

Approved August 11, 2021

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

July 28, 2021

MINUTES

The Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Director Coats led the flag salute.

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; 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 5:32 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 July 28, 2021 agenda be approved as submitted.

APPROVE THE JUNE 23, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

M/S/C (Morales-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board approve the June 23, 2021 regular board meeting minutes as submitted.

DISBURSEMENTS

M/S/C (Morales-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the General Fund Disbursements #257847 through #2578006 which were distributed during the period of June 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, bank drafts, and ACH Payments in the amount of

\$6,266,188.36 and \$376,181.21 for payroll and benefit contributions, totaling \$6,642,369.57 be approved.

APPROVE INVESTMENT REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

M/S/C (Morales-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board accept and file the investment report for the quarter ended June 30, 2021.

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY UPDATE

The Director of Engineering and Operations provided an update on development activity taking place within the District.

For information only.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Coats reported on the following: July 19 he attended the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts monthly meeting where Josh Steeber who spoke on programs to save special districts money on their utility bills; July 20 he participated in a teleconference with the General Manager/CEO to discuss District business; July 20 he participated in the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Board meeting; July 26 he participated in a teleconference with the General Manager/CEO to discuss District business; July 26 he participated in the Engineering and Operations Committee meeting; and July 27 he attended the Highland Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting where Fire Captain Liz Brown was the speaker.

Director Carrillo reported on the following: July 21 he participated in the City of San Bernardino City Council meeting; and July 27 he had a telephone conference with the General Manager/CEO to discuss District business.

Director Morales reported on the following: July 21 he participated in the Local Agency Formation Commission meeting where Dawn Rowe was selected as the county alternative; and July 27 he participated in the San Bernardino Board of Water Commissioners meeting.

Vice Chairman Goodrich reported on the following: July 21 he met with the General Manager/CEO to review the agenda and discuss District business; July 26 he met with the General Manager/CEO to discuss an upcoming committee meeting; July 27 he attended the Highland Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting; and July 27 he attended the Ad-Hoc Succession Planning Committee meeting.

Chairman Smith reported on the following: July 19 he attended the Association San Bernardino County Special Districts Association monthly meeting; July 21 he met with the General Manager/CEO to review the agenda; July 26 he participated in the Engineering & Operations Committee meeting; and July 27 he attended the Ad-Hoc Succession Planning Committee meeting.

Chairman Smith provided the following report on the Succession Planning Committee: The Committee met July 27 to discuss the process and timeline of the General Manager/CEO recruitment. The Committee developed a survey to receive feedback from staff and community members on the characteristics, experience, and qualifications they feel are most important when selecting a new General Manager/CEO. Staff will be sending the survey out next week and results should be received by August 16. The Committee will continue to provide on-going updates to the Board of Directors throughout the process.
Information only.

GENERAL MANAGER/CEO REPORT

The General Manager/CEO reported on the following:

- The Sterling Natural Resource Center is rapidly progressing with over 15,000 construction hours completed, 13,625 cubic yards of concrete poured and over 117,000 feet of conduit installed. Team Sterling will continue to collaborate with local and regional partners to complete the project for the community.
- This month the District prepared a bill insert with information on how residents can improve water efficiency outdoors for Smart Irrigation Month. Rebate program information was also provided. The District has also seen over 1,400 unique engagements on social media.
- July 27 the Succession Planning Committee met to discuss the process and timeline for the General Manager/CEO recruitment.

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 announced that with the increase in Covid-19 cases, the District will not be holding its first public meeting since the beginning of the pandemic on August 25, as previously announced. He stated that staff will continue to monitor changing regulations and Executive Orders regarding Covid-19 and meetings will continue to be held via teleconference until further notice.

Information only.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

No report at this time.


BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Morales commend District staff on their presentation to students of Cal State San Bernardino Water Law and Policy. He stated that he is pleased that the internship program is still continuing. He stated that he received positive feedback from the community from last month's Pipeline publishing.


Information only.

ADJOURN

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.



John Mura, Secretary



David E. Smith, Board President