

Approved May 12, 2020

**EAST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION**

February 11, 2020

MINUTES

Cecilia Contreras, Senior Administrative Assistant, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led the flag salute.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Dondalski, Laster, Miller, Yauger

ABSENT: Commissioners: None

STAFF: Kelly Malloy, Director of Strategic Services; Cecilia Contreras, Senior Administrative Assistant; Roxana Morales, Public Affairs Specialist; Melissa Valdez, Public Affairs Manager

GUEST(s): Members of the public and local stakeholders

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Senior Administrative Assistant declared the public participation section of the meeting open at 6:01 pm.

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

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

The Director of Strategic Services presented the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) to the Commissioners. She stated that the final version of this document is submitted to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and California Offices of Emergency Services (CalOES) for review and comments; and that when the District receives the approval letter, it will be sent to the District's Board of Directors for final approval of the document. Ms. Malloy explained that with this document, the District becomes eligible for FEMA mitigation grants or reimbursement funds should an emergency impact the service area. She provided information about the plan to include the following but not limited to: how the Hazard Mitigation Plan evaluates manmade and natural hazards; that it develops a strategy to reduce or eliminate impacts, including damage to infrastructure and/or interruption to critical water and wastewater services that impact the service area; and that it breaks the cycle of disaster, damage, restoration, and repeated damage by improving District assets. She reviewed the mitigation goals and objectives for each hazard that the District felt would impact the service area. The top risks that were assessed are: earthquake, drought, wildfire, floods & flashfloods, dependency hazards, physical adversary, cyber-attack, and proximity hazards.

Ms. Malloy opened the agenda item for discussion. Representatives from local stakeholders and the commissioners were able to ask questions and staff answered appropriately.

Information only.

STERLING NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER PROJECT UPDATE

The Director of Strategic Services presented an update to the Commission regarding the Sterling Natural Resource Center including but not limited to: reimbursement funds received from the State; that staff is currently working through the Urban Greening Grant for the landscape portion and the sales tax exclusion; construction is still moving along with extensive cooperation with Southern California Edison and the Regional Water Control Board; staff is working with the South Coast Air Quality Management District for public noticing with the surrounding community; and an overview of the outreach material provided through bill inserts, the website, social media, and advertising.

Information only.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Director of Strategic Services reported out about implementation of SB 998 and how the District has implemented changes to be in compliance including a change in the past due reminder letter format, disconnection notices timing and format, and payment options available to customers. Ms. Malloy gave an update to the current state water use efficiency regulations which is changing the standard for indoor gallons per person per day from 55 to 50 by 2025 along with additional reporting requirements to the State.

Ms. Malloy stated she will be visiting Sacramento for office visits with elected officials along with the General Manager/CEO, Board President, and Board Vice President.

Information only.

OUTREACH UPDATE

The Director of Strategic Services stated that the District continues to outreach to the community with bill inserts, social media, the website, direct mailers, and print advertisements; that the District has been highlighting the following but not limited to construction projects, in-house pipeline projects, sewer line replacement project with San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, Sterling Natural Resource Center, warning about avoiding technology scams, and conservation.

Information only.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Yauger stated that he had a very positive experience when calling in for Ms. Malloy and instead of being sent straight to voicemail, they were able to assist him with what he needed.

Mr. Laster stated that he received the notice from San Manuel that they will be doing work along with East Valley Water District in the area.

STAFF COMMENTS

The Director of Strategic Services stated that the next meeting is scheduled for May and the discussion will be about the upcoming budget, and that she will keep the commissioners updated about the vacant position for Commissioners and the SNRC community group.

Information only.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.



Kelly Malloy
Director of Strategic Services