



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

October 26, 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, October 26, 2023, with Vice-President MURDOCH 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.

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
HON. JOHN LEWIS*	Lewis Consulting
DANIEL ROBINSON*	Robinson Calcagnie, Inc.

\* 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.**

ACTION TAKEN: None.

**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).

ACTION TAKEN: None.

4. **Public Communications to the Board.** None received.

**Consent Calendar.** The Board, on motion from SEARS, seconded by NIELSEN, approved the Consent Calendar by unanimous vote as follows:

5. **Minutes:** THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED;
6. **Schedules of Disbursements:** THE BOARD APPROVED THE SCHEDULE 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;
9. **Wholesale and Retail Water Usage Report:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL WATER USAGE REPORT;

**Matters for Consideration.**

10. **2020 Installment Purchase Agreement.** General Manager Youngblood introduced the item and provided an update on projects funded by the 2020 Installment Purchase Agreement, as well as an ongoing review of potential options to expend savings from authorized projects, including potential use on District Office project.

**ACTION TAKEN:** No action taken. Information only.

11. **Conference and Meeting Requests.** The Board discussed the Urban Water Institute conference in February, and the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) Winter Conference in January in Palm Springs, the latter of which Director NIELSEN desired to attend.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The Board, on motion duly seconded, by unanimous vote authorized Board members, at their discretion, to attend Urban Water Institute or CASA.

12. **Board Meeting Schedule.** General Manager Youngblood introduced the item, proposing that due to holiday conflicts, the November 23, 2023 regular meeting be cancelled, and the December meeting be rescheduled to Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The Board, on motion by MURDOCH, seconded by THOMS, approved the cancellation of the November regular meeting and the rescheduling of the December regular meeting to December 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.



**\*\*\* THE BOARD HEARD ITEM NO. 14 OUT OF ORDER**

**14. Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report.** Hon. John Lewis of Lewis Consulting provided an overview of his written report, including an update on recent Orange County Board of Supervisors meetings as well as certain local and federal election updates. Mr. Lewis also discussed the current drought status, including recent snow in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by MURDOCH, seconded by NIELSEN, by unanimous vote received and filed the report.

**\*\*\* THE BOARD RETURNED TO THE BALANCE OF THE AGENDA AS AGENDIZED**

**Miscellaneous Items.**

**13 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

9/6 MWDOC Board Meeting  
9/20 MWDOC Board Meeting  
9/25 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Vice President Murdoch

9/13 E&O Committee Meeting  
9/25 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director Sears

9/8 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)  
9/25 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director Thoms

9/8 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)  
9/13 E&O Committee Meeting  
9/25 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director Nielsen

9/25 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director SEARS provided a summary of the monthly WACO meeting he attended, including a presentation on electromagnetic groundwater measurements. President DAVERT commented on the presentations at Orange County Water Summit.



**Closed Session.** The Board convened in Closed Session at 5:15 p.m.

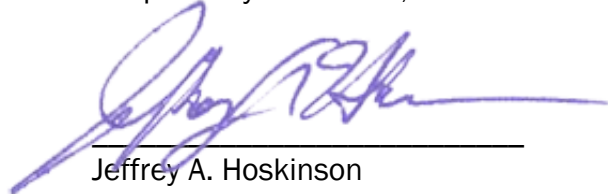
1. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation** (Govt Code § 54956.9(d)(1))– *Orange County Water District, et. al. v. 3M Company, et. al. (U.S. District Court, Central District of California Case No. 8:21-cv-01029-SVW-AS)*

**Report Out:** The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:35 p.m., and Board Secretary Hoskinson reported that the Board took no reportable action.

**Adjournment.**

The Board, at the request of Director THOMS, adjourned the meeting in honor of Tom Rose, former member of and contributor to the Citizens Oversight Committee, who passed away on October 9, 2023, with such adjournment occurring at approximately 5:36 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on **Thursday, December 14, 2023**, at 5:00 p.m., at the Clifton C. Miller Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Jeffrey A. Hoskinson