



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

October 23, 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 4:00 p.m. on October 23, 2025. Director JOHN SEARS 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
CHAD WANKE	Orbis Public Affairs

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 DAVERT, seconded by THOMS, approved the Consent Calendar by a unanimous vote as follows:

4. **Minutes:** THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD JULY 24, 2025, AND SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS HELD AUGUST 14, 2025, AND SEPTEMBER 4, 2025, WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED;
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. **Conference and Meeting Requests:** THE BOARD AUTHORIZED ATTENDANCE AT URBAN WATER INSTITUTE 2026 SPRING CONFERENCE IN FEBRUARY 2026 AS DESIRED.

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

9. **Sewer Combination Vacuum Excavation Truck Purchase.** General Manager Youngblood presented the item, noting that the current combination truck is not reliable and requires a high number of proprietary repairs limited to the manufacturer. It was noted that the new vehicle would be more versatile and utilize standardized parts. The recommendation included a 5% contingency to cover extraneous costs. The Engineering and Operations Committee supported the acquisition.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by DAVERT, seconded by MARQUEZ, by unanimous vote authorized the General Manager to execute purchase agreement and otherwise acquire a Sewer Combination Vacuum Excavation Truck as presented in the amount of \$822,233 with a 5% contingency.

10. **Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.** Engineering Manager Bobby Young presented the item, noting the update is currently underway to meet regulatory requirements. The plan covers floods, wildfires, and mitigation strategies, and the District is proactively engaged with the City of Orange, Fire Department, and other agencies. This item was an update to the Board, so the Board could inform members of the community.

ACTION TAKEN: Information only, no action taken.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.**

11. **Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report.** Consultant Chad Wanke provided an update on LAFCO and the OC Power Authority, noting the City of Costa Mesa declined moving forward with the OC Power Authority. Director Davert provided a LAFCO staff position update.

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, noting that President MURDOCH is now Chair of Region 10 and on the ACWA Board of Directors. General Manager Youngblood reported that the EPA issued a notice of award for \$1 million for the AMI project, and the District has the contractor on board and ready to start installing meters likely after January 1, to which Director DAVERT inquired as to the impacts of the United States Government shutdown on such funding.

General Manager Youngblood also reported on the Moulton Niguel Water District ("MNWD") Emergency Supply Project, noting no new information but highlighting that we may need to



discuss at a future meeting potential policy responses. Finally, General Manager Youngblood noted that an employee appreciation holiday event would be planned for November, rather than the normal December date.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by DAVERT, seconded by SEARS, 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

7/9 ACWA State Legislative Committee Prep Meeting  
7/22 EOCWD Strategic Plan Meeting  
7/23 ACWA President and Vice President Town Hall  
7/24 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting  
7/29 ACWA Regions 8,9,10 Joint Meeting  
7/31 ACWA Board Workshop; Sacramento, CA  
8/1 ACWA Board Meeting; Sacramento, CA  
8/6 ACWA Region 10 Fall Conference Program Planning Meeting  
8/13 ACWA State Legislative Committee Prep Meeting  
8/13 EOCWD Special Board Meeting  
8/14 ACWA Finance Subcommittee Meeting  
8/20 MWDOC Board Meeting  
8/20 ACWA Business Development Associate Program Meeting  
8/25 ACWA Special Videoconference Board of Directors  
8/26 ACWA Finance Committee  
9/4 EOCWD Special Board Meeting and Strategic Plan Workshop  
9/5 Orange County Water Summit  
9/11 EOCWD Engineering & Operations Committee Meeting  
9/11 ACWA Regions 8,9,10 Workgroup Meeting  
9/18 ACWA Board Meeting; Sacramento, CA  
9/19 ACWA Board Meeting; Sacramento, CA  
9/30 ACWA Special Board Meeting

Vice President Thoms

7/1 Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) Executive Committee Meeting  
7/11 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)  
7/22 EOCWD Strategic Plan Meeting  
7/24 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting  
7/30-8/1 CASA Annual Conference; San Diego CA  
8/1 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)  
8/5 Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) Executive Committee Meeting  
8/13 EOCWD Special Board Meeting  
9/2 ISDOC Executive Committee Meeting



9/4 EOCWD Special Board Meeting and Strategic Plan Workshop  
9/5 Orange County Water Summit  
9/11 EOCWD Engineering & Operations Committee Meeting  
9/19 IRWD PFAS Treatment Plant Dedication

Director Davert

7/23 Strategic Plan Meeting  
7/24 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting  
8/13 EOCWD Special Board Meeting  
8/20-22 Urban Water Institute Conference; San Diego, CA  
9/4 EOCWD Board Meeting and Strategic Plan Workshop

Director Sears

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Director Marquez

7/22 Strategic Plan Meeting  
7/24 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting  
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Director SEARS reported on WACO and the Emergency Water Interconnections program. He also discussed the August 1, 2025 presentation relating to the Farm Bureau and an Orange County Agricultural presentation.

Directors DAVERT and MARQUEZ had no comments.

Vice-President THOMS noted the upcoming ISDOC Luncheon.

President MURDOCH provided an update on ACWA and the recruitment of an executive director. President MURDOCH also discussed an upcoming joint Region 8, 9, and 10 ACWA Meeting on the Colorado River, and also highlighted the ACWA Conference to be held in December.



### CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened to Closed Session in connection with the following items:

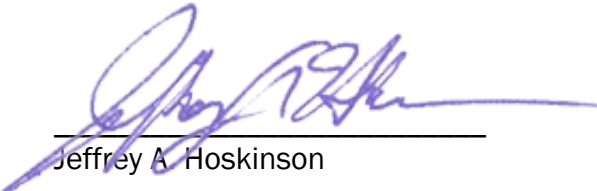
14. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Govt Code § 54956.8)  
Property: Orange County Assessor Parcel No. 105-015-32  
Agency Negotiator: David Youngblood, General Manager; Jeff Hoskinson, General Counsel  
Negotiating Parties: Crown Castle MU LLC  
Under Negotiation: License Fee and Terms of Payment
15. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Govt Code § 54956.9(d)(1))  
*East Orange County Water District v. Pacific Bell, et. al.* (Orange County Superior Ct. Case No. 30-2022-01290371-CU-OR-CJC)

**OPEN SESSION:** General Counsel Hoskinson reported that, with respect to Item 14, the Board, on motion by DAVERT, seconded by THOMS, by unanimous vote approved a license agreement with Crown Castle with discretion to the General Manager to agree to minor modifications. Copies of the license agreement will be available to the public on request once signed by all parties. The Board otherwise took no reportable action.

### ADJOURNMENT.

The Board adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:33 p.m. to a Regular Meeting to be held at 4:00 p.m. on **Thursday, December 11, 2025**, at the District Office located at 185 North McPherson, Orange, California, 92869.

Respectfully submitted,



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Jeffrey A. Hoskinson