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting*

1/26 ACWA Region 10 State Legislative Committee Prep Meeting**

Director Sears

1/6 Foothill Communities Association Meeting

1/7 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) Meeting*

1/12 North Tustin Fire Council Board Meeting

1/20 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting*

1/27 ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon via Zoom

*Meetings attended at District expense.

**Declines Payment for meetings attended at District expense

Director MURDOCH discussed his assignment to three committees at ACWA, including the Membership, Water Quality, and Business Development committees. Director MURDOCH also mentioned that Mesa Water Director Marice DePasquale was selected to replace Cathy Green on ACWA Region 10 Board.

Director BELL mentioned that he attended the Urban Water Institute ("UWI") conference, with great programming. Director BELL discussed the officer appointments on the UWI Board. Director BELL also mentioned attending the Water Advisory Committee of Orange County ("WACO"), which features a Professor from Chapman speaking on water supply analysis.

9. Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report. Hon. John Lewis provided two addendums to his written report, noting (1) that with regard to COVID in Orange County, conditions continue to improve; and (2) the Berkeley IGS poll came out within the last two days relative to declining approval ratings of Federal and State politicians.

ACTION TAKEN: On motion by DULEBOHN, seconded by MURDOCH, the Board received and filed the Monthly Legislative Outreach Report.

Adjournment.

The Board adjourned the meeting at or around 5:15 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on **Thursday, March 17, 2022**, at 5:00 p.m., to be held on-line pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and, as applicable, in the offices of the East Orange County Water District, 185 N. McPherson Road, Orange, California.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Hoskinson