



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

April 24, 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. President GEORGE MURDOCH 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 MARCH 27, 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

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

9. **Workers' Compensation Insurance:** David Youngblood reported that the Board of Directors are currently not covered under the program. The annual cost is \$400.00. The Board considered the enrollment in the program.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion from DAVERT, seconded by THOMS, by unanimous vote authorized enrollment in the Workers' Compensation program for all Board members.

10. **FY 2025/2026 Budget Schedule:** David Youngblood introduced a preliminary budget and schedule. The budget will be going to committees in May, and potentially in June to bring to Board for consideration and approval on June 24, 2025,

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion from DAVERT, seconded by MARQUEZ, by unanimous vote approved the budget schedule as submitted.

11. **Conference and Meeting request.** The Board considered attendance at CASA Annual Conference to be held July 30, 2025 – August 1, 2025 in San Diego, CA.

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. **Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report:** President MURDOCH reported that ACWA is very busy with all of the current legislative issues. Director THOMS paid a compliment to Townsend's report.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion from DAVERT, seconded by SEARS, by unanimous vote receive and file reports received.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

13. Directors' reports on meetings attended (Government Code Section 53232.3) and Directors' comments. The Directors reported attendance as set forth in the agenda, as follows:

President Murdoch

- 3/4 ACWA Finance Committee
- 3/14 ACWA Regions 8, 9, 10 Coordination Meeting
- 3/17 ACWA Associates Program Subcommittee Meeting
- 3/20 EOCWD Engineering & Operations Committee Meeting
- 3/20 MWDOC Water Policy Forum Dinner
- 3/24 ACWA Conference Subcommittee Meeting
- 3/27 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Vice President Thoms

- 3/3 Foothill Communities Association (FCA) Annual Meeting
- 3/4 Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) Executive Committee Meeting
- 3/6 OC San Wastewater 101
- 3/7 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)
- 3/20 EOCWD Engineering & Operations Committee Meeting
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- 3/27 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director Davert

- 3/20 MWDOC Water Policy Forum Dinner
- 3/27 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director Sears

- 3/3 Foothill Communities Association (FCA) Annual Meeting
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Director Marquez

- 3/20 MWDOC Water Policy Forum Dinner
- 3/27 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director SEARS provided an overview of the attended WACO meeting, including an overview of a Site Reservoir presentation.

Vice President THOMS requested to schedule the strategic planning upon the completion and adoption of the FY 2025-26 budget.

Director MARQUEZ briefly commented that she enjoyed MWDOC's Water Policy Forum Dinner. A great deal of information was shared, and praised Vicki Osborne's presentation.

President MURDOCH provided an update on ACWA, and indicated that he will try to scale back now that he is on the ACWA Finance Committee. President Murdoch announced his intention to run for ACWA Region 10 Chair.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 5:14 PM

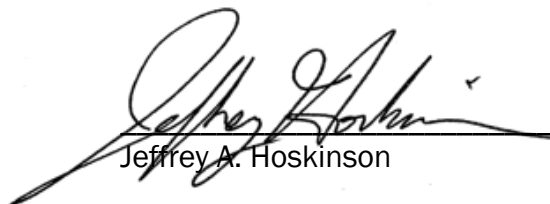
1. *Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (Govt Code § 54956.9(d)(2))*– Significant exposure to litigation: 1 case
2. *Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Govt Code § 54956.9(d)(1))*– *East Orange County Water District v. Pacific Bell, et. al.* (Orange County Superior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

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION – 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 item and took no reportable action

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:49 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on **Thursday, May 22, 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