

Approved June 9, 2021

**EAST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**April 28, 2021**

**MINUTES**

The Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 4:31p.m.

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

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF:** John Mura, General Manager/CEO; Brian Tompkins, Chief Financial Officer; Jeff Noelte, Director of Engineering and Operations; Kelly Malloy, Director of Strategic Services; Kerrie Bryan, Director of Administrative Services; Justine Hendricksen, District Clerk; Shayla Antrim, Sr. Administrative Assistant

**LEGAL COUNSEL:** Jean Cihigoyenetché

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Smith declared the public participation section of the meeting open at 4:32 p.m.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

M/S/C (Coats-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the April 28, 2021 agenda be approved as submitted.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board entered into Closed Session at 4:33 p.m. as provided in the Ralph M. Brown Act Government Code Section 54956.8 to discuss the item(s) listed on the agenda.

**THE BOARD RECONVENED THE MEETING AT 5:31 P.M.**

Vice Chairman Goodrich led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: None

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

With respect to Item #2: Legal Counsel stated that the Board discussed real property negotiations under Government Code 54956.8 and took action to approve a purchase and sale agreement for the real property described as APN: 1210-211-25 with the current owner of the property being San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District for the purchase price of \$270,000.

M/S/C (Morales-Coats) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board approve the purchase and sale agreement with San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District for real property described as APN: 1210-211-25 for the amount of \$270,000.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Smith declared the public participation section of the meeting open at 5:33 p.m.

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

**APPROVE THE MARCH 10, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

M/S/C (Morales-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board approve the March 10, 2021 regular board meeting minutes as submitted.

**DISBURSEMENTS**

M/S/C (Morales-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the General Fund Disbursements #257451 through #257561 which were distributed during the period of March 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021, bank drafts, and ACH Payments in the amount of \$9,012,951.24 and \$377,898.38 for payroll and benefit contributions, totaling \$9,390,849.62 be approved.

**APPROVE INVESTMENT REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2021**

M/S/C (Morales-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board accept and file the investment report for the quarter ended March 31, 2021.

**UPPER SANTA ANA RIVER HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN UPDATE**

Ms. Heather Dyer, General Manager/CEO of San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, provided a presentation on the Upper Santa Ana River Habitat Conservation Plan. Items discussed included but were not limited to the purpose of the plan, plan area and covered activities, benefits, implementation, conservation strategy, and next steps.

Ms. Dyer received comments and answered questions from the Board. She stated that

she has enjoyed the partnership with the District over the years and appreciates the support.

Information only.

#### **WATER AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PATHWAY UPDATE**

The Director of Administrative Services provided a brief overview of the District's Water and Resource Management Pathway Program and the District's partnership with Tomorrow's Talent.

Dr. Dale Marsden of Tomorrow's Talent was introduced, and he discussed the Pathway Program internship in more detail. A video presentation was shown to the Board, highlighting the journey of three students that participated in the program.

Information only.

#### **STERLING NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER PROJECT UPDATE**

The Director of Strategic Services provided a presentation displaying construction progress of the Sterling Natural Resource Center. She stated that due to the project using the progressive design-build method, construction continues while design efforts are underway in a collaborative team environment with the project partners.

The Director of Strategic Services discussed outreach efforts made to the community, focusing special attention on residents directly adjacent to the facility. She received several positive comments and gratitude from the Board.

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#### **APPROVAL OF SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE REGIONAL RECYCLED WATER FACILITIES REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

The Director of Engineering and Operations discussed proposed amendments to the Recycled Water Facilities Reimbursement Agreement with San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (Valley District) that was approved in 2019. He stated that following the execution of the reimbursement agreements, joint discussions determined that continuous recharge of recycled water would be more favorable at a 62-acres site secured by Valley District within the City of Highland, as opposed to the Redlands Basin. He stated that Valley District approved the updated reimbursement agreement April 20, 2021 and provide additional details of the agreement.

M/S/C (Goodrich-Coats) by unanimous roll call that the Board authorize the General Manager/CEO to execute the Second Amendment to the Regional Recycled Water Facilities Reimbursement Agreement with the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District as submitted.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Chairman Smith reported on the following: April 16 he toured the Sterling Natural Resource Center with the General Manager/CEO; April 19 he met with the General Manager/CEO to discuss District business; April 21 he met with District auditors; and April 27 he participated in the Highland Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting.

Vice Chairman Goodrich reported on the following: April 16 he toured the Sterling Natural Resource Center; April 21 he participated in the District's special Board meeting; April 22 he met with the General Manager/CEO to review the agenda and participated in the 2X2X2 Regional Recycled Water Ad-hoc meeting; April 27 he met with the General Manager/CEO to discuss District business; and April 27 he participated in the Highland Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting.

Director Coats reported on the following: April 15 he participated in San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District's Special Board meeting; April 20 he participated in San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Board meeting where they approved a reimbursement agreement with East Valley Water District; April 21 he participated in San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District's Special Board meeting where they discussed upcoming goals and objectives; and April 27 he participated in the Highland Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Director Carrillo reported on the following: April 7 he participated in the City of San Bernardino City Council meeting where they discussed the Census Electoral Redistricting Committee; April 16 he visited the Sterling Natural Resource Center with the Director of Engineering and Operations; April 20 participated in the Inland Action meeting via Zoom; and April 28 he participated in a conference call with the General Manager/CEO to review the agenda.

Director Morales reported on the following: April 15 he met with the General Manager/CEO to discuss District business; April 23 he participated in the Association of California Water Agencies Region 9 meeting where they finalized by-law changes and discussed upcoming meetings; and April 28 he participated in the San Bernardino Board of Water Commissioners meeting.

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## **GENERAL MANAGER/CEO REPORT**

The General Manager/CEO reported that the Customer Service Department is now open to the public. Customers can make payments and conduct property related business Monday through Friday. To protect customers and staff, all social distancing protocols will remain in place.

He announced that the District received the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 8th year in a row, and the Special Districts Leadership Foundation's Districts of Distinction Award.

The General Manager/CEO stated that staff installed the last meter of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Installation Program. Residents across the EVWD community will now have access to consumption information electronically and the ability to register for leak alerts. In recognition of the project completion, the District will be hosting a celebration for staff.

The General Manager/CEO stated that a video showcasing a day in the life of a Facility Maintenance worker has reached over 11,700 views. To date, this is the top viewed video from the series of videos that have been released. The District will continue to publish short videos that highlight District services and engage with the community.

He reminded the Board that on May 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. the District will hold a virtual Public Hearing; a Prop 218 Notice with additional information was mailed to all customers at the end of March.

The General Manager/CEO thanked the public for their continued support during these trying times and for participating in the District's teleconferencing meetings. He stated that meetings will continue to be held via teleconference until further notice.  
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#### **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

No report at this time.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Director Morales congratulated the Chief Financial Officer and staff on obtaining the Government Finance Officers Association's award eight years in a row.

Chairman Smith thanked all the presenters for participating in this evening's meeting.  
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#### **ADJOURN**

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

  
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John Mura, Secretary

  
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David E. Smith, Board President