

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

January 12, 2017

1. Call to Order. A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Orange County Water District was called to order by DOUGLASS DAVERT, President of the Board of Directors, at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2017, in the offices of the East Orange County Water District, 185 N. McPherson Road, Orange, California. JOAN ARNESON, Secretary, recorded the minutes of the meeting.

The following Directors were present: RICHARD BELL, DOUGLASS DAVERT, JOHN DULEBOHN, SEYMOUR EVERETT and JOHN SEARS.

Also present were:

LISA OHLUND	General Manager
JERRY MENDZER	Maintenance & Operations Superintendent
SYLVIA PRADO	District Administrative Assistant
JOAN ARNESON	District Secretary and Legal Counsel
BILL EVEREST	EOCWD Consultant
KEN VECCHIARELLI	Golden State Water Company
TOM ROBERTS	Irvine Ranch Water District
DOUG STACK	City of Tustin
STACEY CUWAS	City of Tustin
JOSE DIAZ	City of Orange
ART VALENZUELA	City of Tustin
FRANK CAHILL	RCE
ANDREW BAVANE	EOCWD

2. Public Communications to the Board. None.

3. Workshop – Wholesale Zone Water Quality and Capacity Management .

Ms. OHLUND gave an historical overview of the wholesale system and the District's and retailers' operational objectives over time. She then reviewed the water quality issues currently arising from low usage, proposed new requirements and possible future solutions.

Comments were received from representatives of the retail agencies. They expressed opposition to the proposal, including their views that a collaborative solution was needed rather than EOCWD dictating the operation of their systems; that flushing may be a necessity that can't be avoided; and that EOCWD's own Retail Zone had reduced its wholesale usage to maximize groundwater usage. Mr. VALENZUELA read a letter from Tustin. He described an incident where Tustin believed flushing had occurred at their connection without their

knowledge; Mr. MENDZER responded to this alleged occurrence, pointing out the location and explaining the operation.

President DAVERT said he wanted to better understand how the retailers operated their systems. He acknowledged that everyone wanted to slow this process to explore solutions, but also expressed concern with the urgency of the water quality issue. Director BELL suggested a committee to explore collaborative solutions. President DAVERT expressed a hope that the process not be too adversarial, asking that a group be convened soon, and update the Board at the January 19 meeting.

4. **Adjournment.**

ACTION TAKEN:

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m., the next regular meeting being Thursday, January 19, 2017, at 5:00 p.m., to be held in the Offices of the East Orange County Water District, 185 N. McPherson Road, Orange, California.

Respectfully submitted,



Joan C. Arneson