

Approved March 14, 2018

**EAST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

January 10, 2018

MINUTES

The Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Directors: Carrillo, Coats, Morales, Shelton

ABSENT: Director: Smith

STAFF: John Mura, General Manager/CEO; Brian Tompkins, Chief Financial Officer; Kelly Malloy, Public Affairs/Conservation Manager; Kerrie Bryan, HR/Risk Safety Manager; Justine Hendricksen, District Clerk; Shayla Gerber, Administrative Assistant

LEGAL COUNSEL: Marty Cihigoyenetché

GUEST(s): Members of the public

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Carrillo declared the public participation section of the meeting open at 4:30 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C (Coats-Shelton) that the January 10, 2018 agenda be approved as submitted.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered into Closed Session at 4:31 p.m. as provided in the Ralph M. Brown Act Government Code Section 54956.8 to discuss the item(s) listed on the agenda.

VICE CHAIRMAN SMITH ARRIVED AT 4:53 P.M.

THE BOARD RECONVENED THE MEETING AT 5:30 P.M.

Director Coats led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Directors: Carrillo, Coats, Morales, Shelton, Smith

ABSENT: None

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

With respect to Item #2: No reportable action taken.

PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL ITEMS

- Certificate of Appreciation for Edward Amaya in recognition of his dedication as a founding member of the East Valley Water District Community Advisory Commission

The General Manager/CEO stated that since Commissioner Amaya was not present, the item will be deferred at this time.

- Introduction of newly hired employee: Jeff Noelte, Director of Engineering and Operations

The General Manager/CEO introduced Mr. Noelte; he gave a brief review of his past work experience and education; and stated that he will be an amazing asset to the District and our community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Carrillo declared the public participation section of the meeting open at 5:34 p.m.

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

APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 21, 2017 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

M/S/C (Smith-Shelton) that the Board approve the November 21, 2017 special board meeting minutes as submitted.

APPROVE THE DECEMBER 12, 2017 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

M/S/C (Smith-Shelton) that the Board approve the December 12, 2017 special board meeting minutes as submitted.

APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2017

M/S/C (Smith-Shelton) that the Board approve the financial statements for November 2017 as submitted.

DISBURSEMENTS

M/S/C (Smith-Shelton) that the General Fund Disbursements #251229 through #251409 which were distributed during the period of November 1, 2017 through November 30, 2017, bank drafts, and ACH Payments in the amount of \$4,183,091.77 and \$363,070.15 for payroll and benefit contributions, totaling \$4,546,161.92 be approved.

DIRECTORS' FEES AND EXPENSES FOR DECEMBER 2017

M/S/C (Smith-Shelton) that the Board approve the Directors' fees and expenses for December 2017 as submitted.

IRS MILEAGE RATE

M/S/C (Smith-Shelton) that the Board adopt the standard mileage reimbursement rate established by the IRS for 2018.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE 2018-19 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

The Public Affairs/Conservation Manager reviewed changes to the Legislative Platform; and stated that periodic review of the document ensures consistency with the District's vision.

Ms. Pilar Onate Quintana gave a presentation on key legislation for 2018, the status of long-term water conservation, pending conservation legislation, proposed tax on water, and lead in drinking water legislation. Ms. Quintana provided more in-depth information regarding the proposed water tax legislation, as requested by the General Manager/CEO.

Ms. Anna Alvarado introduced herself to the Board as the new lobbying team member with the Quintana Cruz Company.

Director Morales stated that he and Vice Chairman Smith reviewed the draft Legislative Platform document at the Legislative & Public Outreach Committee meeting.

Chairman Carrillo thanked the Quintana Group for their presentation.

M/S/C (Morales-Smith) that the Board adopt the 2018-19 Legislative Platform.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE DISTRICT'S UPDATED STRATEGIC PLAN

The General Manager/CEO gave a brief overview of the process used to update the District's Strategic Plan.

Director Morales stated that he is pleased with the document.

Director Coats commended staff on the document and stated that it sets the pace for the District.

Director Shelton expressed her satisfaction with the document.

M/S/C (Coats-Shelton) that the Board adopt the updated Strategic Plan.

ESTABLISH THE 2018 COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNMENTS

Chairman Carrillo stated that he reviewed the Representative Committee assignments with Vice Chairman Smith; the Conservation Committee has been eliminated for 2018 due to changes in drought regulations; and he announced the new representatives for the Standing and Ad-Hoc Committees.

Information only.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Morales reported on the following: January 8 he attended the Highland Chamber of Commerce meeting where he was introduced to the new Chamber Executive Director; he met the Highland Community News newspaper editor, James Fulmer; and on January 9 he attended the San Bernardino Board of Water Commissioners meeting where they discussed GASB 75.

Director Coats reported on the following: on December 14 he attended the Advisory Commission on Water Policy where he received an update on the California Water Fix; on December 18 he observed the re-lining of wastewater pipes within the District; and on December 19 he attended the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District meeting where he received a presentation by Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) on Application for Groundwater Storage Program.

Director Shelton had no reports at this time.

Vice Chairman Smith reported on the following: on December 28 he met with Chairman Carrillo and the General Manager/CEO for a District update; he attended the retirement party for Mr. Charles Roberts; and on January 10 he attended the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation Water Conservation District meeting.

Chairman Carrillo reported on the following: on December 20 he participated in the Association of California Water Agencies Legal Affairs conference call; on December 21 he attended the Legislative & Public Outreach Committee meeting where they finalized the Legislative Platform; and on December 28 he met with the General Manager/CEO for a District update.

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GENERAL MANAGER/CEO REPORT

The General Manager/CEO wished everyone a happy new year and announced that District operations went smoothly during the closure; on December 28 he held a 2018 executive planning session with the Chair and Vice Chairman; on January 5 he met with

Mr. Charles Kiel and the Historical Society to discuss possible partnerships with the District; and on January 9 he held an executive planning session with staff.

The General Manager/CEO informed the Board of upcoming meetings and events:

- January 15, 2018 - District closed due to observance of Martin Luther King Jr. holiday
- January 18 @ 2:00 p.m. - Special North Fork Water Company meeting
- January 22 - ACWA Region 9 Board meeting at the District
- January 22 @ 2:30 p.m. - Engineering & Operations Committee meeting
- January 23 @ 3:30 p.m. - Finance & Human Resources Committee meeting

Information only.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

No report at this time.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Shelton wished everyone a happy new year; and announced that she is resigning from the East Valley Water District Board of Directors as of this evening.

Director Morales commended Chairman Coats and Vice Chairman Carrillo for their service on the Board, and he stated that he looks forward to Director Smith serving as Vice Chairman; and he thanked Director Shelton for her service on the Board.

Director Coats stated that he will miss Director Shelton; and made the following statement: "Help ensure your water future by supporting the Sterling Natural Resource Center".

Vice Chairman Smith wished Director Shelton well and stated that she will be missed.

Chairman Carrillo offered his appreciation to Director Shelton for her service to the Board.

Information only.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.



John Mura, Secretary



Chris Carrillo, Board President