

Approved December 9, 2020

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

October 28, 2020

MINUTES

The Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 5:32 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; 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 5:33 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 28, 2020 agenda be approved as submitted.

DISBURSEMENTS

M/S/C (Carrillo-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the General Fund Disbursements #256666 through #256816 which were distributed during the period of September 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020, bank drafts, and ACH Payments in the amount of \$12,549,682.25 and \$359,663.26 for payroll and benefit contributions, totaling \$12,909,345.51 be approved.

APPROVE INVESTMENT REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

M/S/C (Carrillo-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board accept and file the investment report for the quarter ended September 30, 2020.

STERLING NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER UPDATE

The Director of Strategic Services provided an update on the construction progress of the Sterling Natural Resource Center.

For information only.

TRANSFER OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS INTO THE DISTRICT GENERAL FUND

M/S/C (Morales-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board authorize the Chief Financial Officer to perform procedures prescribed in the Government Code and Civil Code of Procedure for the purpose of encumbering stale-dated checks and keeping the related funds from escheating to the State as submitted.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Morales reported on the following: October 16 he participated in the East Valley Association of Realtors meeting where they reviewed the political races, and received compliments on the tour of the Sterling Natural Resource Center; October 20 he met the General Manager/CEO at the SNRC site for an update on construction progress; and October 27 he participated in the San Bernardino Board of Water Commissioners meeting.

Director Carrillo reported on the following: October 16 he participated in a conference call with the General Manger/CEO to discuss District business; and October 27 he participated in the Highland Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting where they discussed the Coronavirus relief fund.

Director Coats reported on the following: October 15 he participated in the Advisory Commission on Water Policy meeting; and October 27 he participated in the Highland Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting.

Vice Chairman Goodrich reported on the following: October 22 reviewed the agenda with the General Manager/CEO; and October 27 he participated in the Highland Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting.

Chairman Smith reported on the following: October 19 he participated in the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Board meeting; October 22 reviewed the agenda with the General Manager/CEO; and October 27 he participated in the Highland Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting.

Information only.

GENERAL MANAGER/CEO REPORT

The General Manager stated that today he participated in the Inland Empire Economic Partnership's Workforce Council virtual meeting where the group discussed the IE Regional Business and Employment Recovery Task Force. Tomorrow he will be holding an Orientation meeting with a candidate running for the Board. He reminded everyone to adjust their clocks back an hour this weekend and reduce sprinkler schedules due to the cooler weather.

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 20, San Bernardino County's new positive rate continues to be listed as "substantial".

The General Manager/CEO provided information on upcoming events:

- November 11 - the District will be closed in observance of Veterans Day, and the regularly scheduled board meeting is canceled.
- November 19 - the District will be hosting a virtual award ceremony to present service awards to staff.

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 Carrillo thanked staff for organizing a tour of construction progress at the Sterling Natural Resource Center site for the East Valley Association of Realtors.

Director Coats commended the Operations Manager and staff for success on the use of newly purchased generators used during the recent power outage.

Information only.

ADJOURN

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

David E. Smith, Board President

John Mura, Secretary