

Approved October 18, 2021

**EAST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
LEGISLATIVE & PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

April 08, 2021

MINUTES

Kelly Malloy, Director of Strategic Services, called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm and led the flag salute.

PRESENT: Directors: Goodrich, Smith

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Kelly Malloy, Director of Strategic Services; Cecilia Contreras, Public Affairs Coordinator; William Ringland, Public Affairs & Conservation Manager; Janett Robledo, Conservation Coordinator

GUEST(s): None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Public Affairs Coordinator declared the public participation section of the meeting open at 2:03 pm.

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

APPROVE THE AUGUST 13, 2020 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

M/S/C (Smith- Goodrich) that the August 13, 2020 committee meeting minutes be approved as submitted.

APPROVE THE OCTOBER 8, 2020 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

M/S/C (Goodrich-Smith) that the October 8, 2020 committee meeting minutes be approved as submitted.

APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 11, 2021 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

M/S/C (Smith- Goodrich) that the February 11, 2021 committee meeting minutes be approved as submitted.

STERLING NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER PROJECT UPDATE

The Director of Strategic Services provided an update on the progress of construction for the Sterling Natural Resource Center (SNRC) to include the delivery of the generator, installation of iron beams in the influent pump building, grading of the site,

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and that drywall, doors and painting have been done at the Administration building; that now construction has gone vertical and is more visible from the street. She stated that staff continues to outreach with the surrounding neighborhood with a bi-monthly newsletter that spotlights an SNRC team member along with a construction update and impacts; that staff has started to plan for the Topping Out ceremony that will take place in June and are working with the COVID restrictions to be able to host this event safely.

Information only.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Conservation Coordinator stated staff along with the efforts from the District's legislative lobbyist continues to monitor multiple bills including but not limited to monitoring the response of COVID-19, SB 45, AB 1500, AB 1434, AB 377 SB 222, and SB 223; that staff continues to be part of group discussions with Association of California Water Agencies and California Municipal Utilities Association in regard to the disconnection moratorium.

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CONSERVATION UPDATE

The Conservation Coordinator shared with the Committee that this year is on track to becoming the third driest year; that the Governor may be declaring a State drought emergency; and that the State Water Project allocation has been reduced from ten percent to five percent. She stated that the rebate programs continue to be successful and that the District is looking into a parkway turf removal pilot program; that staff will be working with a licensed contractor for assistance with design and implementation; and that this would be a direct install program at no cost to the customer.

Information only.

OUTREACH UPDATE

The Public Affairs/Conservation Manager shared an update on the recent outreach efforts that have been created for the community including but not limited to proactive engagement prior to Capital Improvement Project construction, Pathways Programs, Conservation virtual workshop, and Sterling Natural Resource Center project updates; that staff continues to find new ways to engage with customers through social media, print advertisements, and monthly bill inserts.

Information only.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director Smith thanked staff for the information presented.

Director Goodrich stated that the information presented was very well prepared and is continuously impressed with staff's knowledge.

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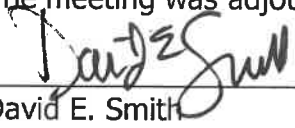
STAFF'S COMMENTS

The Director of Strategic Services thanked the Directors for their time and reminded that the next meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2021 at 2 pm.


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ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 pm.



David E. Smith
Director



Phillip R. Goodrich
Director