



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

April 23, 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, April 23, 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
JERRY MENDZER	Operations Manager
BOBBY YOUNG	Engineering Manager
SYLVIA PRADO	Administrative Manager
RAMON GALLEGOS	GIS Manager
JEFF HOSKINSON	District Secretary and Legal Counsel
CHAD WANKE	Orbis Public Affairs (Consultant)
CHRIS DEAL	Best, Best & Krieger (Special 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 DAVERT, seconded by SEARS, approved the Consent Calendar by a unanimous vote as follows:

- 4. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held March 26, 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;

***** ITEM 10 HEARD OUT OF ORDER**

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

10. Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report. Chad Wanke of Orbis Public Affairs presented his report, including various area political entity updates.

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.

***** RETURN TO BALANCE OF THE AGENDA**

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION.

8. Geographic Information System (GIS) & Work Order Management Presentation. General Manager Youngblood introduced the item and turned the presentation over to GIS Manager Ramon Gallegos, who provided a brief update to the Board on the status of the GIS and Asset Management Systems and an overview of the new Esri Software-based system.

ACTION TAKEN: No action taken. Information only

9. General Manager's Report. General Manager Youngblood highlighted key elements of his report, including updates on the budget process, PFAS settlement payments, the status of the automated metering infrastructure (AMI) project, and community outreach related to potential septic-to-sewer conversion projects.

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



MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

11. 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

- 3/18 EOCWD Engineering & Operations Committee
- 3/19 ACWA Region Chair/Vice Chair Leadership Meeting
- 3/20 ACWA Board Meeting – Sacramento, CA
- 3/23 ACWA Board of Directors Meeting - Executive Director Recruitment
- 3/25 ACWA State Legislative Committee – Region 10 Prep (TP Leads)
- 3/26 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting
- 3/30 ACWA Board of Director's Closed Session Meeting; Executive Director Candidate Interviews

Vice President Thoms

- 3/3 ISDOC Executive Committee Meeting
- 3/6 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)
- 3/18 EOCWD Engineering & Operations Committee
- 3/26 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director Davert

- 3/26 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director Sears

- 3/2 Foothill Communities Association (FCA) Annual Meeting
- 3/6 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)
- 3/26 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director Marquez

- 3/26 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

Director SEARS reported on the most recent WACO meeting, summarizing a presentation relative to the Bay Delta.

Vice-President THOMS noted that the next ISDOC luncheon will be on April 30, 2026.

President MURDOCH provided an update on ACWA, including discussions relative to ACWA's new policies on taking positions on projects of significance. President MURDOCH also discussed a presentation on the future of PFAS and various related compounds potentially coming in the future.

No additional Director or staff comments were offered.

CLOSED SESSION (Convened at 4:45pm).

12. 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)

Report Out: The Board reconvened in open session at approximately 5:20pm, with General Counsel Hoskinson reporting that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Board adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:20 p.m. to a regular meeting to be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at the District Office located at 185 N. McPherson Road, Orange, California 92869.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Hoskinson