



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

September 15, 2021

**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 5:01 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, with Vice President JOHN DULEBOHN leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Pursuant to the California Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20, there was no public location for attending this board meeting in person. JEFFREY HOSKINSON, Secretary, recorded the minutes of the meeting, attending via videoconference.

The following Directors attended the meeting: Directors RICHARD BELL, DOUGLASS DAVERT, JOHN DULEBOHN, GEORGE MURDOCH, and JOHN SEARS, with Director BELL attending via videoconference as permitted by Executive Order N-29-20.

Also present, in-person or via videoconference, were:

DAVID YOUNGBLOOD	General Manager
JERRY MENDZER	Operations Manager
JEFF SMYTH	Engineering Manager
SYLVIA PRADO	Administrative Assistant
JEFF HOSKINSON	District Secretary and Legal Counsel
DAVID LOPEZ	Cooperative Strategies
ERIC O'DONNELL	Townsend Public Affairs

There was no in-person public attendance due to COVID-19 restrictions. Other members of the public not listed may have attended via telephone and videoconference.

**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.** None presented, and Sylvia Prado confirmed that no public comments were received via e-mail.

**Public Hearing on Elections By-Division.** Public hearing opened by President DAVERT at 5:02 pm. President DAVERT provided a brief overview of the By-Division process, relative to the District seeking input relative to the drafting of By-Division maps. No comments were presented and Sylvia Prado confirmed that no comments were received via e-mail. President DAVERT closed the Public Hearing at 5:04 pm.

**Consent Calendar.**

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

- 1. Minutes:** THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19, 2021 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED;
- 2. Schedules of Disbursements:** THE BOARD APPROVED THE SCHEDULES OF DISBURSEMENTS AS SUBMITTED;
- 3. Report on Investments/Ratification of Investment Activity:** THE BOARD RATIFIED AND APPROVED THE SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS;
- 4. General Manager's Report:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT;
- 5. Financial Statements:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS;
- 6. Wholesale and Retail Water Usage Report June 2021:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL WATER USAGE REPORT;
- 7. Revised Salary Schedule.** THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVED THE REVISED SALARY SCHEDULE; and
- 8. AALRR Rate Increase.** THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVED THE AALRR RATE INCREASE;

**Matters for Consideration.**

**9. ID 1 CRA Project Update.** General Manager DAVID YOUNGBLOOD introduced the item, and introduced Engineering Manager Jeff Smyth to discuss upcoming decision points on the project. Mr. Smyth provided an overview of the current project, and the current status of an initial phase to coordinate with City resurfacing on Bryan Avenue. Mr. Smyth indicated that the City has since revised its schedule, such that now EOCWD has until the end of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 to complete its work to avoid conflict with the repaving project. The Board and Staff engaged in a general discussion relative to the project, and some related questions regarding repaving associated with the Crawford Canyon repaving schedule.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None, Informational Only.

**Miscellaneous Items.**

**10. 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**

- 8/13 EOCWD Administrative & Finance Committee Meeting\*\***
- 8/19 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting\*\***
- 8/19 OC LAFCO Commission Meeting\*\***

**Vice President Dulebohn**

- 8/12 Engineering & Operations Committee\***
- 8/19 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting\***

**Director Bell**

- 8/4 MWDOC Workshop Board Meeting**
- 8/12 Lunch meeting EOCWD General Manager & Ryan Gallagher\***
- 8/12 EOCWD Engineering & Operations Committee\***
- 8/13 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) Meeting\***
- 8/19 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting\***

**Director Murdoch**

- 8/19 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting\***

**Director Sears**

- 8/5 Foothill Communities Association Meeting**
- 8/10 North Tustin Fire Safe Council Meeting**
- 8/13 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) Meeting\***
- 8/13 EOCWD Administrative & Finance Committee Meeting\***
- 8/19 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting\***

**\* Meetings attended at District Expense**

**\*\* Declined payment for meetings attended at District expense**

Director SEARS discussed attendance at North Tustin Fire Safe Council, relative to a tree conservation project. Vice President DULEBOHN discussed attendance at the Urban Water Institute, and discussed some highlights including a joint powers agency (JPA) for cybersecurity and a presentation on the Sites Reservoir Project in the Sacramento Valley.

Director BELL also discussed that he was reinstated back onto the Board of Directors for Urban Water Institute ("UWI"). Director BELL mentioned that the next meeting in February for UWI should be interesting.

**11. Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report.**

Senator Lewis had a scheduling conflict and was not in attendance.

Eric O'Donnell made a presentation on current legislation, summarizing the current status of legislation at the end of the Legislative Session on September 10. There are currently 360 bills on Governor's Desk, to be acted on before October 10. Mr. O'Donnell discussed the drought package (AB/SB 170), Natural Resources (AB/SB 155), and several two year bills that did not make it this year but will theoretically be back next year.

Mr. O'Donnell discussed The Bureau of Reclamation has two funding opportunities that they are currently working on. The first is the Job Response Program, which they are working with staff on to identify possible projects involving drought mitigation tactics to receive this funding (due October 5). The Bureau also has a Water and Energy Efficiently Grant that is out right now, which they have applied for the past 3 years. They have been unsuccessful but have been encouraged to continue to apply (due November 3).

Director MURDOCH inquired as to whether, if the Governor signs SB 9/10, will cities be able to allow 10 units per parcel. Mr. O'Donnell indicated yes, but it would not be a mandate—that water and sanitary agencies will retain their ability to charge the appropriate connection capacity changes. Also, SB 9/10 will require that the affected properties be in a transit rich area, which may not apply to EOCWD's service areas. When the maps come out it may be determined that SB 9/10 does not even apply to EOCWD's service area.

**Adjournment.**

The Board adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on **Thursday, October 21, 2021**, at 5:00 p.m., in the offices of the East Orange County Water District, 185 N. McPherson Road, Orange, California.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Hoskinson