



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

November 17, 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, November 17, 2022, with Director RICHARD BELL 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, RICHARD BELL, JOHN SEARS, and MARILYN THOMS.

Also present were:

DAVID YOUNGBLOOD	General Manager
JOHN NIELSEN	Director-Elect
JEFF SMYTH	Engineering Manager
JERRY MENDZER	Operations Manager
SYLVIA PRADO	Office Manager
JULIAN DE LA O SOLIS	District Staff
WILLIAM VANDERWERFF	President Emeritus/Former Director
JEFF HOSKINSON*	District Secretary and Legal Counsel
CINDY BYERRUM*	Treasurer/Eide Bailly
AL TELLO*	Supervisor Don Wagner's Office
DENIS BILODEAU	Orange County Water District
KARL SECKEL	Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC)

(*) attended via videoconference and/or teleconference

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 MURDOCH, seconded by SEARS, 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 that 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 BELL, approved the Consent Calendar items by unanimous roll-call vote from those members present, as follows:

5. **Minutes:** THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 20, 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. Resolution No. 924 – Commendation for Director Richard Bell. The Board received presentations from the public commemorating Director BELL for his service to the East Orange County Water District and the Orange County water community as a whole. Presentations were received from Al Tello on behalf of the Orange County Board of Supervisors Don Wagner; Denis Bilodeau, Director at the Orange County Water District; and Karl Seckel, Director of the Municipal Water District of Orange County. Mr. Tello presented a virtual proclamation for Director BELL, and Mr. Bilodeau presented a Resolution from the Orange County Water District to Director BELL. Mr. Seckel presented a resolution on behalf of MWDOC, as well as a presentation to the Board in honor of Director BELL.

President DAVERT presented a Resolution on behalf of the EOCWD Board to Director BELL, along with former director and President Emitterus William VanderWerff. Operations Manager presented Director BELL with a golden hydrant, followed by words from Director BELL.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by SEARS, seconded by THOMS, by unanimous roll-call vote approved Resolution No. 924, Expressing Appreciation, Commemorating and



Inviting Public Attention to the Outstanding Services Rendered by Richard B. Bell as a member of the District’s Board of Directors.

11. District Investments. General Manager Youngblood presented the item on investment strategies, along with recommendations from Cindy Byerrum, District Treasurer. President DAVERT inquired on necessary liquidity for current projects, which General Manager Youngblood indicated was not an issue. Various questions were presented by the Board, during which Treasurer Cindy Byerrum joined the meeting via teleconference to participate in discussion.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by MURDOCH, seconded by THOMS, by unanimous roll-call vote approved allocating \$10 million from the Local Agency Investment Fund (“LAIF”) to investments at Raymond James and the California Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (“CLASS”), each in the amount of \$5 million, as recommended.

12. District Reserve Funds Policy Update. President DAVERT briefly introduced the item. Brief discussion occurred as to the reason for the 6-month versus 10-month reserve policy, as well as a discussion on why asset replacement cost analysis was not utilized.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by SEARS, seconded by MURDOCH, by unanimous roll-call vote approved Resolution No. 925 approving a revised Reserved Funds Policy.

Miscellaneous Items.

13. Conference and Meeting Requests. General Manager Youngblood presented the Urban Water Institute (“UWI”) Spring Conference to be held in Palm Springs on February 22-24, 2023

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by THOMS, seconded by MURDOCH, by unanimous roll-call vote approved attendance of all members of the Board to attend the UWI Spring Conference as desired.

14. 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

- 10/12 OC LAFCO Commission Meeting
- 10/20 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Vice President Murdoch

- 10/3 ACWA Member Recruitment && Retention Plan Workgroup
- 10/13 EOCWD Engineering & Operations Committee
- 10/17 ACWA Business Development Committee – Zoom Meeting
- 10/20 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting
- 10/24 ACWA Region 10SLC Prep

Director Bell
10/13 EOCWD Engineering & Operations Committee

Director Sears
10/6 Foothill Communities Association (FCA)
10/7 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) Meeting
10/20 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

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Director SEARS attended WACO meeting, and discussed the events at such meeting, including a climate change presentation. Vice-President MURDOCH discussed the upcoming ACWA Conference at Indian Wells. Director BELL made a brief comment on a pure water project. Director THOMS commented on non-EOCWD related conservation rebate and project costs. President DAVERT commented on the virtual State of the Orange County Sanitation District ("OCSD"), including project overview.

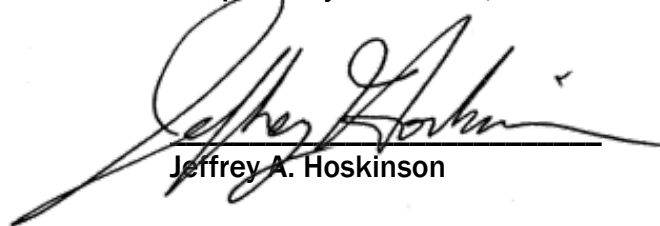
15. Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report. Submitted on written reports.

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

Adjournment.

The Board adjourned the meeting at or around 5:53 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on **Thursday, December 15, 2022**, at 5:00 p.m., to be held in the offices of the East Orange County Water District, 185 N. McPherson Road, Orange, California and online pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e).

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Hoskinson