



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

March 27, 2025

1. Call to Order. A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Orange County Water District, held at the District Office, located at 185 N. McPherson Road in the City of Orange, California, was called to order by President GEORGE MURDOCH at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, 2025. Director KARIN MARQUEZ led the Pledge of Allegiance. JEFFREY HOSKINSON, Secretary, recorded the minutes of the meeting.

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

Also present were:

DAVID YOUNGBLOOD	General Manager
JERRY MENDZER	Operations Manager
BOBBY YOUNG	Engineering Manager
SYLVIA PRADO	Office Manager
JEFF HOSKINSON	District Secretary and Legal Counsel

Other staff and members of the public may have attended but are not listed above.

2. 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.

3. Public Communications to the Board. None.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 4-8) The Board, on motion from DAVERT, seconded by SEARS, approved the Consent Calendar by unanimous vote as follows:

- 4. Minutes:** THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 20, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED;
- 5. General Manager’s Report:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT;
- 6. Wholesale and Retail Water Usage Report:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL WATER USAGE REPORT;



7. **Schedule of Disbursements:** THE BOARD APPROVED THE SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS AS SUBMITTED;

8. **Financial Statements:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**** ITEM 11 WAS HEARD OUT OF ORDER:**

11. Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report. Honorable John Lewis, of Lewis Consulting, provided a brief oral update on his written report. He shared a happy outcome regarding water fight between MWDOC and OCWD. He expressed gratitude to everyone for his 9 years of service and was very pleased with his role in acquiring the sewers with EOCWD.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by DAVERT, seconded by THOMS, by unanimous vote of those members present received and filed the reports and acknowledged Mr. Lewis' appreciation and reciprocated their thanks.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

9. Capital Improvement Plan Update. David Youngblood introduced Bobby Young, Engineering Manager, to highlight and provide an update on ongoing Projects at EOCWD. Mr. Young summarized projects that (1) included in total capital cost of \$12.5 million, (2) projects that are 50% complete, and (3) the large projects that have been completed. Mr. Young indicated that the Master Plan will assist in identifying further needed projects. MURDOCH praised the District for identifying what needs to get done. The Board also discussed AMI Grants funds, money is appropriated, but not yet awarded due to delays to recent executive orders.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by THOMS, seconded by SEARS, by unanimous vote of those members present received and filed the report.

10. Conference and Meeting Requests. The Board considered attendance at MWDOC's Elected Official Forum to be held April 9, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion from DAVERT, seconded by MARQUEZ, by unanimous vote authorized the attendance of all Board members, with the direction to coordinate with District staff if they plan to attend.

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 Murdoch

2/5 ACWA SLC – Region 10 Prep

2/11 ACWA Education Subcommittee Meeting

2/19 ACWA Business Development Committee Meeting

2/20 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Vice President Thoms

2/4 Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) Executive Board Meeting

2/7 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)

2/20 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

2/26-2/28 Urban Water Institute 2025 Spring Conference

Director Davert

2/20 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director Sears

2/6 Foothills Communities Association Board Meeting

2/7 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)

2/20 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

2/26-2/28 Urban Water Institute 2025 Spring Conference

Director Marquez

2/20 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director SEARS provided an overview of the attended WACO meeting, including its presentation on wildfire impacts and regulations.

Director MARQUEZ briefly commented that she enjoyed MWDOC's Elected Official Dinner.

Vice President THOMS discussed her attendance at the on-line Wastewater 101 Citizens Academy offered by OCSD, as well as her attendance at ISDOC's Quarterly Luncheon, which featured a presentation on manageable water supply and sediment.

President MURDOCH attended the MWDOC Elected Official dinner, and also provided an update ACWA. President MURDOCH indicated he would be travelling to Sacramento next week for an ACWA Board meeting.

A director requested that the CASA Conference be included in the next conference and meeting request.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 5:37 PM

1. *Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (Govt Code § 54956.9(d)(2))*– Significant exposure to litigation: 1 case
2. *Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Govt Code § 54956.9(d)(1))*– *East Orange County Water District v. Pacific Bell, et. al.* (Orange County Superior Ct. Case No. 30-2022-01290371-CU-OR-CJC)
3. *Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Govt Code § 54956.9(d)(1))*– *ACWA-JPIA et. al. v. Performance Pipeline Technologies* (Orange County Superior Ct. Case No. 30-2022-01299697-CU-PO-WJC)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION – 6:20 PM – The Board pulled and did not consider Item No.1 of the Closed Session agenda. General Counsel Hoskinson reported that the Board met in closed session on the remaining items and took no reportable action

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:21 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on **Thursday, April 24, 2025**, at 5:00 p.m., at East Orange County Water District, 185 N. McPherson Orange, CA 92869 or as noticed pursuant to findings of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Hoskinson