



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

June 29, 2023

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, June 29, 2023, with Director NIELSEN 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, JOHN NIELSEN, JOHN SEARS, and MARILYN THOMS, with Director THOMS attending via videoconference. GEORGE MURDOCH was absent from this meeting.

Also present were:

DAVID YOUNGBLOOD	General Manager
JEFF SMYTH	Engineering Manager
SYLVIA PRADO	Office Manager
JULIAN DE LA SOLIS	Administrative Assistant
JEFF HOSKINSON	District Secretary and Legal Counsel
IAN BERG	Eide Bailly LLP
DEVIN SINNER	Eide Bailly LLP

* 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. Director THOMS submitted a notification of attending via videoconference, on the grounds of providing a childcare/caregiving need of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner that required her to participate remotely. The basis for such notification was reported by General Counsel HOSKINSON. Director THOMS indicated that no other persons aged 18 or older were in the room with her during the meeting.

ACTION TAKEN: Notification Only.

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).

None.

4. Public Communications to the Board. None.

Consent Calendar. The Board pulled Item No. 6, and on motion from SEARS, seconded by NIELSEN, approved the balance of the Consent Calendar by unanimous roll-call vote of those members present, as follows:

5. **Minutes:** THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 25, 2023 REGULAR MEETING AND JUNE 7, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED;
7. **General Manager's Report:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT;
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;
10. **Surplus Equipment:** THE BOARD DECLARED ITEMS PRESENTED AS SURPLUS AND DIRECTED STAFF TO DISPOSE OF THE ITEMS PER DISTRICT POLICY;

Items Recommended for Approval by the Engineering and Operations Committee:

11. **Adoption of Revised Water Specifications:** THE BOARD APPROVED THE SPECIFICATIONS AS PRESENTED;
12. **CIPP On-Call Contract Award:** THE BOARD APPROVED THE ON-CALL CONTRACT AS PRESENTED;
13. **Cathodic Protections System Improvements:** THE BOARD REJECTED ALL BIDS, BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED;
14. **OC-43 Walnut Turnout Contract Change Order:** THE BOARD APPROVED THE CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER AS PRESENTED;
15. **Treatment Plant Demo Final Acceptance:** THE BOARD APPROVED THE FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE TREATMENT PLANT DEMOLITION PROJECT;

Items Recommended for approval by Administration & Finance Committee

16. **Installment Purchase Agreement Report:** THE BOARD RECEIVED THE REPORT AS INFORMATION ONLY; and
17. **Expenditure Approval and Purchasing Revised Policy – Resolution No. 942:** THE BOARD APPROVED RESOLUTION NO, 942, REVISING THE EXPENDITURE APPROVAL AND PURCHASING POLICY.



The Board then considered Item No. 6, as pulled from the Consent Calendar, as follows:

6. Schedules of Disbursements. Director NIELSEN indicating his abstention from participation relative to this item before the Board.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion duly seconded, approved the Schedule of Disbursements as submitted to the Board by a roll-call vote of 3-0-1, with DAVERT, SEARS, and THOMS voting aye, and Director NIELSEN abstaining.

Matters for Consideration.

18. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget – Resolution No. 943. General Manager Youngblood presented the item, with an overview of the budget as compared to last year. Ian Berg of Eide Bailly provided additional overview for the Board.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by NIELSEN, seconded by SEARS, approved by unanimous roll-call vote of those members present Resolution No. 943, adopting operating and capital project budgets and making determinations relative to appropriations subject to limitation for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year for the EOCWD Wholesale Zone, Retail Zone, and Improvement District 1 (Sewer) Zone.

Miscellaneous Items.

19. 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

- 5/10 OC LAFCO Commission Meeting
- 5/25 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Vice President Murdoch

- 5/9 – 5/11 ACWA Spring Conference
- 5/9 ACWA Membership Committee
- 5/10 ACWA Region 10 Meeting
- 5/19 – 5/21 Colorado Aqueduct Inspection Tour
- 5/25 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director Sears

- 5/4 Foothill Communities Association
- 5/5 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)
- 5/25 OCSD – OCWD Managing PFAS Webinar
- 5/25 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director Thoms

- 5/5 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) Meeting
- 5/25 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director Nielsen
5/25 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director SEARS provided a summary of the WACO meeting, including a presentation on beavers and climate change. Director SEARS asked General Manager Youngblood for a brief update on the cloud seeding process, which was provided, and requested that General Manager Youngblood report back to the Board relative to certain questions regarding the handling of debris from and the maintaining of disposal components during the cloud seeding process.

20. Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report.

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

Closed Session

21. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Govt Code § 54956.9(d)(1))– *Orange County Water District, et. al. v. 3M Company, et. al.* (U.S. District Court, Central District of California Case No. 8:21-cv-01029-SVW-AS)

Report Out: The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:26 p.m., and Board Secretary Hoskinson reported that the Board took no reportable action.

Adjournment.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on **Thursday, July 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,



Jeffrey A. Hoskinson