

Approved August 28, 2019

**EAST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

July 24, 2019

MINUTES

The Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Director Goodrich 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; Justine Hendricksen, District Clerk; Cecilia Contreras, Senior Administrative Assistant

LEGAL COUNSEL: Jean Cihigoyenetché

GUEST(s): Members of the public

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Carrillo declared the public participation section of the meeting open at 5:30 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C (Coats-Smith) that the July 24, 2019 agenda be approved as submitted.

APPROVE THE JULY 10, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

M/S/C (Smith-Coats) that the Board approve the July 10, 2019 regular board meeting minutes as submitted.

JUNE DISBURSEMENTS

M/S/C (Smith-Coats) that the General Fund Disbursements #254305 through #254480 which were distributed during the period of June 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019, bank drafts, and ACH Payments in the amount of \$4,847,462.21 and \$347,618.45 for payroll and benefit contributions, totaling \$5,195,080.66 be approved.

APPROVE THE INVESTMENT REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

M/S/C (Smith-Coats) that the Board accept and file the investment report for the quarter ended March 31, 2019.

STERLING NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER UPDATE

The Director of Strategic Affairs presented an update to the board regarding the progress of the Sterling Natural Resource Center. She included information related to current funding sources and agreements, regulatory approvals, outreach material for social media, and stated that the project is at sixty percent design completion on the treatment side of the facility. She also stated that the District will be holding quarterly milestone celebration events.

Information only.

CONSIDER DONATION OF SURPLUS VEHICLE TO SANTA CLAUSE INC.

The General Manager/CEO stated that the Board recently took action to surplus several District vehicles for auction. He stated that the District was informed that Santa Clause Inc. had a vehicle stolen that was used to pick up toy donations, and staff is requesting that the Board reconsider their previous action and donate one of the surplus vehicles to Santa Clause Inc.

M/S/C (Coats-Goodrich) that the Board approve the request to donate one surplus vehicle to Santa Claus, Incorporated.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2019.10 - PLACEMENT OF DELINQUENT WATER AND WASTEWATER CHARGES ON THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO'S TAX ROLL FOR 2019-20

The Chief Financial Officer stated that District staff have demonstrated great customer service when working with rate payers who need assistance with payment plans to avoid being disconnected. However, after the District has exhausted all means to collect outstanding balances on closed accounts, the District has the ability to lien a property. He stated that if a lien is not paid, the District is able to the transfer the outstanding balance to the San Bernardino County Tax Roll. Staff is recommending that the Board adopt Resolution 2019.10 and transfer accounts with outstanding balances to the County Tax Roll.

M/S/C (Smith-Coats) that the Board adopt Resolution 2019.10

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2019.11 - CERTIFYING ADDENDUM TO THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE STERLING NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER

The Director of Engineering and Operations stated that in March of 2016, the Board certified the original Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Sterling Natural Resource Center project and since then, there have been potential modifications that

will improve the overall value of the project to the community. The District prepared an addendum pursuant to CEQA for the potential of new or significant environmental impacts not identified in the 2016 EIR. He stated that the project modifications will not create substantial or any new impacts from the original EIR, and that there was no new mitigation that was identified, and no new litigation would be required as a result of implementing the project modifications.

The Director of Engineering & Operations stated that pursuant to the guidelines under CEQA, and the project modifications findings under the addendum, it was determined that this addendum is the appropriate CEQA document and no subsequent EIR is required. Staff is recommending that the Board adopt Resolution 2019.11 certifying the Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Sterling Natural Resource Center.

M/S/C (Smith-Coats) that the Board adopt Resolution 2019.11.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Goodrich reported on the following: July 15 he attended the ASBCSD monthly meeting at Phelon Pinon Hills Community Services District; July 22 he attended the Engineering & Operations Committee meeting; July 23 he attended the Highland Chamber of Commerce luncheon where San Bernardino County Assessor Dutton spoke.

Director Morales reported on the following: July 17 he received a tour of the Sterling Natural Resource Center site; July 22 he attended the Engineering & Operations Committee meeting; July 23 he attended the San Bernardino Water Commission meeting.

Vice Chairman Smith reported on the following: July 11 he attended a Chamber of Commerce event where he was able to meet other members in the local chambers; July 18 he met with the General Manager/CEO to review the agenda and to discuss District business; July 23 he attended the Highland Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Director Coats reported on the following: July 11 he attended a Water Policy meeting; July 16 he attended the San Bernardino City Unified School District board meeting where the District's General Manager/CEO presented a Sterling Natural Resource Center update; July 23 he attended the Highland Chamber of Commerce luncheon

Chairman Carrillo reported on the following: July 18 he met with the General Manager/CEO to review the agenda and to discuss District business; July 18 he attended the Community Heritage and Education Foundation committee meeting.

Information only.

GENERAL MANAGER/CEO REPORT

The General Manager/CEO reported on the following: July 16 he presented a Sterling Natural Resource Center updated to the San Bernardino City Unified School District and stated that Dr. Marsden will be presenting to the East Valley Water District Board members at the second meeting in August. He stated that the Community Heritage Education Foundation conceptual designs will be presented to the Board in August and that the Employees Events Associations delivered 300 backpacks to students at Hunt Elementary.

He reported on the following events:

- August 1 - Retirement luncheon for Allen Williams

Information only.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

No report at this time.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Coats thanked the audience for attending the board meeting.

Vice Chairman Smith thanked staff for their efforts on the Arden Street rehabilitation and the speed at which it was accomplished.

Director Morales thanked the Board for reversing the original decision for the donation of the surplus vehicle.

Director Goodrich appreciated the updates that he received in regard to the Arden Street project.

Chairman Carrillo thanked all the employees who worked on the leak and thanked everyone for attending the board meeting.

Information only.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.



John Mura, Secretary



Chris Carrillo, Board President