

Approved July 28, 2021

**EAST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

June 23, 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; 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 (Carrillo-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the June 23, 2021 agenda be approved as submitted.

MAY 12, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

M/S/C (Coats-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board approve the May 12, 2021 regular board meeting minutes as submitted.

MAY 19, 2021 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

M/S/C (Coats-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board approve the May 19, 2021 special board meeting minutes as submitted.

DISBURSEMENTS

M/S/C (Coats-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the General Fund Disbursements #257703 through #257846 which were distributed during the period of May 1, 2021 through May 31, 2021, bank drafts, and ACH Payments in the amount of \$8,198,157.77 and \$359,488.89 for payroll and benefit contributions, totaling \$8,557,646.66 be approved.

APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR MAY 2021

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

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2021.11 - ADOPTING THE 2020 UPPER SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED INTEGRATED REGIONAL URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN, PUBLIC HEARING

The Director of Engineering and Operations discussed the collaboration efforts and roles of water managers of the Santa Ana River watershed. He described the purpose of the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act and how that played into local agencies forming the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). He described the California Urban Water Management Planning Act and stated that the District falls under this Act. He stated that the Act allows for water suppliers to work together to develop a cooperative regional Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). He stated that both plans are due to be updated. He stated that with approval from the California Department of Water Resources, the District along with 19 other water suppliers and water management organizations in the upper Santa Ana River watershed decided to combine the IRWMP and the RUWMP into a single document known as the 2020 Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Integrated Regional Urban Water Management Plan (IRUWMP).

The Director of Engineering and Operations provided details of the 2020 IRUWMP including legal requirements, those involved in its formation and guidelines that were followed. He stated that in accordance with applicable law, a Notice of Public Hearing regarding the District's adoption of Part 1, Part 2 Chapter 6, Part 3 and Part 4 Appendix F of the 2020 IRUWMP was published within the jurisdiction of the District on June 9 and June 16, 2021.

THE CHAIRMAN OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:40 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Smith declared the public participation section of the meeting open at 5:40 p.m.

There being no written or verbal comments, the public participation section was closed at 5:41.

ADJOURN TO REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT 5:41 P.M.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Director of Engineering and Operations responded to a question from Director Morales regarding how the document was received by the State. He first commended San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District for identifying the opportunity to combine the two documents. He stated that it was well received by the State.

There were no other questions or comments from the Board.

M/S/C (Morales-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board adopt Resolution 2021.11, adopting the 2020 Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Integrated Regional Urban Water Management Plan as submitted.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2021.12 - ADOPTING THE WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN, PUBLIC HEARING

The Director of Engineering and Operations provided information regarding the California Urban Water Management Planning Act (UWMP) and its prescribed requirements to prepare and adopt a Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP). He described the purpose and main feature of the WSCP. He stated that the UWMP Act specifies the requirements and procedures to adopt the WSCP and pursuant to recent amendments to the UWMP Act, urban water suppliers are required to adopt and electronically submit their WSCPs to the California Department of Water Resources by July 1, 2021. He stated that District has undertaken all the necessary requirements and requests that the WSCP be adopted.

THE CHAIRMAN OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:47 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Smith declared the public participation section of the meeting open at 5:47 p.m.

There being no written or verbal comments, the public participation section was closed at 5:48.

ADJOURN TO REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT 5:48 P.M.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Director Morales stated that he appreciates the proactive planning.

Director Coats stated that he reviewed the document three times and that it's well written.

There were no other questions or comments from the Board.

M/S/C (Carrillo-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board adopt Resolution 2021.12, adopting the Water Shortage Contingency Plan 2020 as submitted.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ADOPT RESOLUTION 2021.10 - APPROVING THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

The Chief Financial Officer provided an overview of the proposed FY 2021/22 Operating and Capital Budget document. He stated that the theme is *Connecting People and Technology* and that it is referenced throughout the document. He stated that a new section titled Industry Benchmarks was added by request of the Board. Topics discussed included, but were not limited to influences on the Budget, Revenue and Expense considerations, a breakdown of the Water and Wastewater Fund, a summary of Program Expenditures, Debt Service, Authorized Positions, and a summary of the Operating and Capital Budget.

