

Approved May 26, 2021

**EAST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**April 14, 2021**

**MINUTES**

The Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Directors: Coats, Goodrich, Morales, Smith

**ABSENT:** Director Carrillo

**STAFF:** John Mura, General Manager/CEO; Brian Tompkins, Chief Financial Officer; Jeff Noelte, Director of Engineering and Operations; Patrick Milroy, Operations Manager; Justine Hendricksen, District Clerk; Shayla Antrim, Senior Administrative Assistant

**LEGAL COUNSEL:** Jean Cihigoyenetché

**GUEST(s):** Members of the public

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Smith declared the public participation section of the meeting open at 4:32 p.m.

There being no written or verbal comments, the public participation section was closed.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

M/S/C (Morales-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the April 14, 2021 agenda be approved as submitted.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board entered into Closed Session at 4:33 p.m. as provided in the Ralph M. Brown Act Government Code Sections 54956.9(a) and 54956.8 to discuss the item(s) listed on the agenda.

**THE BOARD RECONVENED THE MEETING AT 5:30 P.M.**

Director Goodrich led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Directors: Coats, Goodrich, Morales, Smith

ABSENT: Director Carrillo

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

With respect to Item #2: Legal Counsel stated that no reportable action was taken.

With respect to Item #3: Legal Counsel stated that the Board discussed the two parcels (APN: 0279-212-08-0000 and 0279-212-09-0000) and that the Board unanimously voted to terminate further negotiations.

With respect to Item #4: Legal Counsel stated that no reportable action was taken.

With respect to Item #5: Legal Counsel stated that no reportable action was taken.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Smith declared the public participation section of the meeting open at 5:32 p.m.

There being no written or verbal comments, the public participation section was closed.

**APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 24, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

M/S/C (Morales-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board approve the February 24, 2021 regular board meeting minutes as submitted.

**APPROVE THE MARCH 4, 2021 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The District Clerk noted a typographical error and stated that it will be corrected in the approved minutes.

M/S/C (Morales-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board approve the March 4, 2021 special board meeting minutes as amended.

**DIRECTORS' FEES AND EXPENSES FOR MARCH 2021**

M/S/C (Morales-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board approve the Directors' fees and expenses for March 2021 as submitted.

**APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2021**

M/S/C (Morales-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board approve the financial statements for February 2021 as submitted.

## **REVIEW FRAUD PREVENTION AND DETECTION POLICY**

The Chief Financial Officer reviewed the Fraud Prevention and Detection Policy and provided a brief summary of each item; he reviewed the purpose of the policy and stated that no changes were made.

Information only.

## **APPROVAL OF LILLIAN SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT CONTRACT**

The Operations Manager provided background information on two segments of sewer main in need of repair on Lillian Lane and 11<sup>th</sup> Street. He stated that upon further inspection, crews identified additional footage of pipe in need of replacement and that staff recommends making Lillian Lane and 11<sup>th</sup> Street two separate projects, with the current fiscal year addressing Lillian Lane.

M/S/C (Coats-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call that the Board approve a contract with TK Construction for a not-to-exceed amount of \$231,820 for the Lillian Sewer Main Replacement project as submitted.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Director Morales reported on the following: April 8 he sat on the Inland Empire Economic Partnership Speaker Series where Ms. Dee Dee Myers provided an update on the State economy; April 9 he participated in the East Valley Association of Realtors meeting where he provided an update on the Sterling Natural Resource Center; April 10 he participated in the Association of California Water Agencies Region 9 meeting where they discussed proposed changes to the bylaws; and April 13 he participated in the San Bernardino Board of Water Commissioners meeting where they discussed the new mall development.

Director Coats reported on the following: April 6 he participated in the North Fork Water Company Annual meetings; April 8 he participated in the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Advisory Commission on Water Policy meeting; April 12 he discussed the agenda and District business with the General Manager/CEO; April 12 he participated in the Association San Bernardino County Special Districts Association meeting where they discussed future meetings; and April 13 he met with Director of Engineering and Operations to view construction progress of the Sterling Natural Resource Center.

Vice Chairman Goodrich reported on the following: April 6 he participated in the North Fork Water Company Annual meetings; April 8 he participated in the Legislative and Public Outreach Committee meeting where he received updates on several assembly bills; and April 9 he met with the General Manager/CEO to review the agenda and discuss District business.

Chairman Smith reported on the following: April 6 he participated in the North Fork Water Company Annual meetings; April 8 he participated in the Legislative and Public Outreach Committee meeting; April 9 he met with the General Manager/CEO to review

the agenda; and April 14 he participated in the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Board meeting with nothing to report.

Information only.

## **GENERAL MANAGER/CEO REPORT**

The General Manager/CEO stated that the Customer Service Department is now open to the public. He added that customers can make payments and conduct property related business Monday through Friday; and to protect customers and staff, all social distancing protocols will remain in place.

The General Manager/CEO stated that he will be participating in a Recycled Water Ad-hoc meeting on April 22 along with Chairman Smith and Vice Chairman Goodrich.

The General Manager/CEO announced that the District has officially joined YouTube and can be found by searching for username EastValleyWater. The District will use this popular social media channel to showcase Sterling Natural Resource Center milestone videos, conservation tips, District highlights and more.

The General Manager/CEO announced upcoming meetings and events:

- April 21 at 5:30 p.m. the District will be holding a Special Board meeting where program managers will be presenting their FY 2021/22 Goals & Objectives.
- April 22 the District will be celebrating Earth Day by providing ways to conserve water through social media posts.
- May 12 at 5:30 p.m. the District will be holding a Virtual Public Hearing; a Prop 218 notice with additional information was mailed to all customers at the end of March.

The General Manager/CEO thanked the public for their continued support during these trying times and for participating in the District's teleconferencing meetings; and stated that the District will continue to hold meetings via teleconference until further notice.

Information only.

## **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

No report at this time.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Director Coats stated that he appreciates the great work staff has been doing over the past 14 months.

Director Morales commended staff for making repairs in the field rain or shine, that their dedication is much appreciated.

Chairman Smith thanked staff for putting this evening's meeting together.

Information only.

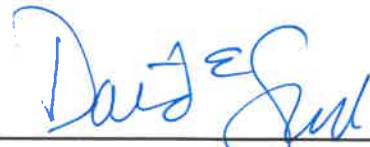
**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.



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**John Mura, Secretary**



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**David E. Smith, Board President**