



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

April 15, 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, April 15, 2021, with Director GEORGE MURDOCH leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Pursuant to the 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
HON. JOHN LEWIS	Lewis Consulting
ERIC O'DONNELL	Townsend Public Affairs
CINDY BYERRUM	Eide Bailly

There was no in-person attendance due to COVID-19 restrictions. Other members of the public not listed may have attended.

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.



Consent Calendar.

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 MARCH 18, 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 March 2021:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL WATER USAGE REPORT;
- 7. Salary Range Adjustments:** THE FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVED THE MODIFICATIONS TO SALARY RANGES FOR WATER OPERATOR I & II;
- 8. Resolution 906 Treasurer Appointment & Signing Authority:** THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ADOPTED RESOLUTION 906, APPOINTING CINDY BYERRUM AS DISTRICT TREASURER, AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES FOR ALL ACCOUNTS AND RESCINDING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS;

Matters for Consideration.

9. Rate Study Update. General Manager Youngblood provided an update to the Board, including that the last rate study was conducted in 2016, which provided rates through 2021. Mr. Youngblood noted that the District deferred the last approved rate increase due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and subsequent financial fallout. Mr. Youngblood indicated that the District has begun preparation for its next rate study, but noted that the District can still implement the final previously approved rate increase, and defer for a time the need for the new study and any associated rate increases that may come with such study. Director DAVERT expressed support for such a proposal, suggesting that the beginning of the next fiscal year would be appropriate for budget planning. Director DULEBOHN concurred, in light of being in the second year of a drought.



Miscellaneous Items.

10. 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 reported in the agenda packet for the meeting, as follows:

President Davert

3/10 Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCO") Regular Meeting

3/18 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Vice President Dulebohn

3/11 Engineering & Operations Committee

3/18 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director Bell

3/5 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) Meeting

3/11 Engineering & Operations Committee

3/18 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director Murdoch

3/10 Association of California Water Agencies ("ACWA") Region 10 SLC Prep Call

3/18 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

3/25 ACWA Membership Conference Call

3/26 ACWA Board of Directors Meeting

Director Sears

3/1 Foothill Communities Association Annual Meeting

3/5 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) Meeting

3/18 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

There were no additional comments other than what was in the report and no additional action was required.

11. Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report. Hon. John Lewis presented his report, including a summary of the Orange County Board of Supervisors meeting. Thereafter, Eric O-Donnell of Townsend Public Affairs provided a presentation relative to currently proposed legislation in the 2021 Legislative Session.



Adjournment.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on **May 20, 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