



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

October 20, 2022

Call to Order. A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Orange County Water District was called to order by President DOUGLASS DAVERT at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2022, with President DAVERT leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e), and related findings of the Board of Directors, public attendance was facilitated via video and teleconference, with public permitted to attend in-person or remotely. JEFFREY HOSKINSON, Secretary, recorded the minutes of the meeting.

The following Directors attended the meeting: DOUGLASS DAVERT, GEORGE MURDOCH, JOHN SEARS, and MARILYN THOMS. Director RICHARD BELL was absent.

Also present were:

DAVID YOUNGBLOOD	General Manager
JEFF SMYTH	Engineering Manager
JERRY MENDZER	Operations Manager
SYLVIA PRADO	Office Manager
JEFF HOSKINSON	District Secretary and Legal Counsel
JOHN NIELSEN	Director-Elect
JOHN LEWIS	Lewis Consulting
DEVIN SINNER*	Eide Bailly

(*) attended via videoconference

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

State of Emergency Virtual Meeting Findings.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion from SEARS, seconded by MURDOCH, by unanimous roll-call vote from those members present, renewed for an additional 30 days its prior Government Code section 54953(e) findings, authorizing the continued use of emergency teleconferencing procedures for all District meetings as (1) the State of Emergency declared by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, relative to the COVID-19 emergency, remains in effect; and (2) Orange County public health officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing in connection with such emergency, such that the Board found the while circumstances can be relaxed to allow for in-person attendance, such in-person attendance shall remain optional for members of the Board and public and tele- and videoconferencing options shall remain in effect for an additional 30 days.



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

Public Communications to the Board. No public comments were presented, and no e-mail communications for public comment received.

Consent Calendar. The Board, on motion from THOMS, seconded by SEARS, approved the Consent Calendar items by unanimous roll-call vote from those members present, as follows:

- 5. **Minutes:** THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED;
- 6. **Schedules of Disbursements:** THE BOARD APPROVED THE SCHEDULES OF DISBURSEMENTS 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; and
- 9. **Wholesale and Retail Water Usage Report:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL WATER USAGE REPORT.

Matters for Consideration.

10. District Headquarters Update. General Manager Youngblood introduced the item, turning presentation over to Engineering Manager Jeff Smyth. Mr. Smyth provided a brief overview of the status, discussing an intent to issue a Request for Proposals for a Design-Build contract for construction, with a goal of completion established for December 2023.

ACTION TAKEN: None taken.

Miscellaneous Items.

11. 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
 - 9/14 OC LAFCO Commission Meeting
 - 9/15 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting
- Vice President Murdoch
 - 9/7 ACWA ACE Subcommittee Meeting



9/8 EOCWD Engineering & Operations Committee
9/14 ACWA Leadership to Leadership Session – Region 10
9/15 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting
9/16 14th Annual OC Water Summit
9//21 ACWA ACE Subcommittee Meeting
9/22 ACWA Board of Directors’ Workshop
9/23 ACWA Board of Directors’ Regular Board Meeting

Director Bell

9/6 MWDOC Planning & Operations Committee
9/8 EOCWD Engineering & Operations Committee
9/15 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting
9/16 14th Annual OC Water Summit

Director Sears

9/1 Foothill Communities Association
9/9 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) Meeting
9/15 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting
9/16 14th Annual OC Water Summit

Director Thoms

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Director SEARS made brief comments relative to a climate change presentation attended. Director MURDOCH discussed his ACWA activities over the preceding month, and provided an overview of items discussed at ACWA.

President DAVERT discussed the election of a new Chairman at Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, including Orange County connections. President DAVERT also referenced that OCWD is filing an application for merger with MWDOC in connection with Grand Jury report, which will trigger a lengthy LAFCO review process.

General Manager Youngblood briefly references an Orange County Sanitation District virtual event and tour to be held on November 15, 2022.

12. Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report. Hon. John Lewis of Lewis Consulting presented on his written report, highlighting issues related to MWDOC and OCWD, as well as providing an election cycle update.


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



Adjournment.

The Board adjourned the meeting at or around 5:28 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on **Thursday, November 17, 2022**, at 5:00 p.m., to be held on-line pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and, as applicable, in the offices of the East Orange County Water District, 185 N. McPherson Road, Orange, California.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Hoskinson", is written over a solid black horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive in style.

Jeffrey A. Hoskinson