

Approved June 11, 2020

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

**May 22, 2020**

**MINUTES**

Kelly Malloy, Director of Strategic Services, called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm. Director Goodrich led the flag salute.

PRESENT: Directors: Goodrich, Smith

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Kelly Malloy, Director of Strategic Services; Cecilia Contreras, Senior Administrative Assistant

GUEST(s): None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Senior Administrative Assistant 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.

**APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2019 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

M/S/C (Smith-Goodrich) that the September 6, 2019 committee meeting minutes be approved as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 1, 2019 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

M/S/C (Smith-Goodrich) that the November 1, 2019 committee meeting minutes be approved as submitted.

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE UPDATE**

The Director of Strategic Services stated that the District is moving forward with the request for reimbursement as a small project which will be up to \$130,000; that the District continues to work with the consultant to prepare the emergency activation documents for the Incident Action Plan and the After Action Review, and the reimbursement documents and procedures; that the staff continues to monitor the County, State and CDC guidelines pertaining to the COVID-19.

Information only.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

The Director of Strategic Services stated that legislation has been heavily impacted by the emergency; that there have been amendments in the Brown Act for meetings to allow for teleconference; that the Governor's executive order doesn't allow the District

to disconnect services for nonpayment; and that the District continues to monitor Edison's planned power shut-off events. She stated that staff continues to monitor the impacts of SB 998 with the delinquency payments and how much of that is related to COVID-19.

Information only.

#### **OUTREACH UPDATE**

The Director of Strategic Services provided an update on the outreach that the District is continues to send including bill inserts, newspaper ads, social media, direct mailers about topics relating to COVID-19, conservation, water quality, projects, and the Sterling Natural Resource Center (SNRC). She stated that during this time, District staff is usually very busy with community events, career days, and tours but with the changes due to the current pandemic, staff is looking for different paths to continue the engagement with the community; that these have included Spanish informational handouts at a local grocery store and the possibility of hosting a virtual meeting for informational updates about the SNRC. Ms. Malloy stated that staff continues to work on the redesign of the utility bill but information regarding budget based rates and their calculations have been added to the website to assist customers with additional information.

Information only.

#### **COMMUNITY GROUP APPOINTMENT PROCESS**

The Director of Strategic Services stated that the Community Advisory Commission currently has two vacancies; that she will be taking the policy to the Board of Directors for approval to incorporate the following changes: reorganization of the functions to clarify the advisory capacity and the appeals process, the expansion of the commission up to seven members, and the incorporation of term limits; that once the Board approves the changes, the application period will be open for a month.

Information only.

#### **SET THE DAY AND TIME FOR HOLDING RECURRING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Committee discussed and established that they will meet the second Thursday at 2 pm of every other month, beginning June 11, 2020.

Information only.

#### **DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

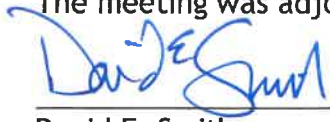
There were no comments at this time.

#### **STAFF'S COMMENTS**

There were no comments at this time.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 pm.



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David E. Smith  
Director



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Phillip R. Goodrich  
Director