

Approved July 25, 2018

**EAST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**June 13, 2018**

**MINUTES**

The Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Fred Yauger led the flag salute.

**PRESENT:** Directors: Carrillo, Coats, Goodrich, Morales, Smith

**ABSENT:** Director: None

**STAFF:** John Mura, General Manager/CEO; Brian Tompkins, Chief Financial Officer; Jeff Noelte, Director of Engineering and Operations; Justine Hendricksen, District Clerk; Shayla Gerber, Senior Administrative Assistant

**LEGAL COUNSEL:** Jean Cihigoyenetché

**GUEST(s):** Members of the public

**PRESENTATION OF ECOTECH SPONSORSHIP DONATION TO INDIAN SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL**

The General Manager/CEO stated that the District partnered with EcoTech in giving away over 300 toilets to customers as part of the District's conservation rebate program; that students from Indian Springs High School participated in distributing toilets; and EcoTech presented a donation check on behalf of the District to Indian Springs High School in the amount of \$1,620.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Carrillo declared the public participation section of the meeting open at 5:37 p.m.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

M/S/C (Coats-Smith) that the June 13, 2018 agenda be approved as submitted.

**APPROVE THE MAY 16, 2018 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

M/S/C (Coats-Goodrich) that the Board approve the May 16, 2018 special board meeting minutes as submitted.

**APPROVE THE MAY 21, 2018 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

M/S/C (Coats-Goodrich) that the Board approve the May 21, 2018 special board meeting minutes as submitted.

**APPROVE THE MAY 23, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

M/S/C (Coats-Goodrich) that the Board approve the May 23, 2018 regular board meeting minutes as submitted.

**DIRECTORS' FEES AND EXPENSES FOR MAY 2018**

M/S/C (Coats-Goodrich) that the Board approve the Directors' fees and expenses for May 2018 as submitted.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2018.11 AUTHORIZING STAFF TO FILE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE CREATION OF A NON-PROFIT FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT EFFORTS**

The General Manager/CEO stated that creating a non-profit foundation for community enhancement efforts is part of his FY 2018/19 goals established by the Board; he stated that over the past six months staff and community-minded citizens have been meeting to discuss the development of the foundation; and that the proposed name for the organization is the Community Heritage and Education Foundation (CHEF). He discussed the purpose, fundraising and the steps that need to be taken to establish the foundation.

Mr. Imborski, Ms. Scott and Mr. Johnson made positive comments in favor of the non-profit foundation.

Director Goodrich stated that he believes this organization will enhance the spirit of the community.

Director Morales thanked the community members that have provided input to CHEF for their work.

Vice Chairman Smith stated that the entire community will benefit from the project, and he is excited that the District is a part of this program.

Chairman Carrillo thanked the General Manager/CEO for the bringing the idea of the non-profit foundation to the Board and the community and stated that he is honored to be a part of the program.

M/S/C (Coats-Morales) that the Board adopt Resolution 2018.11 authorizing staff to file the attached Articles of Incorporation with the California Secretary of State for the Creation of a Non-Profit Foundation for Community Enhancement Efforts.

**AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO TO SIGN AND FILE CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR THE STERLING NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER PROJECT**

The Chief Financial Officer highlighted key aspects of the loan for the Sterling Natural Resource Center (SNRC) project; he stated that the District applied for the loan over two years ago; that financial requirements are more stringent than they used to be and that there are no conditions in the loan agreement that the District cannot comply with; and that using a State funded loan rather than bonds, saves ratepayers a significant amount of money.

The General Manager/CEO stated that the District is deep into the procurement process for funding for the SNRC; that the agreement is a pre-approval for a loan and once the agreement is executed and submitted to the State, the District will have the opportunity to adjust the final amount and terms of the loan. He stated that the District will be able to recoup soft costs already incurred, but litigation expenses cannot be recouped through the funds.

Director Morales congratulated staff for their work on the project.

Director Coats commented that the project will benefit future generations and it shows the District's dedication to ratepayers.

Vice Chairman Smith echoed the comments of the other directors and congratulated all involved.

Chairman Carrillo stated that the project will bring local control over rates and regional water stability for ratepayers.

M/S/C (Goodrich-Morales) that the Board authorize the General Manager/CEO to sign and file State Water Resources Control Board Financing Agreement Number D17-01042 for the Sterling Natural Resource Center Project.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Director Coats reported on the following: on June 1 he participated in a conference call with California Special District Association where they reviewed upcoming webinars and workshops; and on June 5 he attended the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Board meeting.

Director Goodrich reported on the following: on May 29 he attended the District's Engineering & Operations Committee meeting where he received an update on infrastructure testing and maintenance; and on June 6 he attended San Bernardino City Council meeting with nothing to report.

Director Morales reported on the following: on June 7 he attended Association of California Water Agencies Region 9 meeting where he received a regional legislative update; on June 8 he met with the General Manager/CEO where he received a District update; and on June 12 he attended the San Bernardino Board of Water Commissioners where they held a budget workshop.

Vice Chairman Smith reported on the following: on June 7 he met with the General Manager/CEO to review the agenda; on June 10 he attended the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Board meeting; and on June 12 he attended the San Bernardino Board of Water Commissioners where they held a budget workshop.

Chairman Carrillo reported on the following: on May 24 he attended the Community Heritage and Education Foundation meeting and on June 8 he met with the General Manager/CEO to review the agenda.

Information only.

## **GENERAL MANAGER/CEO REPORT**

The General Manager/CEO reported on the following: on June 2 staff distributed 324 high efficient toilets and 173 high efficient showerheads during the Toilet Distribution Event; on June 6 he attended an executive retreat where they focused on the District's five-year workplan; the District participated in the City of Highland Community Resource Fair; and on June 12 a special budget workshop was held at the District. The General Manager/CEO announced that he will be out of the office June 25-26 attending the Special District General Manager Summit.

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

- June 15 - Employee Events Association will be holding the Second Annual Family Movie Night for District employee's
- June 20 @ 9 a.m. - LAFCO's public hearing where they will be considering activation of wastewater services for EVWD
- June 21 @ 6 p.m. - Community Advisory Commission meeting

Information only.

## **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

No report at this time.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Director Goodrich applauded staff for their work on the barbeque held for Pumalo Casa residents.

Director Morales commented on how the two agenda items brought to the Board today will make a major impact to the community.

Director Coats made the following statement: "Help ensure your water future by supporting the Sterling Natural Resource Center".

Vice Chairman Smith stated that he is proud to be a part of the District.


Chairman Carrillo echoed Director Morales' comments; he stated that he is proud of the actions that the Board took today; and that there will be a community update on current legislation on a future board meeting agenda.

Information only.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

  
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**John Mura, Secretary**

  
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**Chris Carrillo, Board President**

