



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

**October 21, 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 S. DAVERT at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 21, 2021, with Director SEARS 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 in-person: Directors RICHARD BELL, DOUGLASS DAVERT, JOHN DULEBOHN, GEORGE MURDOCH, and JOHN SEARS, with Director BELL attending via videoconference as permitted by Government Code Section 54953(e).

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
ANDREW BISHOP	Cooperative Strategies (video)
CINDY BYERRUM	Eide Bailly (video)
DAVID SOLDANI	Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo (video)
GARY BINGER	Quanta Construction (video)
STEVE FRIEDMAN	HDR (video)
JOHN LEWIS	Lewis Consulting (video)

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.

None received.

**Public Hearing on Elections By-Division.** President DAVERT opened the public hearing on By-Division voting at 5:02 pm. President DAVERT provided a brief overview of the maps and explanation of the focus of the hearing and the process involved, relative to the District seeking input relative to the draft maps. Mr. Andrew Bishop of Cooperative Strategies thereafter made a detailed presentation as to the maps presented, and the factors that were considered in their preparation.

A brief discussion between the Board and Mr. Bishop occurred following Mr. Bishop's presentation. President DAVERT commented as to his preference for Map Scenario No. 1, based on the natural community divisions, with the other scenarios potentially dividing communities. No public comments were presented during hearing, nor did EOCWD receive any written comments. President DAVERT closed the Public Hearing at 5:19 pm.

**Consent Calendar.** General Manager Youngblood made a brief comment relative to his General Manager's Report, adding that California Governor Newsom has extended the drought declaration to the entire State, which may result in some mandatory conservation measures, but no restriction has yet been imposed. Mr. Youngblood also added that there are currently meetings schedule with the Municipal Water District of Orange County ("MWDOC") relative to its role in Orange County.

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

1. **Minutes:** THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 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;

**Matters for Consideration.**

**7. Improvement District No. 1 Capacity, Reliability, and Augmentation (“CRA”) Project Update.** General Manager Youngblood introduced the item, and turned the discussion over to Engineering Manager Jeff Smyth to discuss upcoming decision points on the project. Mr. Smyth provided overview of status and the initial stages of the project. Mr. Smyth discussed the status of the current price proposal, and that the numbers are comparatively very expensive. Mr. Smyth presented a favorable experience of HDR in terms of design responsiveness, aside from a few limited issues, but now the decision was whether to continue with Design-Build for construction, or utilize the design and take the “off-ramp” and pursue Design-Bid-Build.

General Manager Youngblood indicated that the sense right now is that taking the off-ramp and bidding the project will save money for the ratepayers.

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

**8. Reserve Policy.** President DAVERT introduced the item. Treasurer Cindy Byerrum confirmed her involvement with the Reserve Policy. Director MURDOCH inquired relative to the sewer, and the calculation of reserve and the amount from Orange County Sanitation District. Director BELL inquired as to calculation of capital assets, and the basis for the reserve related to those amounts. Director BELL suggested to look at how to raise funds for the Wholesale System relative to replacement costs. Board concurred with workplan moving forward into next year’s budget.

**ACTION TAKEN:** No formal action taken.

**9. Director Compensation.** President DAVERT introduced the item in terms of Director Compensation that has not changed since 2014. General Manager Youngblood added that the definition of “Day of Service” was unclear, and he needed direction in terms of implementation of the existing Policy. Director SEARS commented on the existing policy and compensation statutes, including ability to increase by 5 percent per year. President DAVERT suggested, with Board concurrence, that General Manager Youngblood bring back an Ordinance for discussion, both for compensation changes and clarification of Day of Service.

**ACTION TAKEN:** No formal action taken.

**Miscellaneous Items.**

**\*\* THE BOARD HEARD ITEM NO. 11 OUT OF ORDER, BEFORE ITEM NO. 10**

**11. Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report.** Hon. John Lewis provided a presentation relative to his report on file with the District. Mr. Lewis referred to his report relative to the Board of Supervisors and the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (“LAFCO”). Mr. Lewis discussed redistricting, in connection with the Board of Supervisors, State Assembly and Senate, and other levels. Mr. Lewis recommended EOCWD paying attention as to how they may be divided up and opportunities to comment to keep EOCWD within one district. Mr. Lewis also mentioned 2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission ([wedrawthelinesca.org](http://wedrawthelinesca.org)).



President DAVERT suggested that the Board would have the opportunity review at its next meeting.

Mr. Lewis also discussed the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration declaration of a La Nina Year.

**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**

- 9/9 OC LAFCO Commission Meeting\*\*
- 9/10 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) Meeting\*\*
- 9/10 EOCWD Administrative & Finance Committee Meeting\*\*
- 9/15 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting\*\*
- 9/30 MWDOC Water Policy Forum & Dinner\*\*

**Vice President DULEBOHN**

- 9/8 – 9/9 Urban Water Institute Conference\*
- 9/9 Engineering & Operations Committee\*
- 9/15 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting\*

**Director BELL**

- 9/8 – 9/9 Urban Water Institute Conference\*
- 9/9 EOCWD Engineering & Operations Committee\*
- 9/15 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting\*

**Director MURDOCH**

- 9/8 – 9/9 Urban Water Institute Conference\*
- 9/15 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting\*
- 9/20 ACWA Water Quality Committee\*
- 9/22 ACWA Leadership to Leadership\*
- 9/24 AWCA Board of Directors\*

**Director SEARS**

- 9/2 Foothill Communities Association Meeting
- 9/8 – 9/9 Urban Water Institute Conference\*
- 9/10 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) Meeting\*
- 9/10 EOCWD Administrative & Finance Committee Meeting\*
- 9/15 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting\*
- 9/18 FCA Outdoor Workshop – Tree Preservation & Fire Risk Reduction

\*Meetings attended at District expense.

\*\*Declines Payment for meetings attended at District expense

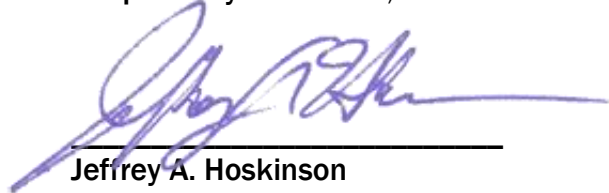


Director DULEBOHN made a comment relative to the OC Summit, mentioning that one of the PFAS presenters referred to water districts as “water generators,” a term we probably do not want to encourage. Director MURDOCH discussed ACWA elections, and that he will serve another two years with ACWA.

**Adjournment.**

The Board adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m. to the next Special Meeting of the Board of Directors on **Friday, November 5, 2021**, at 9:00 a.m., with the next Regular Meeting of the Board to be held on **Thursday, November 18, 2021**, at 5:00 p.m., both 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 blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Hoskinson", is written over a solid black horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive in style.

Jeffrey A. Hoskinson