

Approved June 4, 2019

**EAST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION**

April 9, 2019

MINUTES

Eileen Bateman, Senior Administrative Assistant, called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm and Mr. Yauger led the flag salute.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Dondalski, Laster, Yauger, Jaurigue, Miller
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Kelly Malloy, Director of Strategic Services; Eileen Bateman, Senior Administrative Assistant
GUEST(s): None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Senior Administrative Assistant declared the public participation section of the meeting open at 6:05 pm.

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

APPROVE THE January 8, 2019 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

M/S/C (Dondalski-Laster) to approve the January 8, 2019 Commission meeting minutes as submitted.

STERLING NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER UPDATE

Ms. Malloy provided an update on current progress of the Sterling Natural Resource Center; that the District is currently reviewing the draft project conditions with the City of Highland; the District is continuing to look for outside funding sources; there was an adjustment to the budget and an environmental analysis to consider some additional changes that would benefit the community through the Sterling Natural Resource Center; the District continues to provide outreach to the community about this project during Board meetings, through bill inserts and at community events.

Information only.

CONSERVATION UPDATE

Ms. Malloy stated that although the State is no longer in a stage of drought there is an effort in develop permanent water use efficiency standards; the District is continuing efforts for conservation with available rebates, community workshops and the weather based irrigation controller direct installation programs; and the District has achieved

a cumulative water savings of 15% within a one-year period from March 2018-2019. Ms. Malloy noted that customer participation in the District programs are very successful; with the District's participation in Valley District's program to receive a 25% rebate reimbursement has allowed an increase to funding the rebate programs for more members of our community. Ms. Malloy stated that a Community Conservation Fest will be held on April 27 to provide information regarding continued conservation even though we are not in a drought and the Sterling Natural Resource Center; the student poster contest is underway to develop the District's 18-month calendar for 2019-2020; and that the District has developed a Demonstration Garden brochure to highlight the most popular plants .

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Malloy stated that the District and the Lobbyists are continuing to watch legislative issues; the water tax continues to be monitored along with legislation regarding water quality; they are also watching items that limit agency fees when dwellings are added to current homes. Ms. Malloy will continue to provide updates with any changes that occur.

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OUTREACH UPDATE

Ms. Malloy reviewed the new East Valley Water District website design which include the following site enhancements: Sterling Natural Resource Center news section; mobile-friendly; quick links for important topics, graphic quick icons; improved navigation menus; modern design and events calendar. Ms. Malloy stated that the District continues to utilize social media to notify followers of the SNRC project benefits and progress, new updates, community events information, conservation tips, and services available to customers; that along with social media the District continues to include bill inserts and advertising in the local newspaper as part of the outreach efforts.

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FACILITY USE UPDATE

Ms. Malloy provided an update to the success of the District Facility Rental Program; the policy amendment from 2017 has resulted in positive feedback from the community; the District has contracted with a new beverage serving service that has proven to be an added benefit with the support needed to provide a safe and responsible event; and staff continues to monitor the effectiveness of the Facility Rental Program to ensure that costs are maintained within the program.

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WATER AND SEWER MASTER PLANS

Ms. Malloy provided a brief review of the Water and Sewer System Master Plan including: water demand projections, system evaluations for current and future conditions, recommendations for improvements to address deficiencies, sewer system descriptions, and sewer flows projections during different weather conditions.

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COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Yauger inquired on the status of his request having the board meetings audio recorded so that they can be listened to if participants are unable to attend.

Mr. Laster expressed his appreciation to Directors Coats and Goodrich for their presentation at the Del Rosa Neighborhood Association meeting and stated that he attended the State of the City for San Bernardino where they discussed the partnership with East Valley Water District.

Mr. Dondalski commended East Valley Water District field crews for their wonderful customer service.

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STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Malloy stated that the next meeting will be to go over items for the next fiscal year budget and goals and objectives.

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ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.


Kelly Malloy
Director of Strategic Services