

Approved July 14, 2021

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

June 9, 2021

MINUTES

The Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Director Coats led the flag salute.

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: John Mura, General Manager/CEO; Brian Tompkins, Chief Financial Officer; Jeff Noelte, Director of Engineering and Operations; Kelly Malloy, Director of Strategic Services; Kerrie Bryan, Director of Administrative Services; Justine Hendricksen, District Clerk; Shayla Antrim, Sr. 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 5:32 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 June 9, 2021 agenda be approved as submitted.

APPROVE THE APRIL 28, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

M/S/C (Carrillo-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board approve the April 28, 2021 regular board meeting minutes as submitted.

DIRECTORS' FEES AND EXPENSES FOR MAY 2021

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

REVIEW DRAFT BUDGET FOR FY 2021-22

The Chief Financial Officer presented the proposed Operating and Capital Budget for FY 2021-22 to the Board. He stated that the draft FY 2021-22 Budget was presented to the Community Advisory Commission for review and feedback.

The Chief Financial Officer recited district-wide goals and reviewed a summary of the following: the operating budget, district-wide revenues and expenses, a program overview of each department, capital outlay, capital improvement projects, and authorized positions.

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CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STUDY AND UPDATED SALARY SCHEDULES

The Director of Administrative Services discussed the steps the District took to conduct a compensation study in accordance with the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between East Valley Water District and the East Valley Water District Employees Partnership.

Ms. Kari Mercer, Project Manager of Koff & Associates, provided a presentation to the Board with detailed information of the Classification and Compensation Study process.

M/S/C (Coats-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board approve the salary schedules as submitted.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Coats reported on the following: June 1 he participated in the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Board meeting; June 3 he participated in the California Special Districts Association's Professional Development Committee meeting; June 7 he participated in the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts meeting where they decided to hold the July 19 meeting in person; and June 8 he discussed District business with the General Manager/CEO.

Director Carrillo reported on the following: June 4 he participated in the San Bernardino City Council meeting where they adopted the FY 2021/22 Budget; June 8 he participated in the Highland City Council meeting where they approved the Greenspot Crossing Development.

Director Morales reported on the following: June 4 he participated in the Association of California Water Agencies Board meeting where they discussed the Compensation and Classification Study; June 8 he participated in the San Bernardino Board of Water Commissioners meeting where they discussed the loss of revenue due to Covid shut-off orders; and June 8 he participated in the Finance and Human Resources Committee meeting.

Vice Chairman Goodrich reported on the following: May 27 he participated in the 2X2X2 Regional Recycled Water Ad-hoc meeting and toured the Sterling Natural Resource Center; June 3 he met with the General Manager/CEO to review the agenda; and June 8 he participated in the Finance and Human Resources Committee meeting.

Chairman Smith reported on the following: May 27 he participated in the 2X2X2 Regional Recycled Water Ad-hoc meeting; June 3 he met with the General Manager/CEO to review the agenda; and June 8 he participated in the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Board meeting.

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GENERAL MANAGER/CEO REPORT

The General Manager/CEO reported on the following:

- The Customer Service Department is now open to the public. Customers can make payments and conduct property related business transactions Monday through Friday. To protect customers and staff, all social distancing protocols will remain in place.
- The recently published Sterling Natural Resource Center Construction Update video continues to reach the community; and that the video has now reached over 4,000 people through Facebook and YouTube.
- As summer quickly approaches, the District is encouraging customers to participate in the Direct Installation Weather Based Irrigation Controller program. By switching to a Weather-Based Irrigation Controller (WBIC), EVWD customers can save up to 7,600 gallons of water outdoors per year. He directed the public to the District's website for more information.

The General Manager/CEO stated that the District will be hosting a virtual Legislative & Public Affairs Committee meeting on June 10 at 2:00 p.m.

The General Manager/CEO thanked the public for their continued support during these trying times and for participating in the District's meetings via teleconference.

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LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Legal Counsel cited a recent case that was heard in the California Supreme Court: *Kaanaana vs. Barrett*. He briefly discussed the lawsuit and how it could affect Special Districts service contracts in regard to prevailing wage. He stated that lead agencies are actively involved in trying to obtain a legislative fix to this issue and in circumventing foreseeable problems, but they may take a year or more. He stated that the District will need to evaluate its current contracts and discuss how to move forward with the Department of Industrial Relations.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Morales congratulated Mr. Rocky Welbourn on his advancement to the position of Water Reclamation Manager. He also commended Water Pathway Interns on completing the program.

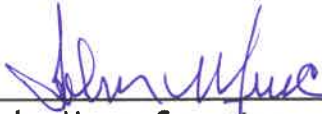
Director Coats echoed Director Morales' comments.

Chairman Smith thanked everyone for attending the Board meeting.

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ADJOURN

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.



John Mura, Secretary



David E. Smith, Board President