### MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ELSINORE VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District was held at its principal offices at 31315 Chaney Street, Lake Elsinore, California with a remote public participation option (teleconference, through a callin number clearly noted on the meeting Agenda) posted in accordance with the Brown Act.

**Directors Present** Darcy M. Burke, President Andy Morris, Vice President Chance Edmondson Phil Williams Harvey Ryan Staff Present Greg Thomas, General Manager Steve Anderson, General Counsel Marybeth Coburn, Legal Counsel Terese Quintanar, District Secretary/Administrative Services Supervisor Bob Hartwig, Assistant General Manager – Business Services Bonnie Woodrome, Community Affairs Supervisor Brian Grieser, Field Maintenance Worker – CM Christina Henry, Community Relations Manager Christina Ramirez, Executive Assistant Christy Gonzalez, Deputy Board Secretary/Executive Assistant Darryn Flexman, Interim Director of Information Technology David Smith, Maintenance Manager Ganesh Krishnamurthy, Assistant General Manager - Eng. and Operations Greg Morrison, Government Affairs Officer Jase Warner, Director of Operations Jason Dafforn, Director of Engineering and Water Resources Jennifer Dancho, Director of Human Resources Jessie Arellano, Wastewater Operations Manager LaDawn Allen, Accounting Technician III Margie Armstrong, Director of Strategic Programs Matt Bates, Engineering Manager Natalee Dee, Interim Purchasing Manager Parag Kalaria, Water Resources Manager Scott Thompson, Accounting Manager Susie Evans, Sr. Executive Assistant Tim Collie, Water Operations Manager

<u>Public</u> Ann Finlay, Kleinfelder Construction Services, Inc. Ann Newton

# CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Morris at 4:04 p.m.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Director Ryan, seconded by President Burke and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

The meeting was opened to public comment and there were none. Opportunity was provided to the public to make public comments throughout the duration of the meeting.

#### Item I.0 - CONSENT CALENDAR Resolution Nos. 22-09-01 and 22-09-02 Minute Order #5726-5727

## A. APPROVAL OF:

- 1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 8, 2022
- 2. Payment Ratification
- 3. Adoption of Resolution Reaffirming and Extending Findings and Determinations Under AB 361 for Continued Virtual Meetings (*Reso. No. 22-09-01*)
- 4. Adoption of Resolution Declaring October 1-9, 2022, Water Professionals Appreciation Week (*Reso. No. 22-09-02*)
- 5. A Contract Services Agreement with Mark Piascik for Lake Aeration Maintenance Services (*MO# 5726*)
- 6. A Professional Services Agreement with Kleinfelder Construction Services, Inc. for Public Outreach Services for the Sedco Hills and Avenues Septic to Sewer Planning Projects (*MO# 5727*)
- B. APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS
  - 1. Harvey Ryan ACWA Fall Conference 2022
  - 2. Chance Edmondson ACWA Fall Conference 2022

Director Ryan requested to pull Consent Calendar Item A.6 for comment.

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

1. Approve the Consent Calendar as amended.

### Item I.A.6. A Professional Services Agreement with Kleinfelder Construction Services, Inc. for Public Outreach Services for the Sedco Hills and Avenues Septic to Sewer Planning Projects *Minute Order #5726*

Appreciation for the project moving forward was expressed by the Board of Directors. This is an unprecedented project, coming at potentially no cost to the public, and is of great benefit to our customers. Staff's efforts were also acknowledged.

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

# 1. Approve Consent Calendar Item A.6.

# Item II. A GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Thomas reported that we had received a letter from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, calling for 4,000-acre feet of SARCUPP water to be drawn from our basin, over the next year.

Mr. Thomas also thanked Tim Collie, Jessie Arellano, Jase Warner, Dave Smith, and their crews for responding to the Governor's request to offset energy demands on the grid during the recent heat wave, by activating emergency generators and managing the district's demands at our facilities, helping avert major blackouts.

# Item II. B LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Mr. Anderson reported that AB2449 was recently signed, relating to changes to the Brown Act. As of January 1, 2023, this law will enable Board Members to participate in meetings remotely up to twice per year, with good cause. Protocols defined in AB361 will continue and are set to sunset in December 2023.

## Item II. C BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director Edmondson reported on the September 14, 2022, Wildomar City Council Meeting, the EWDC Luncheon of September 15, 2022, at which Director Burke provided an excellent presentation, and he provided a summary of the discussion from the Engineering and Operations Committee Meeting.

Director Ryan reported on his attendance at the ACWA Board Workshop, where election bylaws and ACWA's budget was discussed.

Director Williams reported on the Lake Elsinore City Group meeting. Through the combined efforts of the city and the district's projects, good things can happen within the community.

President Burke reported on the two interviews she'd recently done, one with KRCR television in Chico, and the other with National Review Magazine: both relating to water issues. She also reported on the Canyon Lake City Council meeting and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Greene's resignation, effective November 1<sup>st</sup>. The Canyon Lake City Council meetings have been moved to the second Wednesday of every month. She also thanked staff Brian Vigil's team, Ganesh Krishnamurthy, and Christina Henry for their efficient handling of several Canyon Lake customer issues.

# Item III.0 DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

There were none.

# Item V.0 CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 4:21 p.m. to discuss:

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION: EVMWD v. Water Works Engineers, Riverside Superior Court Case No. CVRI2105201
- B. 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 5:19 p.m. with no reportable action.

## Item VI.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Darcy M. Burke, President of the Board of Directors of the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District

ATTEST:

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