



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

July 24, 2025

**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 5:00 p.m. on July 24, 2025. 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
JERRY MENDZER	Operations Manager
BOBBY YOUNG	Engineering Manager
SYLVIA PRADO	Administrative Manager
JEFF HOSKINSON	District Secretary and Legal Counsel

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

- 4. Minutes:** THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 26, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED;
- 5. Wholesale and Retail Water Usage Report:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE WHOLESALE 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



8. **Account Signature Authorizations:** THE BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 25/26.01 AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES FOR ALL ACCOUNTS AND RESCINDING PRIOR RESOLUTION.

#### **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION.**

9. **Board Meeting Schedule.** General discussion was held regarding scheduling around holidays and conferences, Director availability, and potential dates. The Board ultimately determined to further consider the item at a planned September 4, 2025 Special Meeting.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by DAVERT, seconded by THOMS, by unanimous vote canceled the August regular meeting and continued the item to a September 4, 2025, special meeting to be held in lieu of the September regular meeting.

10. **Vacancy and Recruitment Public Hearing.** President Murdoch opened the public hearing. General Manager Youngblood presented the item. There were no public comments. The public hearing was closed.

ACTION TAKEN: None.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.**

11. **Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report.** President MURDOCH noted the Townsend report in the agenda packet.

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

12. **General Manager's Report.** General Manager Youngblood presented his report, including introduction of Chad Wanke of Orbis Public Affairs and updates on GIS mapping, LAFCO MSR, ACWA matters, and AMI funding.

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

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 MURDOCH  
6/4 Meeting with Interim ACWA Executive Director  
6/5-6/6 ACWA Board Meeting, Sacramento CA  
6/10 ACWA Finance Audit Subcommittee Meeting  
6/12 EOCWD Engineering & Operations Committee  
6/18 ACWA State Legislative Committee Prep Meeting  
6/18 ACWA Region 8, 9, 10 Workgroup Meeting



6/24 ACWA Finance Committee Meeting  
6/26 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting  
6/27 ACWA Special Board Meeting

Vice President THOMS

6/3 Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) Executive Committee Meeting  
6/6 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)  
6/12 EOCWD Engineering & Operations Committee Meeting  
6/26 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director DAVERT

6/26 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting  
6/26 MWDOC Water Policy Forum

Director SEARS

6/6 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)  
6/26 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting  
6/26 MWDOC Water Policy Forum

Director MARQUEZ

6/26 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting  
6/26 MWDOC Water Policy Forum

Director SEARS provided a summary of the WACO President, relating to the impact and status of Western electrification goals and hydrogen blending.

Director MARQUEZ commented on the MWDOC Policy Dinner presentation of Troy Edgar, to which Director DAVERT provided further comment.

Vice-President THOMS discussed a Metropolitan Water District of Southern California event at Lake Skinner, where she visited the water storage facility.

President MURDOCH discussed various items occurring in connection with ACWA, including at an ACWA President/Vice-President dinner where the main topic of discussion related to the Bay Delta and various sides of the positions on that topic.



**CLOSED SESSION.** The Board convened to Closed Session at 5:35 p.m. in connection with the following items:

14. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Govt Code § 54956.8)  
Property: Orange County Assessor Parcel No. 105-015-32  
Agency Negotiator: David Youngblood, General Manager; Jeff Hoskinson, General Counsel  
Negotiating Parties: Crown Castle MU LLC
15. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code § 54957)  
Title: General Manager

**OPEN SESSION:** The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:02 p.m., reporting that no reportable action took place in closed session.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

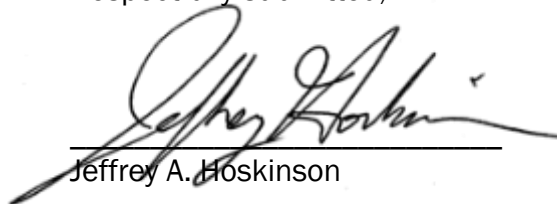
16. **Consideration of General Manager Contract**

**ACTION TAKEN:** The Board, on motion by DAVERT, seconded by SEARS, by unanimous vote approved an increase of 5% to the annual salary of the General Manager.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

The Board adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:05 p.m., to a Special Meeting to be held on **Thursday, September 4, 2025**, at a time to be determined and noticed to the public, at the District Office located at 185 North McPherson, Orange, California, 92869.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jeffrey A. Hoskinson