



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

March 23, 2023

**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 23, 2023, with Director MARILYN THOMS leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Public attendance was permitted in-person or via video or teleconference. JEFFREY HOSKINSON, Secretary, recorded the minutes of the meeting.

The following Directors attended the meeting: DOUGLASS DAVERT, GEORGE MURDOCH, JOHN NIELSEN, JOHN SEARS, and MARILYN THOMS.

Also present were:

DAVID YOUNGBLOOD	General Manager
JEFF SMYTH	Engineering Manager
JERRY MENDZER	Operations Manager
SYLVIA PRADO	Office Manager
RAMON GALLEGOS	GIS Manager
JEFF HOSKINSON	District Secretary and Legal Counsel

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

**Consideration of Teleconferencing Notifications/Requests.** None received

**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 provided.

**Consent Calendar.** General Manager Youngblood requested, with Board concurrence, that Item No. 7 be pulled from the Consent Calendar. The Board, on motion from NIELSEN, seconded by THOMS, approved the balance of the Consent Calendar by unanimous vote, as follows:

- 5. **Minutes:** THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2023 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED;
- 6. **Schedules of Disbursements:** THE BOARD APPROVED THE SCHEDULES OF DISBURSEMENTS AS SUBMITTED;

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;

Item No. 7 was then heard separately, as follows:

7. **General Manager's Report.** General Manager Youngblood presented the report, with inquiries from Director SEARS relative to Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) issues.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion duly seconded, by unanimous vote received and filed the General Manager's Report.

**Matters for Consideration.**

10. **District Headquarters Building Project – Budget Increase.** General Manager Youngblood introduced the item, with explained design changes. Director NEILSEN inquired as to participation in future cost changes.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by SEARS, seconded by THOMS, by unanimous vote approved an increase of \$1.2 million to the Project budget for a total Project budget of \$8.7 million.

**Miscellaneous Items.**

11. **Conference and Meeting Requests.** General Manager Youngblood discussed the MWDOC Elected Officials Forum ("MWDOC Event") and the Urban Water Institute ("UWI") 2023 Spring Conference to be held on May 9-11, 2023.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by MURDOCH, seconded by SEARS, by unanimous vote authorized attendance at the MWDOC Event and UWI Spring Conference by all Board members who elect to attend.

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

2/8 OC LAFCO Commission Meeting  
2/9 MWDOC Water Policy Forum & Dinner  
2/23 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Vice President Murdoch

2/7 ACWA Membership Committee Meeting  
2/7 ACWA Region 10 Event Work Group Meeting  
2/8 ACWA Region 10 State Legislative Committee Prep Meeting



- 2/9 MWDOC Water Policy Forum & Dinner
- 2/15 ACWA Regulatory Committee Meeting
- 2/16 EOCWD Engineering & Operations Committee Meeting
- 2/23 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting
- 2/24 ACWA Business Development Subcommittee Meeting

Director Sears

- 2/3 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) Meeting
- 2/9 MWDOC Water Policy Forum & Dinner
- 2/22-2/24 Urban Water Institute’s Spring Conference, Palm Springs, CA
- 2/23 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting
- 2/14 North Tustin Fire Safe Council
- 2/17 EOCWD Administration & Finance Committee Meeting

Director Thoms

- 2/3 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) Meeting
- 2/22-2/24 Urban Water Institute’s Spring Conference, Palm Springs, CA
- 2/23 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director Nielsen

- 2/9 MWDOC Water Policy Forum
- 2/22-2/24 Urban Water Institute’s Spring Conference, Palm Springs, CA
- 2/23 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director SEARS provided a summary of the WACO meeting held on March 3, 2023. No other updates were provided. Director NEILSEN provided a summary of the UWI Conference held in February.

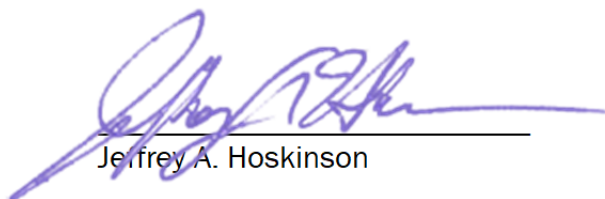
**17. Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report.** President DAVERT provided a highlight of the report by Hon. John Lewis, as well as a Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) update.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by NIELSEN, seconded by THOMS, by unanimous vote, received and filed the report.

**Adjournment.**

The Board adjourned the meeting at or around 5:32 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on **Thursday, April 27, 2023**, at 5:00 p.m., to be held at the Clifton C. Miller Community Center, 300 Centennial Way, Tustin, CA 92780.

Respectfully submitted,



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Jeffrey A. Hoskinson