



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

April 21, 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 5:01 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2022, with former Director JOHN DULEBOHN 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: Directors RICHARD BELL, DOUGLASS DAVERT, GEORGE MURDOCH, and JOHN SEARS. Former Director JOHN DULEBOHN tendered his resignation on or about April 1, 2022, effective April 14, 2022, and as such a vacancy existed on the Board relative to his previous position.

Also present were:

DAVID YOUNGBLOOD	General Manager
JERRY MENDZER	Operations Manager
JEFF SMYTH	Engineering Manager
SYLVIA PRADO	Office Manager
JEFF HOSKINSON	District Secretary and Legal Counsel
JOHN DULEBOHN	Former Board of Director
VANESSA DULEBOHN	Public
CINDY BYERRUM	Public (videoconference)

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 that are not listed.

State of Emergency Virtual Meeting Findings.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion from SEARS, seconded by BELL, by unanimous vote 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: General Manager Youngblood noted that Item No. 11 could be pulled from the meeting as it was already approved at a prior meeting, but nothing to add.

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 MURDOCH, seconded by SEARS, approved the Consent Calendar items by unanimous vote, as follows:

1. **Minutes:** THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 17, 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; and
5. **Wholesale and Retail Water Usage Report:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL WATER USAGE REPORT.

**** The Board heard Agenda Item 7 Out of Order**

7. **Resolution No. 921 of Commendation for John Dulebohn.** President DAVERT presented the item, reading the full text of Resolution No. 921 as presented to the Board. Former Director DULEBOHN complimented the District and its history, based on his experiences through the years. Former Director DULEBOHN and the Board expressed their mutual appreciation.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by SEARS, seconded by BELL, by unanimous vote adopted Resolution No. 921 Providing Commendation to John Dulebohn.

**** The Board returned to the Balance of the Agenda in Order**

Matters for Consideration.

6. **Notice of Board Member Vacancy and Procedures for Filling.** General Manager Youngblood provided an overview of the proposed recommendation that the Board seek to fill the Board vacancy relative to Former Director DULEBOHN's seat through appointment and approve the process to provide notice and seek applications for such position.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by SEARS, seconded by MURDOCH, by unanimous vote determined that the Board vacancy would be filled by appointment and directed staff to give notice of the Board's intent to fill by appointment as presented and as required by law.

8. SCADA System Contract Award to Tesco. General Manager Youngblood presented the item, with Director BELL indicating the support of the Engineering and Operations Committee.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by BELL, seconded by MURDOCH, unanimously approved the award of a contract for the SCADA Field Site Replacements to Tesco Controls, Inc., in the amount of \$428,900, and authorized the General Manager a contingency budget of \$25,000 to address any unanticipated items that may arise, for a total budget of \$453,900 for work related to Phase 2 of the SCADA System Improvements Project.

9. Vista Panorama Reservoir Replacement Rejection of Bids. General Manager Youngblood and Engineering Manager Smyth presented the item and recommendation to the Board.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion duly seconded, by unanimous vote rejected all bids for the Vista Panorama Reservoir Replacement Project and authorized the General Manager, or his designees, to seek to negotiate for Board approval contract(s) with one or more contractors to complete the Project; and relative to prior contracts authorized or awarded for the Vista Panorama Project, authorized the General Manager, or his designees, to rescind and/or take such other action to terminate such contracts for convenience.

10. Budget Reallocations and Easement Acceptance. General Manager Youngblood presented the item.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by MURDOCH, seconded by BELL, unanimously (i) approved the reallocation of \$10,000 from WZ Account #7102246 Easement Clearing at Newport Reservoir to WZ Account #7102102 Valve Replacement project and amended the budget; (ii) approved the reallocation of \$75,000 from RZ Account #7202103 Allowance for System Relocations / Pipeline Replacement and \$20,000 from RZ Account #7202111 Brae Glen Pressurized CIPP to RZ Account #7202227 Connection to Los Timbres; and (iii) consented to the acceptance of the Easements, and delegate authority to the General Manager, or his designee, to execute a Certificate of Acceptance and record the easements.

Miscellaneous Items.

11. Conference & Meeting Requests. Item No. 11 was pulled by the Board at the request of General Manager Youngblood.

ACTION TAKEN: None.

12. 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

3/9 OC LAFCO Commission Meeting
3/17 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Vice President Dulebohn

3/10 EOCWD Engineering & Operations Committee Meeting
3/17 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director Bell

3/10 EOCWD Engineering & Operations Committee Meeting
3/17 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director Murdoch

3/9 ACWA Region 10 State Legislative Committee Prep Meeting
3/17 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting
3/21 ACWA Preferred Provider Program Subcommittee Meeting
3/30 ACWA Region 10 State Legislative Committee Prep Meeting

Director Sears

3/3 Foothill Communities Association Meeting
3/4 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) Meeting
3/17 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director DAVERT commented on the American Water Institute conference, which he attended at employer not District expense.

13. Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report. Presentation of the monthly report was deferred to the report as presented in the agenda packet. Director MURDOCH reported on ACWA discussions relative to conservation efforts, which recommended looking at communications with customers relative to unnecessary turf.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by MURDOCH, seconded by DAVERT, unanimously voted to receive and file the Monthly Legislative and Outreach Report.



Adjournment.

The Board adjourned the meeting at or around 5:40 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on **Thursday, May 19, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Jeffrey A. Hoskinson", is written over a solid black horizontal line. The signature is cursive and extends slightly above and below the line.

Jeffrey A. Hoskinson