

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

September 19, 2019

1. Call to Order. A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Orange County Water District was called to order by DOUGLASS DAVERT, Board President, at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 19, 2019, in the offices of the East Orange County Water District, 185 N. McPherson Road, Orange, California, with Vice-President 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, GEORGE MURDOCH, and JOHN SEARS.

Also present were:

LISA OHLUND	General Manager
SYLVIA PRADO	District Administrative Assistant
JERRY MENDZER	Operations Manager
JEFF SMYTH	Engineering Manager
JUSTIN DAVIS	EOCWD Operator
JULIAN DE LA O SOLIS	EOCWD Staff
JEFF HOSKINSON	District Secretary and Legal Counsel
STEVEN ANDREWS	Steven Andrews Engineering
BILL VANDERWERFF	Former Board President and Director
ERIC O'DONNELL	Townsend & Associates
HON. JOHN LEWIS	Lewis Consulting

2. Public Communications to the Board. President DAVERT welcomed and recognized former EOCWD Director and President of the Board Mr. Bill VanderWerff. Mr. VanderWerff thanked the Board and staff for placing his photo and notation of his emeritus status in the lobby. No additional public comments were made.

3. Items Arising After Posting of Agenda. None

4. Consent Calendar.

The Board, on motion from BELL, seconded by DULEBOHN, approved the the Consent Calendar items by unanimous vote as follows:

- A. Minutes:** THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 15, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED;
- B. General Manager's Report:** THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT WAS RECEIVED AND FILED;
- C. Septic-2-Sewer – Vista Del Lago Project Status Report:** THE BOARD RECEIVED THE REPORT FOR INFORMATION ONLY;

- D. Per- and Poly-Fluoroalkyl Substances (“PFAS”) Status Report: THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE REPORT.

**** ITEM 7(D) TAKEN OUT OF ORDER, BEFORE THE BALANCE OF THE AGENDA**

7. **Miscellaneous Matters.**

D. **Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report:** Eric O’Donnell of Townsend & Associates presented a Legislative Recap to the Board, outlining legislation passed and pending in Sacramento. Mr. O’Donnell’s overview addressed hot topics currently in Sacramento, as well as summaries of water related items including the Water Tax, AB 756 (PFAS Monitoring); AB 352 (Wildfire Climate Change); and SB 1 (Environmental Policies).

Hon. John Lewis of Lewis Consulting provided a general summary of local Orange County political issues, ranging from the shifting political climate of Orange County, the status of the Prado Dam Fix, and John Wayne Airport aviation changes, among other items.

**** THE BALANCE OF THE AGENDA WAS CONSIDERED IN ORDER**

5. **Operation, Management and Construction Matters.**

A. **Hazardous Mitigation Plan.** Brief presentation of item by General Manager Ohlund.

ACTION TAKEN:

On motion by BELL, seconded by SEARS, the Board unanimously awarded a contract to Tetra Tech for preparation of a Hazardous Mitigation Plan in an amount not to exceed \$116,580.

B. **Acquisition of 2018 Vactor Jetter Equipment.** Brief presentation of item by General Manager Ohlund, confirming that a warranty would be provided with purchase.

ACTION TAKEN:

On motion by SEARS, seconded by MURDOCH, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of a 2018 Vactor Jetter from the Haaker Corporation for an amount not-to-exceed \$257,522.50.

C. **Browning Avenue Sewer Replacement Program – Owner-Controlled Insurance Program (“OCIP”) Presentation.** General Manager Ohlund introduced the item, followed by a presentation by District Counsel Hoskinson on the advantages and disadvantages of OCIP wrap-around general liability insurance coverage for the Browning Avenue Sewer Replacement Project.

ACTION TAKEN:

No action taken. Information only.

D. **Orange County Water District (“OCWD”) Well Grant.** Brief presentation by General Manager Ohlund.

ACTION TAKEN:

On motion by DULEBOHN, seconded by SEARS, the Board approved the draft comment letter to OCWD regarding the potential rescission of the Well Grant and directed staff to forward the same to OCWD.

6. Financial Matters.

- A. Approval of schedules of disbursements.**
- B. Report on investments/ratification of investment activity.**
- C. Receipt and filing of financial statements (July 31, 2019).**

ACTION TAKEN:

On motion by DULEBOHN, seconded by MURDOCH, the Board unanimously: (1) approved the schedules of disbursements, as amended and submitted before the Board; (2) ratified and approved the schedule of investments, as presented; and (3) received and filed the financial statements.

- D. Adoption of Wholesale, Retail, and Sewer (ID1) Connection and Capacity Charges.**

ACTION TAKEN:

On motion by SEARS, seconded by DULEBOHN, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 859, 860, and 861 entitled, "RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ESTABLISHING CONNECTION AND CAPACITY CHARGES FOR THE WHOLESALE SERVICE ZONE WITHIN THE DISTRICT"; (2) "RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ADOPTING CHANGES TO NON-WATER DELIVERY CHARGES FOR RETAIL SERVICE"; AND (3) "RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ESTABLISHING CONNECTION AND CAPACITY CHARGES FOR THE SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 WITHIN THE DISTRICT."

7. Miscellaneous Matters.

- A. Wholesale and Retail Water Usage Report – August 2019:**

ACTION TAKEN:

On motion by BELL, seconded by SEARS, the Board unanimously received and filed the wholesale and retail water usage report.

B. Conference and Meeting Request.

- i. Association of California Water Agencies (“ACWA”) Fall Conference and Exhibition – December 3-6, 2019 (Grand Hyatt, San Diego).

ACTION TAKEN:

Upon motion by DULEBOHN, seconded by BELL, the Board unanimously authorized attendance at the ACWA Fall Conference and Exhibition by Directors MURDOCH and SEARS.

C. Director’s Reports on Meetings Attended at District Expense (Govt. Code § 53232.3.) and Director’s Comments. All Directors reported attendance at the Municipal Water District of Orange County (“MWDOC”) Water Policy Dinner at the Weston Hotel on September 5, 2019.

Director SEARS reported attendance at: (1) OCWD PFAS briefing with Representative Harley Rouda on August 22, 2019; (2) the Community Leaders Water Briefing with Congressman Lou Correa on August 29, 2019; (3) the Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (“WACO”) meeting on September 6, 2019; and (4) the Tustin Exchange Club Heroes Recognition Evening, Elks Lodge Santa Ana on September 7, 2019. President DAVERT summarized and discussed his attendance at different agencies throughout Orange County, including the Grand Opening of the Placentia Library, as well as a PFAS Briefing by MWDOC Director Brett Barbre.

Director DULEBOHN commented on his visit to Napa (not as a representative of the District), and his being impressed with the public outreach on conservation in Napa.

8. Informational Items.

A. **General interest publications.** Ms. Ohlund indicated nothing additional to add beyond presented material.

9. Adjournment.

ACTION TAKEN:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m. to a regular meeting to be held at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2019, at the Offices of the East Orange County Water District, 185 N. McPherson Road, Orange, California.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Hoskinson