



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

December 16, 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 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 16, 2021, with Director GEORGE MURDOCH 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 via videoconference: Directors RICHARD BELL, DOUGLASS DAVERT, JOHN DULEBOHN, GEORGE MURDOCH, and JOHN SEARS.

Also present, via videoconference, were:

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| DAVID YOUNGBLOOD | General Manager |
| JERRY MENDZER | Operations Manager |
| SYLVIA PRADO | Office Manager |
| JEFF HOSKINSON | District Secretary and Legal Counsel |
| ANDREW BISHOP | Cooperative Strategies |
| SCOTT NELSEN | Eide Bailly |
| IAN BERG | Eide Bailly |

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 SEARS, seconded by BELL, 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 DULEBOHN, seconded by SEARS, approved the Consent Calendar items by unanimous roll-call vote, as follows:

- 1. Minutes:** THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2021 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD AND THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2021 SPECIAL 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 October 2021:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL WATER USAGE REPORT;
- 6. Financial Management Software:** THE BOARD APPROVED THE PURCHASE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CASSELLE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE;
- 7. Strategic Plan:** THE BOARD APPROVED THE 2022 STRATEGIC PLAN AS PRESENTED;
- 8. VanderWerff Well Drilling & Development Acceptance:** THE BOARD ACCEPTED THE CONTRACT COMPLETION and
- 9. Barret Pump Station Design Award:** THE BOARD APPROVED THE AWARD OF A DESIGN CONTRACT AS PRESENTED TO MKN & ASSOCIATIONS.

Matters for Consideration.

10. Public Hearing re By-Division District Map and Consideration of Ordinance Providing for the Election of Board of Directors by Five Divisions and Approval of Final Map Recommendation. President DAVERT opened the public hearing at 5:03 p.m., at which time the Board received no public comments. Ms. Prado confirmed that no written communications had been received by the District. President DAVERT closed the public hearing at 5:04 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN: On motion by DULEBOHN, seconded by SEARS, the Board by unanimous roll-call vote adopted Trustee Area Map No. 1 and Approved Ordinance No. 2021-02 Providing for Election By-Division.

11. Public Hearing and Consideration for Approval of Director Compensation Ordinance. President DAVERT opened the public hearing at 5:05 p.m., at which time the Board received no public comments. Ms. Prado confirmed that no written communications had been received by the District. President DAVERT closed the public hearing at 5:06 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN: On motion by MURDOCH, seconded by DULEBOHN, the Board by roll-call vote, with Directors BELL, DULEBOHN, MURDOCH, and SEARS voting aye, and President DAVERT voting nay, approved Ordinance No. 2021-01 as proposed relative to Director Compensation.

Miscellaneous Items.

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

11/4 OCWD Communication & Legislative Liaison Committee

11/5 EOCWD Special Board Strategic Workshop**

11/10 OC LAFCO Commission Meeting**

11/18 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting**

Vice President Dulebohn

11/5 EOCWD Special Board Strategic Workshop*

11/18 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting*

Director Bell

11/5 EOCWD Special Board Strategic Workshop*

11/18 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting*

Director Murdoch

11/2 ACWA Lunch with GM & Dave Eggerton**

11/5 EOCWD Special Board Meeting Strategic Workshop**

11/18 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting*

11/19 ACWA Executive Committee**

11/19 ACWA Board of Directors**

11/30 - 12/2 ACWA Fall Conference - Pasadena, CA**

11/30 ACWA Membership Committee - Pasadena, CA**

11/30 ACWA New Member Meet & Greet - Pasadena, CA**

12/1 ACWA General Session Membership - Pasadena, CA**

12/2 ACWA Region 10 Membership - Pasadena, CA**

Director Sears

11/4 Foothill Communities Association Meeting*

11/5 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) Meeting*

11/5 EOCWD Special Board Meeting Strategic Workshop*

11/10 OCWD Constructing the PFAS Ion Exchange Treatment Plant
Zoom Meeting

11/18 City of Tustin, Mayor's Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast
11/18 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting*

*Meetings attended at District expense.

**Declines Payment for meetings attended at District expense

Director MURDOCH provided a report on the Association of California Water Agencies ("ACWA") Fall Conference. Director SEARS reported that at the Water Advisory Committee of Orange County ("WACO") discussed topics including global warming. President DAVERT thanked everyone for their hard work and patience with COVID interruptions, and congratulated General Manager Youngblood on his first year.

13. Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report. President DAVERT introduced the item, which consisted solely of the written reports.

Adjournment.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on **Thursday, January 20, 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. President DAVERT indicated, with no Board objection, the discretion of General Manager Youngblood to arrange exclusive Zoom versus hybrid meetings depending on the status of the Governor's then in-place orders.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Hoskinson