



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

February 18, 2021

1. 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 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 18, 2021, with Director GEORGE MURDOCH leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Pursuant to 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, pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, via videoconference: RICHARD BELL, DOUGLASS DAVERT, JOHN SEARS, JOHN DULEBOHN and GEORGE MURDOCH.

Also present 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
CINDY BYERRUM	Eide Bailly
IAN BERG	Eide Bailly
HON. JOHN LEWIS	Lewis Consulting

There was no in-person attendance due to COVID-19 restrictions.

2. 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.

3. Public Communications to the Board. None presented, and Sylvia Prado confirmed that no public comments were received via e-mail.

4. Consent Calendar.

The Board, on motion from BELL, seconded by SEARS, approved the Consent Calendar items with minor amendments to the Item 4(A) - January 21, 2021 Minutes to reflect the proper motion and second for Minutes Item 6(C) and the “Water Advisory Committee of Orange County” for Minutes Item 6(D), as acknowledged by the District Secretary, by unanimous roll-call vote, as follows:

- A. Minutes. THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2021 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED;**
- B. Schedules of Disbursements. THE BOARD APPROVED THE SCHEDULES OF DISBURSEMENTS AS SUBMITTED;**
- C. Report on Investments/Ratification of Investment Activity THE BOARD RATIFIED AND APPROVED THE SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS;**
- D. General Manager’s Report THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT;**
- E. 6 MG Peters Canyon Reservoir – Geotechnical Evaluation Recommendation. THE ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE APPROVED TO AMEND THE WHOLESALE ZONE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE A BUDGET OF \$110,000 FOR THE GEOTECHNICAL EVALUATION;**
- F. Financial Statements. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECEIVED AND FILED THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS;**
- G. Investment Policy Review. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECEIVED AND FILED THE INVESTMENT POLICY REVIEW.**
- H. Amendment to General Manager’s Contract: THE FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVED THE AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL MANAGER’S CONTRACT;**
- I. Annual Debt Filing Reports. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECEIVED AND FILED THE ANNUAL DEBT FILING REPORTS.**

5. Action/Presentation Calendar.

A. Resolution No. 903 – Tax Deferred CALPERS Contributions. General Manager David Youngblood presented the item, outlining the purpose of Resolution No. 903 to allow employee contributions to CalPERS to be pre-tax rather than post-tax, pursuant to IRS Section 414(H)(2), which would financially benefit the employees and cause no financial impact to the District. General Manager Youngblood recommended the adoption of Resolution No. 903, with brief comments from Cindy Byerrum.

ACTION TAKEN: THE BOARD, ON MOTION BY DULEBOHN AND SECONDED BY SEARS, ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 903 BY A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE, WITH BELL, DULEBOHN, MURDOCH, SEARS, AND DAVERT VOTING AYE, 0 NAYS.

6. Miscellaneous Matters.

A. Wholesale and retail water usage report – January 2021. General Manager briefly presented the item, with a brief comment relative to OC-70 and the wholesale meter that feeds both wholesale and retail systems. Mr. Youngblood outlined the procedure currently in process to verify accuracy of meter, and anticipation of confirmation of EOCWD’s claims of meter inaccuracy. After a brief discussion of the wholesale meter, General Manager Youngblood stated that the reports were otherwise standard but that there is still no groundwater due to PFAS issues.

ACTION TAKEN: THE BOARD, ON MOTION BY BELL, SECONDED BY DULEBOHN, BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE RECEIVED AND FILED THE WHOLESAL AND RETAIL WATER USAGE REPORT, WITH BELL, DULEBOHN, MURDOCH, SEARS AND DAVERT VOTING AYE, 0 NAYS.

B. Conference and Meeting Request. The Directors expressed interest in attending upcoming meetings as follows:

- i. **ACWA Spring Conference**
May 12-13, 2021 (Virtual)

ACTION TAKEN: THE BOARD, ON MOTION BY MURDOCH, SECONDED BY BELL, BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE AUTHORIZED ATTENDANCE AT THE PRESENTED CONFERENCES AND/OR MEETINGS AS REQUESTED, WITH BELL, DULEBOHN, MURDOCH, SEARS AND DAVERT VOTING AYE, 0 NAYS.

C. Directors’ reports on meetings attended at District expense (Government Code Section 53232.3) and Directors’ comments. The Directors reported attendance at meetings attended at District expense as follows:

Director SEARS attended: (i) the Foothill Community Association board meeting on February 4, (ii) the Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (“WACO”) meeting on February 5; (iii) the CalDesal meeting; (iv) Finance Committee Meeting on February 10, 2021.

Vice-President DULEBOHN attended the Urban Water Institute Conference, finishing on February 18, 2021, with some brief comments.

Director MURDOCH reported that in addition to the items listed on the Legislative Outreach on page 15, he attended: (i) the ACWA board meeting on January 29; (ii) the CalDesal meeting in February; and (iii) the Urban Water Institute conference, on which he made a few brief comments.

Director BELL also attended: (i) the Urban Water Institute Conference, on which he made a few brief comments; and (ii) the CalDesal Conference, on which he also made a few comments. Director BELL also made a few additional comments.

President DAVERT introduced Cindy Byerrum from Eide Bailly who introduced her colleague Ian Berg, who is very familiar with the operations of the Board and will fill in for Cindy in her absence and will they work together as a team. President DAVERT also made the following announcements: (i) Form 700 forms are due for all Board members on April 1, 2021; and (ii) Foothill Association Annual Community meeting is coming up on March 1, 2021 via Zoom. President DAVERT then reported attending the following meetings: the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (“LAFCO”); the Orange County Water Association, which had a presentation on the Yorba Linda Water District PFAS plant; and the EOCWD’s Finance Committee meeting.

Finally, President DAVERT made two brief comments on issues that may appear in future agendas, the first relative to the District’s staffing levels, particularly adding staff to assist the General Manager, and the second being a review of EOCWD’s facilities. President DAVERT would like to put the issue back on the table for discussion if agreeable.

E. Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report.

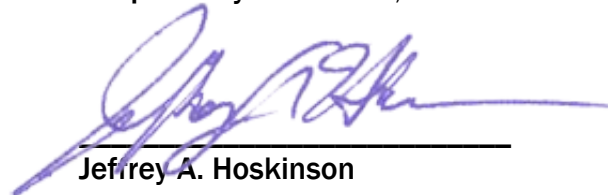
President DAVERT mentioned the Townsend Report, and then opened the floor to Honorable John Lewis to discuss his report. Mr. Lewis highlighted several items from his report, including matters of State and local politics and elections. Mr. Lewis also discussed redistricting efforts at the County level, and the downward trend relative to COVID-19 cases.

ACTION TAKEN: THE BOARD, ON MOTION BY DULEBOHN, SECONDED BY SEARS, BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE RECEIVED AND FILED THE ITEM, WITH BELL, DULEBOHN, MURDOCH, SEARS AND DAVERT VOTING AYE, 0 NAYS.

7. Adjournment.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on **March 18, 2021**, at 5:00 p.m., in the offices of the East Orange County Water District, 185 N. McPherson Road, Orange, California or online per California Governor’s Executive Order No. N-29-20 and directs the Board Secretary to provide and post all legally required notices.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Hoskinson