



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

January 22, 2026

1. Call to Order. A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Orange County Water District, held at the District Office, located at 185 N. McPherson Road in the City of Orange, California, was called to order by President GEORGE MURDOCH at 4:00 p.m. on January 22, 2026. Director DOUGLASS DAVERT led the Pledge of Allegiance. JEFFREY HOSKINSON, Secretary, recorded the minutes of the meeting.

The following Directors attended the meeting: DOUGLASS DAVERT, KARIN MARQUEZ, GEORGE MURDOCH, JOHN SEARS, and MARILYN THOMS.

Also present were:

DAVID YOUNGBLOOD	General Manager
BOBBY YOUNG	Engineering Manager
SYLVIA PRADO	Administrative Manager
JEFF HOSKINSON	District Secretary and Legal Counsel
CHAD WANKE	Orbis Public Affairs (Consultant)
ED MEANS	Means Consulting (Consultant)

Other staff and members of the public may have attended but are not listed above.

2. 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.

3. Public Communications to the Board. None.

CONSENT CALENDAR. Item 4 was pulled from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion before consideration. The Board, on motion from DAVERT, seconded by MARQUEZ, approved the balance of the Consent Calendar by a unanimous vote as follows:

- 5. Wholesale and Retail Water Usage Report:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE WHOLESAL AND RETAIL WATER USAGE REPORT;
- 6. Schedules of Disbursements:** THE BOARD APPROVED THE SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS AS SUBMITTED;
- 7. Financial Statements:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS; and



4. Minutes from December 11, 2025 Meeting. General Manager David Youngblood introduced the item, referencing that the minutes needed a correction relative to Item No. 13. With respect to that item, the reference to \$200 per meeting was supposed to be, based on the Board's discussion, \$210 per meeting.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by DAVERT, seconded by THOMS, by unanimous vote approved the minutes with the compensation to be considered amended to reflect \$210 per meeting.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION.

8. 2026 Strategic Plan. General Manager Youngblood introduced the item, with consultant Ed Means present. Director THOMS commented that sewer system matters should be addressed and suggested adding sewer references in the message from the Board, and including the start date of sewer service and the sewer's inclusion in the applicable rate study.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by DAVERT, seconded by SEARS, by unanimous vote approved the 2026 Strategic Plan subject to discretion of the General Manager to make the minor revisions as discussed.

9. Public Hearing and Consideration for Approval of Ordinance 2026-01. President MURDOCH opened the public hearing, invited public comment, and closed the hearing with no public in attendance. Following such hearing, in light of the clarification in the minutes of the discussion of \$210 per meeting rather than \$200 per meeting, and the corresponding error in the Notice of the Public Hearing, the Board pulled the item for re-noticing and a subsequent public hearing at its next meeting.

ACTION TAKEN: No action taken.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

10. Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report. Consultant Chad Wanke discussed sewer service outside District boundaries and the importance of reporting factual information; discussion included IRWD services adjacent to EOCWD's sewer and preferences regarding treatment destinations.

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



11. General Manager's Report. General Manager Youngblood provided an AMI project update, noting receipt of materials from the contractor and a technology update. Director THOMS inquired regarding septic-to-sewer; the General Manager reported outreach with Mark Thomas, efforts to set meetings, and pursuit of earmark funding for extending sewer lines and related infrastructure including a lift station.

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

12. 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 Murdoch

12/2-12/4 ACWA Conference; San Diego

12/11 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

12/12 ACWA Special Videoconference Board of Directors Meeting

Vice President Thoms

12/1-12/4 ACWA Conference; San Diego

12/9 ISDOC Executive Committee Meeting

12/11 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

12/12 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)

Director Davert

12/11 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director Sears

12/2-12/4 ACWA Conference; San Diego

12/11 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

12/12 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)

Director Marquez

12/2-12/4 ACWA Conference; San Diego

12/11 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director SEARS reported on the WACO meeting, which included a presentation relative to the status of the Bay Delta Project at the December 12 meeting, and a presentation from Rob Thomas relative to Orange County Sanitation District services at the January meeting.

President MURDOCH provided an ACWA update.



ADJOURNMENT.

The Board adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:59 p.m. to a Regular Meeting to be held at 4:00 p.m. on **Thursday, February 19, 2026**, at the District Office located at 185 North McPherson, Orange, California, 92869.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Jeffrey A. Hoskinson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Jeffrey A. Hoskinson