The Chief Financial Officer stated that throughout the year staff will closely monitor revenues versus program spending and propose adjustments as necessary to ensure the District's fiscal sustainability. He stated that as a part of best financial practices, staff is requesting that the Budget be adopted by resolution.

M/S/C (Coats-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board adopt Resolution 2021.10 to approve the proposed FY 2021-22 Operating and Capital Improvement Program Budget.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF STERLING NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER PROJECT ENHANCEMENTS

The Director of Strategic Services stated that with the adoption of the Budget staff is asking that the District consider project enhancements of the Sterling Natural Resource Center (SNRC). She provided a brief overview of the SNRC project and the benefits of the District using the Progressive Design-Build procurement method for the project.

The Director of Strategic Services provided details on several proposed Sterling Natural Resource Center enhancements identified by staff, including, but not limited to the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority (CAEATFA) Sales Tax Exclusion, Urban Green Grant, Southern California Edison High Voltage Power, Emergency Storage Basin, Regional Recycled Water Pipeline and Weaver Recharge Basins, and Del Rosa and 5th Street Signal Relocation.

M/S/C (Goodrich-Morales) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board authorize additional project costs and the General Manager/CEO to issue Notices to Proceed for Sterling Natural Resource Center project enhancements as submitted.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Coats reported on the following: June 15 he participated in the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Board meeting; June 21 he met the General Manager/CEO's to discuss District business; and June 22 he attended the Highland Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Breakfast.

Director Morales reported on the following: June 15 he attended the Southern California Association of Governments workshop: *The Post Pandemic City*; June 17 he participated in the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 9 Board meeting where he was provided a legislative update; June 18 he participated in the ACWA State Legislative Committee meeting; June 21 he met with the General Manager/CEO for District update; and June 22 he attended the Highland Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Breakfast.

Director Carrillo reported on the following: June 15 he participated in the Inland Action meeting via Zoom; June 18 he participated in a conference call with the General Manager/CEO to discuss District business; and June 22 he participated in the Inland Action weekly meeting where California Citizens Redistricting Commissioner J. Ray Kennedy was the speaker.

Vice Chairman Goodrich reported on the following: June 10 he participated in the Legislative & Public Outreach Committee meeting; June 17 he met with the General Manager/CEO to review the agenda; June 21 he met with the General Manager/CEO to discuss District business; and June 22 he attended the Highland Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Breakfast.

Chairman Smith reported on the following: June 10 he participated in the Legislative & Public Outreach Committee meeting; June 17 he met with the General Manager/CEO to review the agenda; June 21 he met with the General Manager/CEO where he was provided an update on District business; and June 22 he attended the Highland Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Breakfast.

Information only.

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 Monday thru Friday. To protect customers and staff, all social distancing protocols will remain in place.

- June 22, he attended the Highland Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Breakfast for their first in-person meeting since the pandemic began.
- Starting next week all businesses and households in the District will receive the annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), which provides important information pertaining to water quality, District updates and more. The CCR will be made available online year-round at eastvalley.org.
- The District will be celebrating Smart Irrigation Month beginning July 1 by featuring watering tips on social media. Please visit the District's website for more information.

The General Manager/CEO provided information on upcoming events:

- The District will be closed Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day.
- July 13 the District will be hosting a virtual Finance and Human Resources Committee meeting at 3:30pm.

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

Information only.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

No report at this time.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Morales praised staff for their work on the creation of the Budget.

Director Coats commended staff for a job well done.

Chairman Smith stated that he was pleased to read an article in the Highland Community News about the District receiving awards.

Information only.

ADJOURN

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.



John Mura, Secretary



David E. Smith, Board President