



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

September 25, 2023

1. Call to Order. A rescheduled 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 Monday, September 29, 2023, with President DAVERT 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, with Director SEARS attending via videoconference.

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

* 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 SEARS submitted a notification of attending via videoconference, on the grounds of a caregiving need of a spouse that required him to participate remotely. The basis for such notification was reported to the Board, and Director SEARS indicated that no other persons aged 18 or older were in the room with him 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 MURDOCH, approved the balance of the Consent Calendar by unanimous roll-call vote as follows:

5. **Minutes:** THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 27, 2023 REGULAR 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;

Items Recommended for Approval by the Engineering and Operations Committee:

10. **Sewer Manhole and Water Valve Grade Adjustments:** THE BOARD RATIFIED THE CONTRACT TO EXCEL PAVING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$255,255;
11. **SCADA System Improvements to Barrett Pump Station:** THE BOARD APPROVED THE CONTRACT AMENDMENT OF \$83,200 TO TESCO FOR BARRETT PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS;
12. **Field Office Demolition Contract Completion:** THE BOARD APPROVED THE FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE FIELD OFFICE DEMOLITION CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZED THE FILING OF A NOTICE OF COMPLETION;

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

6. **Schedules of Disbursements.** Director NIELSEN indicated his abstention from participation relative to this item before the Board due to a potential conflict.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by THOMS, seconded by MURDOCH, approved the Schedule of Disbursements as submitted to the Board by a roll-call vote of 4-0-1, with DAVERT, MURDOCH, SEARS, and THOMS voting aye, and Director NIELSEN abstaining.

Matters for Consideration.

13. **Capacity, Reliability, Augmentation ("CRA") Project No. 1 Construction Contract Completion.** General Manager Youngblood introduced the item, turning over to Engineering Manager Jeff Smyth for a presentation on the project. Mr. Smyth provided an overview of the project completed.



ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by MURDOCH, seconded by NIELSEN, approved by unanimous roll-call vote the acceptance of the completed CRA Project No. 1 and authorized the filing of a Notice of Completion.

14. Conference and Meeting Requests. General Manager Youngblood introduced the item, indicating that the Orange County Water Summit was the only new upcoming event.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by NIELSEN, seconded by THOMS, approved by unanimous roll-call vote the attendance at the OC Water Summit of all Board members that desired to attend.

15. Proposed rate increase for legal services from AALRR. General Manager Youngblood introduced the item, relative to a proposed rate increase from Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo (AALRR).

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by THOMS, seconded by SEARS, approved by unanimous roll-call vote the proposed rate increase from AALRR.

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

- 7/12 OC LAFCO Commission Meeting
- 7/27 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting
- 8/9 OC LAFCO Commission Meeting

Vice President Murdoch

- 7/11 ACWA Region 10 Board Meeting
- 7/27 ACWA Board Meeting
- 7/27 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting
- 8/10 EOCWD Engineering & Operations Committee
- 8/15 ACWA Business Development
- 8/25 ACWA Region 10 Issue Forum Workgroup

Director Sears

- 7/7 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)
- 7/27 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting
- 8/4 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)
- 8/23 – 8/25 Urban Water Institute Conference, San Diego, CA

Director Thoms

- 7/7 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) Meeting
- 7/27 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting
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8/23 – 8/25 Urban Water Institute Conference, San Diego, CA

Director Nielsen

7/27 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

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Director SEARS provided a summary of the two WACO meetings he attended, including a presentation on earthquakes and water infrastructure. Director MURDOCH reported on the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 10 elections, and Director THOMS upcoming participation on the Water Quality committee. Director NIELSEN made an inquiry relative to the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA).

17. Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by THOMS, seconded by NIELSEN, by unanimous roll-call vote received and filed the report.

Closed Session

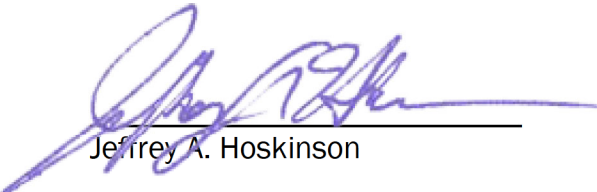
- 1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Govt Code § 54956.9(d)(2))– 1 case**

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

Adjournment.

The Board adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:50 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on **Thursday, October 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