

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

March 28, 2024

1. Call to Order. A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Orange County Water District held at the Clifton C. Miller Community Center was called to order by President DOUGLASS DAVERT at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2024, 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
JULIAN DE LA SOLIS	Administrative Assistant
JEFF HOSKINSON	District Secretary and Legal Counsel
PAUL KAYMARK	Nigro & Nigro PC
DEVIN SINNER*	Eide Bailly

* Attended via videoconference

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

2. Consideration of Teleconferencing Notifications/Requests.

ACTION TAKEN: None.

3. 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.

4. Public Communications to the Board. None received.

Consent Calendar. Director THOMS requested that Item No. 10 be pulled from the Consent Calendar. As to the balance of the Consent Calendar, the Board, on motion from MURDOCH duly seconded, approved the balance of the Consent Calendar by unanimous vote as follows:

5. **Minutes:** THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 25, 2024 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED;
6. **General Manager's Report:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT;
7. **Wholesale and Retail Water Usage Report:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL WATER USAGE REPORT; and
8. **Schedules of Disbursements:** THE BOARD APPROVED THE SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS AS SUBMITTED;
9. **Financial Statements:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS;
11. **Use of Remaining Fund Balance from \$20 Million Installment Purchase Agreement:** THE BOARD APPROVED THE CAPITAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT TO INCLUDE THE FINAL \$1.5 MILLION FROM THE INSTALLMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT;
12. **Proposed Revisions to Personnel Policy Handbook:** THE BOARD APPROVED THE REVISED PERSONNEL POLICY HANDBOOK AS PRESENTED;
13. **District HQ Furniture Vendor Selection:** THE BOARD RATIFIED THE GENERAL MANAGER'S AWARD OF AN OFFICE FURNITURE CONTRACT TO TANGRAM INTERIORS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$222,709;

The Board then considered Item No. 10 from the Consent Calendar separately:

10. Annual Audit. General Manager Youngblood introduced the item, turning the presentation over to Paul Kaymark. Director THOMS inquired as to the organizational chart and introduction information, to which Mr. Kaymark responded.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by THOMS, seconded by SEARS, by unanimous vote received and filed the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Audited Financial Statement.

Matters for Consideration.

14. Conference and Meeting Requests. General Manager Youngblood referenced the upcoming Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) Annual Elected Officials' Forum on April 10, 2024.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion from SEARS, seconded by THOMS, by unanimous vote authorized the attendance of all directors at the MWDOC Annual Elected Officials' Forum.

15. District Open House Discussion. The Board discussed options for an Open House to be held at the new District Office for both the offices and the PFAS Treatment Plant. It was discussed that Orange County Water District (OCWD) appreciates a celebration of each plant. The Board discussed an event for no more than two hours, with a date and time to be determined, for both the District office and plant.

ACTION TAKEN: Discussion only. No Action taken.

Miscellaneous Items.

16. 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

1/25/24 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting
1/31/24 MWDOC Water Policy Forum & Dinner
2/21-23/24 Urban Water Institute Spring Conference

Vice President Murdoch

1/8/24 ACWA A.C.E. Committee
1/22/24 ACWA Region 10 Board Meeting
1/25/24 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting
1/31/24 MWDOC Water Policy Forum & Dinner
2/21-23/24 Urban Water Institute Spring Conference

Director Sears

1/5/24 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)
1/25/24 ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon
1/25/24 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting
1/31/24 MWDOC Water Policy Forum & Dinner
2/2/24 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)
2/21-23/24 Urban Water Institute Spring Conference

Director Thoms

1/5/24 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)
1/25/24 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting
1/31/24 MWDOC Water Policy Forum & Dinner
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Director Nielsen

1/25/24 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting
1/31/24 MWDOC Water Policy Forum & Dinner

Director SEARS provided a summary of the two monthly WACO meeting he attended, summarizing the presentations on the state of the Orange County Groundwater Basin and a South Valley Water Authority San Joaquin water blueprint presentation by Scott Hamilton.

Director MURDOCH discussed the Urban Water Institute conference.

General Manager Youngblood briefly referenced the automated meter installation grant received by the EOCWD for \$1 million, with a 20 percent local match requirement.

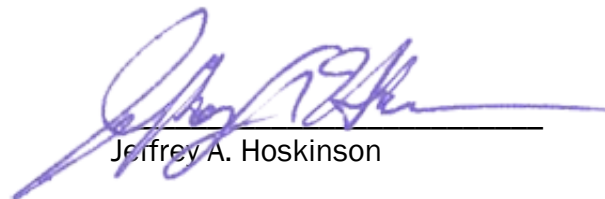
17. Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion duly seconded, by unanimous vote received and filed the written reports received.

Adjournment.

The Board adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:21 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on **Thursday, April 25, 2024**, at 5:00 p.m., at the District Office located at 185 North McPherson, Orange, California, 92869, or at a location otherwise noticed.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Hoskinson