

Approved November 25, 2020

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

October 14, 2020

MINUTES

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

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; 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 (Coats-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the October 14, 2020 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 54957(a) to discuss the item(s) listed on the agenda.

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

Vice Chairman Goodrich led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

With respect to Item #2: Legal Counsel stated that in closed session the Hazard Mitigation Plan was discussed pursuant to government code section 54957(a); and 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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

M/S/C (Morales-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board approve the September 9, 2020 regular board meeting minutes as submitted.

APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

M/S/C (Morales-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board approve the September 23, 2020 regular board meeting minutes as submitted.

DIRECTORS' FEES AND EXPENSES FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

M/S/C (Morales-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board approve the Directors' fees and expenses for September 2020 as submitted.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The District's lobbyists, Mrs. Pilar Oñate-Quintana, Mr. David Quintana, and Mr. Jarrell Cook provided a legislative update to the Board. Items discussed included, but were not limited, to the following: the effects that COVID-19 has had on the legislative session and legislation; COVID-19 impacts to the water industry and the State Budget; bond proposals, bills & legislative outreach; dynamics of the 2020 General Elections; and general legislative updates.

Information only.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2020.28 - ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION AND APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF RECOMMENDED COMMISSIONERS

The Director of Strategic Services gave a brief overview of the formation of the Community Advisory Commission (CAC), the purpose it serves and proposed changes. She stated that currently there are two vacant seats on the CAC. Two applications were received to fill the vacancies and the General Manager/CEO and staff conducted virtual

interviews with the candidates. That as a result of the process, staff is recommending the following actions:

Reappointment of Current Commissioners:

Vincent Laster
Dr. Pamela Miller
Fred Auger

Appointment of New Commissioners:

Dr. Alan Kay
Gail Shelton

The Director of Strategic Services stated that staff is requesting the number of commissioners be reduced from seven to five in order to increase the opportunity to fulfill a quorum.

Ms. Gail Shelton thanked the Board for their support and stated that she looks forward to her new role as Commissioner.

Dr. Alan Kay thanked the Board and stated that he looks forward to serving on the Commission.

M/S/C (Carrillo-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call that the Board adopt Resolution 2020.28 as submitted.

APPROVE MATERIALS TESTING AND INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR THE STERLING NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER

The Director of Engineering and Operations provided information regarding a contract amendment with Group Delta Consultants. He stated that when the contract for material testing and inspection services for the Sterling Natural Resources Center was first approved, the project did not include the anaerobic digestion system. With this inclusion, additional materials and inspection services will be needed to ensure that those elements of the project conform with the specified requirements of construction. He reviewed the additional scope of work and requested that the Board approve the amendment value of \$350,000.

M/S/C (Coats-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board authorize the General Manager/CEO to execute a contract amendment with Group Delta Consultants to provide Material Testing and Inspection Services for the Sterling Natural Resource Center project for a not-to-exceed amount of \$350,000.

ADOPT RESOLUTION 2020.26 - HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The Director of Strategic Services provided information regarding updates to the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). She stated that the plan is updated every five years. She explained that with this document, the District becomes eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mitigation grants or reimbursement funds should an

emergency impact the service area. That the final version of this document was reviewed by (FEMA) and the California Offices of Emergency Services (CalOES). The final step in the five-year process requires formal approval by the Board.

M/S/C (Morales-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board adopt Resolution 2020.26 - Adopting the 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan as submitted.

BOARD MEETING CANCELLATIONS

M/S/C (Carrillo-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board approve the cancellation of the November 11, 2020 and the December 23, 2020 regular board meetings.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Carrillo reported on the following: October 7 he participated in the City of San Bernardino City Council meeting where he received an election update from the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters office; and October 13 he participated in the Inland Action meeting.

Director Coats reported on the following: September 28 he participated in the Engineering & Operations Committee meeting; October 6 he participated in the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Board meeting; October 8 he participated in the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District's Board Workshop where Congressman Pete Aguilar was the speaker; and October 13 he attended a site tour of the Sterling Natural Resource Center.

Director Morales reported on the following: October 13 he participated in the San Bernardino Board of Water Commissioners meeting where they discussed COVID-19 related issues; and October 13 he participated in the Finance & Human Resources Committee meeting.

Vice Chairman Goodrich reported on the following: October 7 he met with the General Manager/CEO to discuss District business; October 8 he met with the General Manager/CEO to review the agenda; October 8 he participated in the Legislative & Public Outreach Committee meeting; and October 13 he participated in the Finance & Human Resources Committee meeting.

Chairman Smith reported on the following: September 28 he participated in the Engineering & Operations Committee meeting; October 8 he met with the General Manager/CEO to review the agenda; October 8 he participated in the Legislative & Public Outreach Committee meeting; and October 14 he participated in the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Board meeting.

Information only.

GENERAL MANAGER/CEO REPORT

The General Manager/CEO stated that last Thursday staff participated in an Inland Empire Economic Partnership State of the Region's Economy virtual meeting; the region's economic status was broken down into employment sectors.

The General Manager/CEO provided a COVID-19 update. He stated that every county in California is assigned to a tier based on its rate of new cases and positivity. At a minimum, counties must remain in a tier for at least three weeks before moving forward. Data is reviewed weekly and tiers are updated every Tuesday. As of October 6, San Bernardino County new daily cases is considered "wide-spread" and the positive rate is now listed as "substantial".

The General Manager/CEO welcomed the two new commissioners to the Community Advisory Commission.

The General Manager/CEO announced upcoming meetings and events:

- October 15 at 10:15 a.m. National Great Shakeout Drill, staff will practice their "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" skills. The annual drill focus on earthquake preparedness and safety.
- October 20 from 2-3:30 p.m. the District will be hosting a "Kona Ice Event" at the Sterling Natural Resource Center to celebrate the 2-year anniversary of the SNRC groundbreaking.
- October 21, the District will commemorate "Imagine a Day Without Water" a national event with special social media posts to raise awareness of the importance of water.

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 Morales commended the District for co-presenting with the San Bernardino City Unified School District at the virtual Association of California School Administrators

Leadership Summit; that it's a great testament to the District, and its commitment to partnership and leadership.

Chairman Smith welcomed Dr. Alan Kay and Ms. Gail Shelton to the Community Advisory Commission.

Information only.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.



John Mura, Secretary



David E. Smith, Board President