

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS OF ELSINORE VALLEY  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District was held via teleconference, through a call-in number clearly noted on the meeting Agenda, posted in accordance with the Brown Act.

Directors Present

Andy Morris, President  
Harvey Ryan  
Darcy M. Burke  
Jared McBride

Director Absent

Phil Williams, Vice President

Staff Present

Greg Thomas, General Manager  
Steve Anderson, Legal Counsel  
Terese Quintanar, District Secretary/Administrative Services Supervisor  
Ganesh Krishnamurthy, Assistant General Manager – Eng. and Operations  
Christy Gonzalez, Deputy Board Secretary/Executive Assistant  
Christina Ramirez, Executive Assistant  
Margie Armstrong, Director of Strategic Programs  
Jase Warner, Director of Operations  
Jason Dafforn, Director of Engineering and Water Resources  
Greg Morrison, Government Relations Officer  
Jennifer Dancho, Director of Human Resources  
Tim Collie, Water Operations Manager  
Parag Kalaria, Water Resources Manager  
Scott Thompson, Accounting Manager  
David Smith, Maintenance Manager  
Matt Bates, Engineering Manager  
Shawnelle Morelos, Principal Engineer, Capital Projects  
Bonnie Woodrome, Community Affairs Supervisor  
Kaitlyn Wu, Community Affairs Specialist  
Haley Munson, Water Efficiency Specialist  
Skyler Munson, Executive Assistant  
Leah Skor, Records Management Coordinator  
Barbara Mason, Contracts Administrator

Others Present

Public

Jeremy Golding, Southern California Edison

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Morris at 4:05 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Morris acknowledged a written public comment submitted by Southern California Edison in regard to Business Item B, and pulled Business Item B from the Agenda for future discussion at a Study Session.

A motion was made by Director Burke, seconded by Director Ryan, and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda as amended.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The meeting was opened to public comments on the teleconference and in the room and there were none.

### **Item I.0 - CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **A. APPROVAL OF:**

1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 24, 2020
2. Minutes of the Regular Legislative, Conservation and Outreach Committee Meeting of September 23, 2020
3. Demands

A motion was made by Director Ryan seconded by Director Burke, and carried unanimously to:

- 1. Approve the Consent Calendar.**

### **Item II.0 BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### **Item II. A California Municipal Utilities Association Award Recognition**

Haley Munson reported that EVMWD was recently recognized by the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) for the Annual Resource Efficiency and Community Service Awards that showcase best practices and innovative ideas in the water industry.

EVMWD received two first place awards under the small-size utility for programs that benefit customers and the local community. The first was for EVMWD's Hot

Water Recirculating System Rebate Program and the second was for EVMWD's Water-Wise Landscape Workshop Series.

The judges scored each nominated project in four areas: a) the program's overall concept and implementation; b) originality, creativity and innovativeness; c) promotion of efficient use of natural resources and/or serving local community needs; and d) benefits to customers and/or the community. These programs showcase EVMWD's ongoing commitment to providing its customers with resources and tools to continue to be water-wise.

### **Item III. A GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Greg Thomas reported that he attended a webinar offered by Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL), in which 1, 2, 3 - TCP (Trichloropropane) was a topic of discussion. EVMWD has no issues with this constituent in our wells. He also reported on a recent CA-Nevada AWWA Water Utilities Council meeting, where an overview was provided by Department of Drinking Water (DDW) on Chromium 6, COVID, and the draft of Public Health Goals for PFOA and PFOS. One comment made at that meeting was the need for rethinking water delivery for California at a State level, considering smaller agencies.

### **Item III. B LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT**

Steve Anderson reported on a recent court of appeals decision titled Riverside Transportation Commission vs. Southern California Gas Company. The case deals with franchises and who pays for relocation of utility lines when there is a countervailing public project that comes through. This project dealt with the Perris Valley Metrolink train line that crossed five So Cal Gas pipelines. After litigation, the court decided that Southern California Gas had to pay for the lines to be relocated. He opined after this decision, there will be a greater likelihood that public utilities will have to absorb the costs to move out of the way of EVMWD projects. Clarifying to Director Ryan, this decision will bear on public utilities regulated by the CPUC.

### **Item III. C COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Director McBride reported on the Engineering and Operations Committee meeting. Two public works projects were discussed, which will be presented to the Board for consideration later this month.

President Morris reported on the Rancho California Water District joint meeting, where he learned that Bill Plummer was assigned to the JPA, replacing late Director Danny Martin. They are also working to finalize an Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement, which will be presented to the respective Boards in November. RCWD also plans to provide a virtual tour of the SRRRA Plant, in response for requests

for tours of the Plant and the restrictions in doing so, due to COVID19 distancing mandates.

**Item IV.0 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS AND REQUESTS**

Director Burke reported on the recent CLPOA meeting, where there was discussion of Construction Permits issued by the City, and upgrades planned for Road Runner Park, lake front in the East Bay. Also, the Canyon Lake City Council will be considering approval of cannabis dispensaries next month and will also be reopening their lobby. The City has cancelled their Winter Wonderland and Tree Lighting events and the Parade of Lights has also been cancelled. She also mentioned that she recently saw EVMWD's previous Division 1 Director, Ben Wicke, who looks very well and is again living in Canyon Lake. Director Burke mentioned that she attended WMWD's Board Meeting and requested future discussions about monitoring WMWD Board agendas for items we need to be aware of.

**Item V. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:26 p.m. to discuss:

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code (1 or more potential cases)

The Board reconvened to open session at 5:00 p.m. and reported no action taken in Closed Session.

**Item VI.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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Andy Morris, President of the  
Board of Directors of the  
Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District

ATTEST:

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Terese Quintanar, Board Secretary  
to the Board of Directors of  
Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District