



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

March 26, 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 Thursday, March 26, 2026. President MURDOCH led the Pledge of Allegiance. JEFF 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
JEFF HOSKINSON	District Secretary and Legal Counsel
CHAD WANKE	Orbis Public Affairs (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. The Board, on motion from DAVERT, seconded by SEARS, approved the Consent Calendar by a unanimous vote as follows:

- 4. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held February 19, 2026:** THE BOARD APPROVED THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED;
- 5. Wholesale and Retail Water Usage Report:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL WATER USAGE REPORT;
- 6. Schedule of Disbursements:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS;
- 7. Financial Statements:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS;



8. **Conference and Meeting Requests:** THE BOARD AUTHORIZED ATTENDANCE AS DESIRED.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION.

9. **Local Agency Formation Commission of Orange County (OC LAFCO) Election.**

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by SEARS, seconded by THOMS, by unanimous vote adopted Resolution No. 25/26.01 supporting the nomination of Director DAVERT as the Special District Representative for OC LAFCO and designating Director THOMS as the alternate voting member for the Independent Special District Selection Committee.

10. **General Manager's Report.** General Manager Youngblood reported that OCWD adopted a rate of \$728 per acre-foot and that Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MET) is over \$1,400 per acre-foot. OCWD will continue to set the basin production percentage at 85%. Additionally, it was reported that approximately 300 Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) water meters have been installed, with installations progressing over the next couple of months.

The District's website update is being completed by CV Strategies and is expected to be live in a few months.

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

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

11. **Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report.** President MURDOCH provided an update regarding Townsend and noted an ACWA meeting scheduled for the following day on AB 865 concerning the California Aqueduct and subsidence, with concerns that a Northern California amendment could divert funds and reduce subsidence funding.

Chad Wanke of Orbis Public Affairs made a correction to a prior report, and discussed ongoing discussions at the County relative to the Bowerman Landfill, which received nine notices of violation. Mr. Wanke also discussed the potential for the Olinda Landfill to close in the next couple of years, with the County holding decades of capacity at its other two landfills.

Mr. Wanke noted that the City Attorney in Laguna Hills abruptly resigned, as well as a dispute between Dana Point and the State relative to the Headlands Trail, with State demands to reduce public access by 60% due to impacts on the Pacific pocket mouse.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by DAVERT, seconded by SEARS, by unanimous vote determined to receive and file the Monthly Legislative and Outreach 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

- 2/9 ACWA Region 10 – Agenda Coordination Meeting
- 2/10 ACWA – Revenue Subcommittee Meeting
- 2/11 ACWA State Legislative Committee – Region 10 Prep
- 2/17 ACWA Region 10 Board Meeting
- 2/18 ACWA – Educational Subcommittee Meeting
- 2/18 ACWA Regional Briefing on New ACWA Initiative
- 2/19 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting
- 2/23-26 ACWA DC 2026 – Annual Washington, DC Conference

Vice President Thoms

- 2/3 ISDOC Executive Committee Meeting
- 2/6 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)
- 2/19 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director Davert

- 2/19 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting
- 2/25-26 Urban Water Institute Spring Conference; Indian Wells, CA

Director Sears

- 2/6 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)
- 2/11 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting
- 2/19 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting
- 2/25-26 Urban Water Institute Spring Conference; Indian Wells, CA

Director Marquez

- 2/11 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting
- 2/19 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting
- 2/25-26 Urban Water Institute Spring Conference; Indian Wells, CA

Director SEARS reported on the most recent WACO meeting, summarizing a UCR presentation on data center water demands outpacing current water supply capabilities, theorizing that community water systems will require significant new infrastructure to meet peak demands.

President MURDOCH provided an ACWA DC update, including participation and discussions with Representative Young Kim regarding appropriations and funding. President MURDOCH also reported on a March 19 ACWA meeting, where ACWA adopted a vision of the future of water to prepare for the gubernatorial transition.

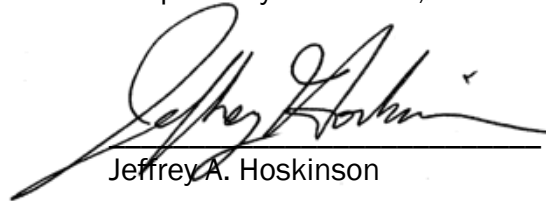
No additional Director or staff comments were offered.



ADJOURNMENT.

The Board adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:25 p.m. to a Regular Meeting to be held at 4:00 p.m. on **Thursday, April 23, 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