



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

March 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 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 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: Directors RICHARD BELL (videoconference), DOUGLASS DAVERT, JOHN DULEBOHN, GEORGE MURDOCH, and JOHN SEARS (videoconference).

Also present were:

DAVID YOUNGBLOOD	General Manager
JERRY MENDZER	Operations Manager
JEFF SMYTH	Engineering Manager (videoconference)
SYLVIA PRADO	Office Manager
JEFF HOSKINSON	District Secretary and Legal Counsel
HON. JOHN LEWIS	Lewis Consulting (videoconference)
MARILYN THOMS	Public (videoconference)
MARK LEWIS	Ardurra Consulting (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 who are not listed.

State of Emergency Virtual Meeting Findings.

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

1. **Minutes:** THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 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;
5. **Wholesale and Retail Water Usage Report:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL WATER USAGE REPORT; and
6. **CFD 2018-1 Annual Debt Filing:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE CFD 2018-1 DEBT FILING REPORT.

**** The Board heard Agenda Item 14 Out of Order**

14. Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report. President DAVERT introduced Hon. John Lewis of Lewis Consulting, who presented his report to the Board. Mr. Lewis provided an overview as to the status of candidates filing for State and local offices, including those representing areas represented by EOCWD.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by Murdoch, seconded by Sears, by unanimous roll-call vote, received and filed motion the Monthly Legislative and Outreach Report.

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

Matters for Consideration.

7. Public Hearing and Activation of Water Supply Contingency Plan Level 2. President Davert opened the public hearing at 5:11 p.m., turning the presentation over to General Manager Youngblood. Mr. Youngblood provided a presentation as to the implementation of the District's Level 2 Water Shortage Condition, as set forth in EOCWD's

2020 Water Shortage Contingency Plan. President DAVERT called for public comments, and, receiving none, closed the hearing at 5:13 p.m.

Director BELL commented on generalized criticism from Sacramento on water use increases occurring since December, noting that in December it rained, while it had not rained since, resulting in a natural increase in water use. Director BELL discussed the zero percent allocation in the Central Valley for agricultural contractors from the State, and related water limitations. Director DULEBOHN inquired as to the costs and impacts on resources relative to a move to Level 2, and asked if there was a way to account for the costs of conservation efforts.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by BELL, seconded by DULEBOHN, by unanimous roll-call vote approved Resolution No. 919 declaring Water Conservation Level 2 to be in effect, and authorized its implementation.

8. District Headquarters Building Update. General Manager Youngblood provided an update on the status of the District Headquarters project, indicating that a conceptual design had been completed, and introduced Mark Lewis from Ardurra Consulting to review the project. Mr. Lewis then proceeded to provide an overview of the project. The Board generally discussed the current status of the conceptual design plans.

ACTION TAKEN: None, informational only.

9. Improvement District (ID) 1 Capacity, Reliability and Augmentation (“CRA”) Project Update. General Manager Youngblood introduced the item, and turned the discussion over to Engineering Manager Jeff Smyth who provided an update on the Project. Mr. Smyth addressed an item relative to change orders, resulting from anticipated issues with the street and the fact that two lanes of Browning were old agricultural farm road, with the outer lanes constituting a new modern road. This change resulted in extra asphalt repair on the inner lanes.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by DULEBOHN, seconded by BELL, by unanimous roll-call vote, (1) authorized and approved a \$500,000 contingency for the General Manager to address any anticipated conditions for a total budget of \$5,051,284.24 for the construction of ID1 CRA Project # 1 – Construction Package #1; (2) approved and authorized the General Manager to execute PSA Amendment #1, in the amount of \$23,766, to HDR Engineering; and (3) approved and authorized the General Manager to execute PSA Amendment #1, in the amount of \$64,650, to Butier Engineering.

10. Early Cost of Living Adjustment. General Manager Youngblood provided an update to the Board, relative to a planned early Cost of Living Increasing due to inflation. Such increase would be from currently budgeted funds, based on the General Manager’s discretion, and is anticipated to be in lieu of a cost of living increase in July 2022. The Board, in a brief discussion, expressed support for the proposal.

ACTION TAKEN: None. Informational Only.

11. Conference & Meeting Requests. General Manger Youngblood discussed the Annual Urban Water Institute (UWI) Conference to be held in San Diego on August 24-29.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion duly seconded, by unanimous roll-call vote authorized the attendance of any Board member that desired to attend the UWI Conference as presented.

12. Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (OCLAFCO) Nomination. President DAVERT introduced the item, relative to the proposed nomination of President DAVERT to OCLAFCO and confirm voting representatives. The Board discussed changing Director DULEBOHN as the alternate representative to GEORGE MURDOCH.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by SEARS, seconded by BELL, by unanimous roll-call vote, approved the nomination of Douglass S. Davert for the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission regular Special District Member seat, and appointed Douglass Davert and George Murdoch as the qualified voting members pursuant to the requirements of the Special District Selection Committee Bylaws and OCLAFCO's forms.

Miscellaneous Items.

13. 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

2/9 OC LAFCO Commission Meeting**
2/17 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting**

Vice President Dulebohn

2/17 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting*
2/23 MWDOC Water Policy Forum Dinner*

Director Bell

2/4 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) Meeting
2/16-17/22 Urban Water Institute Virtual Conference*
2/17 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting*

Director Murdoch

2/8 ACWA Business Development Committee*
2/9 ACWA Region 10 Board Meeting*
2/16 ACWA Region 10 State Legislative Committee Prep Meeting*
2/17 ACWA Water Quality Committee Quarterly Forum*
2/17 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting*
2/23 ACWA Membership Committee*
2/23 MWDOC Water Policy Forum Dinner*
2/25 ACWA Region 10 Workgroup Meeting*

Director Sears

2/3 Foothill Communities Association Meeting
2/4 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) Meeting*
2/8 North Tustin Firesafe Council
2/16-17 Urban Water Institute Virtual Conference*
2/17 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting*
2/23 MWDOC Water Policy Forum Dinner*

*Meetings attended at District expense

** Declined payment for meetings attended at District expense

Director SEARS provided an update on his attendance at the two-day Urban Water Institute, including a discussion on the Colorado River. Director MURDOCH provided an update on ACWA Region 10. Director BELL referred to a Moulton Niguel Water District proposed project for emergency supply from Orange County Water District, utilizing a well and pump station in Santa Ana, which General Manager Youngblood provided a brief supplemental comment. Director SEARS also mentioned

Vice-President DULEBOHN announced that he was intending to submit a letter of resignation over the next month, citing a desire to spend more time with family and his work with the City of Anaheim.

Adjournment.

The Board adjourned the meeting at or around 6:08 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on **Thursday, April 21, 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