

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

October 18, 2018

1. Call to Order. A Regular Meeting/Workshop of the Board of Directors of the East Orange County Water District was called to order by President DOUGLASS DAVERT, Director, at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 18, 2018, in the offices of the East Orange County Water District, 185 N. McPherson Road, Orange, California, with Director RICHARD BELL leading the Pledge of Allegiance. JEFF HOSKINSON, Secretary, recorded the minutes of the meeting.

The following Directors were present: RICHARD BELL, DOUGLASS DAVERT, JOHN DULEBOHN, and JOHN SEARS. Director SEYMOUR EVERETT was absent from this meeting. Also present were:

LISA OHLUND	General Manager
SYLVIA PRADO	District Administrative Assistant
JERRY MENDZER	Operations Manager
JULIAN DE LA O SOLIS	EOCWD Staff
JEFF HOSKINSON	District Secretary and Legal Counsel
GEORGE MURDOCH	Public
STEVEN ANDREWS	Steven Andrews Engineering
DAVID CORDERO	Communications Lab
JACK PANICHAPAN	G+P Architects

2. Public Communications to the Board. None.

3. Items Arising After Posting of Agenda. None.

4. Consent Calendar.

The Board, on a motion by BELL, seconded by SEARS, adopted by unanimous vote of those members present the Consent Calendar items as follows:

A. Minutes: THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED.

5. Operation, Management and Construction Matters.

A. Conference and Meeting Request – Attendance at City of Orange Mayor’s Breakfast: Director DAVERT presented recommendation, relative to support of the City of Orange Mayor’s Breakfast.

ACTION TAKEN:

The Board, on motion by SEARS, seconded by DULEBOHN, unanimously among those members present authorized the General Manager discretion to sponsor up to a table at the City of Orange Mayor’s Breakfast, based on interest from Board members and staff.

B. Vista Del Lago Septic-to-Sewer Project Status Report and Request to Approve Reimbursement Agreement. General Manager Ohlund presented a brief update on the construction status of the Vista Del Lago sewer project, and the agreement to reimburse the participating landowners in the event of a future connection to such system within the next 15 years.

ACTION TAKEN:

The Board, on motion by DULEBOHN, seconded by BELL, unanimously among those members present approved the Reimbursement Agreement as proposed, and authorized the General Manager and Legal Counsel to take action as appropriate to finalize and execute such agreement, including authority to make necessary non-substantive modifications.

6. Workshop Matters.

**** Items 6(A) through 6(D) were presented in reverse order, commencing with Item 6(D) and concluding with Item 6(A).**

D. Administration and Operations Facilities Program – Review and Discussion. General Manager Ohlund introduced the item for discussion, and made a two-phase presentation with Jack Panichapan relative to planning for the Administration and Operations Building Facilities Program.

ACTION TAKEN:

None.

C. Permanent Water Conservation Regulations – Water Code § 10609 et. seq. / SB 606 and AB 1668. General Manager Ohlund introduced the item for discussion, and made a two-part presentation with David Cordero relative to an overview and implementation of the SB 606/AB 1668 water conservation measures, and outreach efforts to prepare for such implementation.

ACTION TAKEN:

None.

B. Future Septic-to-Sewer Conversions – Challenges and Issues: General Manager Ohlund presented the item for discussion, including background on District commitments to the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (“LAFCO”) and local residents relative to proactive effort to move landowners in territory from septic to sewer service. Ms. Ohlund’s presentation included an overview of the approximate location of septic customers, and the need to establish District policies relative to such conversions—which will be brought back to the Board for formal approval. The Board generally indicated support for the approach.

ACTION TAKEN:

None.

A. Wholesale Zone Low Demand Update and Discussion. General Manager Ohlund presented the item for discussion, including a history of the District’s efforts to address its low demand issues and various objections and positions from wholesale customers City of Tustin, City of Orange, Irvine Ranch Water District, and Golden State Water Company. Ms. Ohlund reviewed the various scenarios considered and discussed to address low demand water quality issues. Ms. Ohlund recommended that the District develop a Low Demand Policy, requiring all wholesale customer agencies to take a continuous flow at connections designated by the General Manager upon request during low demand conditions, regardless of time of year.

Ms. Ohlund indicated that the recommended approach would be based on Scenario 5, with no discount for any usage. District staff will draft a policy and distribute to all wholesale agencies by October 31, 2018, with an intention to bring a policy to the Board for approval at its November 15, 2018 meeting. Director DULEBOHN suggested that it be referred to as a Water Quality Policy rather than a Low Demand Policy. The Board generally indicated support for the approach.

ACTION TAKEN:

None.

7. Adjournment.

ACTION TAKEN:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m., to a regular meeting to be held as a Workshop on November 15, 2018, at 5:00 p.m., at the Offices of the East Orange County Water District, 185 N. McPherson Road, Orange, California.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Hoskinson