



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

August 13, 2025

1. Call to Order. A Special 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 5:01 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2025. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director MARQUEZ. The minutes of the meeting were recorded by the Secretary.

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. Public Communications to the Board. None

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION.

3. Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project Award. General Manager Youngblood and Engineering Manager Young presented the recommendation to award a turnkey AMI solution agreement to Keystone Utilities Solutions. They outlined the procurement process, including five vendor responses, committee rankings, and Keystone's relevant experience with installations in Newport Beach and Paramount.

General Manager Youngblood reviewed the project scope, key assumptions, and financial considerations. The total project cost is \$804,147, with funding from a \$1 million grant requiring a 20% local match. This results in a net cost of \$150,000–\$200,000 to the Retail Zone, which has already been budgeted. Board questions focused on the pre-proposal meeting and the flexibility of grant fund utilization.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by DAVERT, seconded by SEARS, by a unanimous vote of all members present (5-0), approved award of the AMI Project to Keystone Utilities Solutions as recommended.



4. 6 MG Reservoir Preliminary Design Report (PDR) Award. General Manager Youngblood and Engineering Manager Young presented the recommendation to award a Professional Services Agreement to Carollo Engineers, Inc. The discussion included CalOES design funding with a 25% local match, timing and extension considerations, coordination with wholesale partners to confirm reservoir sizing (potentially smaller), and interest from third parties such as Golden State and the City of Tustin. Staff noted the proposed location would provide significant fire flow benefits to EOCWD and neighboring agencies.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by THOMS, seconded by DAVERT, by a unanimous vote of all members present (5-0), approved award of the PDR to Carollo Engineers, Inc. as recommended.

5. Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) Update Adoption. General Manager Youngblood presented the proposed SSMP 2025 update, noting the six-year renewal cycle, integration with ongoing master planning work, and continued annual reviews. President MURDOCH requested the SSMP be posted on the District's website upon approval.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by DAVERT, seconded by SEARS, by a unanimous vote of all members present (5-0), approved the SSMP 2025 update.

6. 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.

7. Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Municipal Service Review (MSR) Review and Comments. The General Manager introduced the informational item, discussing the MSR process, the current public comment period and deadline, staff's draft comments addressing discrepancies (including population served and District reserves), and the lack of identified shared services opportunities in the draft MSR. The discussion also focused on potential language regarding septic-to-sewer conversions and the funding issues being homeowners would have to pay for conversions, not that the District has insufficient funds.


ACTION TAKEN: None.



ADJOURNMENT.

The Board adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:37 p.m., to a Special Meeting to be held on **Thursday, September 4, 2025**, at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 185 North McPherson, Orange, California, 92869.

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 in style.

Jeffrey A. Hoskinson