



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

May 22, 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, May 22, 2025. Director JOHN SEARS 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
IAN BERG	Starting Line Advisory

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 4-9) The Board, on motion from DAVERT, seconded by SEARS, approved the Consent Calendar by unanimous vote as follows:

- 4. Minutes:** THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 24, 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; AND
9. **Equipment Surplus:** THE BOARD APPROVED THE EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AS SUBMITTED.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

10. FY 2025/2026 Budget Update: General Manager David Youngblood introduced the item, providing an update on the status of the development of the budget and offering a presentation if desired. General Manager Youngblood reported that staff presented the respective budget sections to the Engineering & Operations Committee, and the Administration & Finance Committee.

GENERAL MANAGER commented on Wholesale water use projections.

Ian Berg of Starting Line Advisory briefly commented that each fund is performing well and movement of paying back money borrowed from sewer. General Manager Youngblood commented that with the completion of the VanderWerff Well and the PFAS Treatment Retail Zone (RZ) reserves are expected to recover. Director DAVERT commented on looking into ways to assessing a shared cost of resources across the zones, including the use of RZ property for the District Headquarters.

ACTION TAKEN: None taken, informational only.

11. ACWA Region 10 Chair Nomination: President MURDOCH introduced the item, expressing his appreciation for the Board's support in the election for the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 10 Chair. President MURDOCH provided an overview of expected nominee pool.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion from DAVERT, seconded by SEARS, by unanimous vote approved Resolution No. 24/25-01 to nominate President MURDOCH for the ACWA Regional 10 Chair.

12. Planning for the Strategic Plan 2025: David Youngblood introduced the item, summarizing that EOCWD has hired Ed Means of Means Consulting to commence the process to update the Strategic Plan. In the next several of weeks, Mr. Means will be scheduling meetings with key staff members and Board Members. The Board discussed the length of the process, with responses indicating approximately three to four months.

ACTION TAKEN: None taken, informational only.

13. Conference and Meeting request. The Board considered attendance at the 1) Urban Water Institute Annual Conference, August 20-22, 2025 in San Diego, CA., and 2) ACWA Fall Conference, December 2-4, 2025 in San Diego.

Director DAVERT commented on MWDOC's Water Policy Forum Dinner scheduled on the same evening of EOCWD's June 26, 2025 Board meeting. In order to allow the Board Members to attend, the Board requested that General Youngblood coordinate to move the time of the June 26, 2025 Regular Meeting to earlier that day.

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

14. Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report: President MURDOCH introduced the item, referring the Board to the report in the agenda packet. President MURDOCH reported that ACWA continues to be very busy with all of the current legislative issues. Director DAVERT commented on SB90 and that amendments were proposed by YLWD.

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

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
4/3-4/4 ACWA Board Meeting, Sacramento
4/9 MWDOC Elected Officials' Forum
4/17 ACWA Region 10 Board Meeting
4/23 ACWA SLC – Region 10 Prep
4/24 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting
4/28 ACWA Business Development

Vice President Thoms
4/1 Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) Executive Committee Meeting
4/4 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)
4/9 MWDOC Elected Officials' Forum
4/24 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting
4/30 ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon

Director Davert
4/24 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director Sears
4/4 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)
4/9 MWDOC Elected Officials' Forum
4/24 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting
4/30 ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon

Director Marquez
4/9 MWDOC Elected Officials' Forum
4/24 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director SEARS provided an overview of the attended WACO meeting, including an overview of a presentation on Pure Water from San Diego Public Utility Director.

Vice President THOMS inquired about MET. Director DAVERT commented they continue their search for a new General Manager. MET is engaging General Managers to discuss business model.

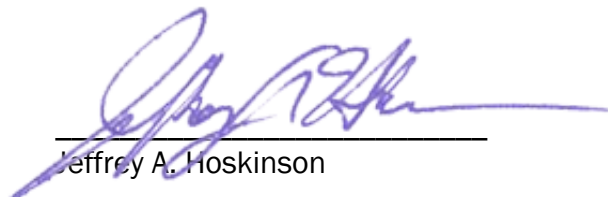
President MURDOCH commented that ACWA is in discussions with Regions 8,9,10 about the MET Business Model. Attended the ACWA Conference; good and informative discussions; looking at possibly changing the venue from Monterey to either San Francisco or Sacramento.. Director MURDOCH joined with fellows at the City of Tustin Treatment Plant Dedication, noting the nice ceremony.

***** THE BOARD PULLED CLOSED SESSION ITEM NO. 1 FROM THE AGENDA**

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:30 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on **Thursday, June 26, 2025**, at 3:00 p.m. or such other time as may be coordinated by General Manager Youngblood, 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