



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

June 16, 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, June 16, 2022, with Director MARILYN THOMS leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e), and related findings of the Board of Directors, public attendance was facilitated via video and teleconference, and 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, JOHN SEARS, and MARILYN THOMS.

Also present were:

DAVID YOUNGBLOOD	General Manager
SYLVIA PRADO	Officer Manager
JEFF SMYTH	Engineering Manager
JEFF HOSKINSON	District Secretary and Legal Counsel
IAN BERG	Eide Bailly (videoconference)
SCOTT NELSEN	Eide Bailly (videoconference)
JOHN LEWIS	Lewis Consulting (videoconference)
ERIC O'DONNELL	Townsend

Other staff and members of the public may have attended via video- or teleconference that are not listed above.

**State of Emergency Virtual Meeting Findings.**

**ACTION TAKEN:** The Board, on motion from SEARS, seconded by MURDOCH, 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:** 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.** At the request of the Board, Item No. 13 was pulled from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration. As to the balance of the Consent Calendar, the Board, on motion from SEARS, seconded by BELL, approved the Consent Calendar items by unanimous roll-call vote, as follows:

5. **Minutes:** THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, 2022 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED;
6. **Schedules of Disbursements:** THE BOARD APPROVED THE SCHEDULES OF DISBURSEMENTS AS SUBMITTED;
7. **General Manager's Report:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT;
8. **Financial Statements:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS;
9. **Wholesale and Retail Water Usage Report:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL WATER USAGE REPORT;
10. **2022 Water Quality Report:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE 2022 WATER QUALITY REPORT, AND DIRECTED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO POST AS REQUIRED;
11. **Account Signature Authorizations – Updated Authorizations:** THE BOARD APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 920 AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES FOR ALL ACCOUNTS AND RESCINDING PRIOR RESOLUTION; and
12. **VanderWerff Well Engineering Services:** THE BOARD APPROVED AMENDMENT TO STEVE ANDREWS ENGINEERING CONTRACT.

The Board then separately considered Item No. 13, as follows:

**13. ID 1 Capacity, Reliability, and Augmentation (“CRA”) Project.** General Manager Youngblood presented the item, highlighting the item only due to the size of the amendment, extending the second package and part of the CRA Project No. 1 to TE Roberts contract. Director BELL indicated that the Engineering and Operations Committee supported the amendment.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The Board, on motion by BELL, seconded by SEARS, by unanimous roll-call vote, (1) authorized the General Manager to execute a contract change order, in the amount of \$7,553,601, to T.E. Roberts for construction of Package #2 and a time extension of 13 months; (2) authorized the General Manager a \$1,000,000 contingency to address any unanticipated conditions; (3) authorized and approved the General Manager to execute a License Agreement with the Orange County Transit Authority; and (4) authorized the General Manager to acquire and accept temporary construction easements for the Project.

**\*\* THE BOARD HEARD ITEM NO. 18 OUT OF ORDER**

**Miscellaneous Items.**

**18. Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report.** Hon. John Lewis, of Lewis Consulting, provided an oral summary of his monthly report, including an update on Orange County elections and property tax distribution. Eric O'Donnell of Townsend and Associates also provided a legislative update with respect to the 2022 Legislative Session, including an update on the budget and certain water-related legislative proposals. Director BELL and Vice-President MURDOCH provided comments on indoor-water use legislation status and recent amendments.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**\*\* THE BOARD RETURNED TO THE BALANCE OF THE AGENDA AS AGENDIZED**

**Matters for Consideration.**

**14. 2022-23 Budget Consideration.** General Manager Youngblood presented an overview of the Fiscal Year 2022/23 budget, as proposed.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The Board, on motion by SEARS, seconded by THOMS, approved the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Budget as presented and adopted Resolution NO. 921 Determining Appropriations Subject to Limitation.

**15. Establish Rates and Charges for the Sale of Water on a Wholesale Basis.** General Manager Youngblood presented the item, indicating that the action was extending pass-through rates from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California ("MET") and the Municipal Water District of Orange County ("MWDOC"). EOCWD charges remain unchanged from Fiscal Year 2018/19.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The Board, on motion by MURDOCH, seconded by THOMS, adopted Resolution No. 922 establishing rates and charges for the sale of water on a wholesale basis.



**16. Sewer System User Fee Authorization.** General Manager Youngblood presented the item, relative to the system system user fee. General Manager Youngblood indicated that while sewer rates are part of an on-going study, the rates currently remain the same, as extended for another year, and the resolution would authorize the collection of the same on the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Tax Roll.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The Board, on motion by MURDOCH, seconded by BELL, by unanimous vote adopted Resolution No. 923, authorizing certain sanitary service charges and directing the County Tax Collector to collect charges on the Fiscal Year 2022/23 property tax rolls.

**Miscellaneous Items.**

**17. 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**

- 5/11 OC LAFCO Commission Meeting
- 5/19 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

**Vice President Murdoch**

- 5/3 - 5/5 ACWA Spring Conference - Sacramento, CA
- 5/3 ACWA Membership Committee
- 5/3 AALR Dinner
- 5/4 ACWA Region 10 Membership Committee
- 5/12 EOCWD Engineering & Operations Committee
- 5/18 ACWA Region 10 State Legislative Committee Prep Meeting
- 5/19 ACWA Region 10 Event Workgroup
- 5/19 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

**Director Bell**

- 5/3 - 5/5 ACWA Spring Conference - Sacramento, CA
- 5/12 EOCWD Engineering & Operations Committee Meeting
- 5/19 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

**Director Sears**

- 5/5 Foothill Communities Association (FCA) Meeting
- 5/12 California Coastal Commission Hearing
- 5/13 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) Meeting
- 5/19 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

**Director Thoms**

- 5/19 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting



Director BELL added comments relative to the Colorado River and current drought status and impacts. Director SEARS provided additional comments relative to Vicky Osborne at WEROC recent comments on the COVID-19 uptick, among other comments and updates from WEROC.

**Adjournment.**

The Board adjourned the meeting at or around 5:51 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on **Thursday, August 18, 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