

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS OF ELSINORE VALLEY
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 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 call-in 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
Terese Quintanar, District Secretary/Administrative Services Supervisor
Christy Gonzalez, Deputy Board Secretary/Executive Assistant
Bonnie Woodrome, Community Affairs Supervisor
Christina Henry, Community Relations Manager
Darryn Flexman, Interim Director of Information Technology
David Smith, Maintenance Manager
Ganesh Krishnamurthy, Assistant General Manager – Eng. and Operations
Greg Morrison, Government Affairs Officer
Haley Munson, Water Efficiency Specialist
Jase Warner, Director of Operations
Jason Dafforn, Director of Engineering and Water Resources
Jennifer Dancho, Director of Human Resources
Jessie Arellano, Wastewater Operations Manager
Junior Olivo, Field Maintenance CM
Lenai Hunter, Regulatory Compliance Specialist
Margie Armstrong, Director of Strategic Programs
Matt Bates, Engineering Manager
Matt Elek, Mechanical Technician
Parag Kalaria, Water Resources Manager
Scott Thompson, Accounting Manager
Susie Evans, Sr. Executive Assistant
Tim Collie, Water Operations Manager
Wendy Martinez, Records Management Coordinator

Others Present
Public

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The meeting was opened to public comment and there were none online, however, written public comments were received from Ms. Susan Turner of Murrieta. Her comments regarded continued development in the midst of the drought while assessing penalties to customers for normal water use during periods of extreme heat, and also asking how much of Proposition 1 funds were allotted to our area and for what projects those funds were utilized. President Burke directed the General Manager to follow up with Ms. Turner.

Opportunity was provided to the public to make public comments throughout the duration of the meeting.

Item I.0 PUBLIC HEARING**Item I.A. Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of Public Health Goals Report**
Minute Order No. 5728

The hearing was opened by President Burke at 4:06 p.m. She called on the Board Secretary for proof of publication. Ms. Quintanar confirmed that notice was published by the Press Enterprise on July 1, 2022.

Mr. Dafforn reported that details of the draft Public Health Goals Report were presented to the Board at the June 19, 2022, Study Session meeting. A public review and comment period was provided, with the public comment period ending August 31, 2022. There were no comments received.

Ms. Quintanar confirmed there have been no written objections, protests, or requests to be heard, received, or filed.

The public hearing was closed at 4:09 p.m.

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

- 1. Adopt the 2022 Public Health Goals Report: and,**
- 2. Authorize the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents on behalf of EVMWD**

Item II.0 BUSINESS ITEMS

Item II.A PRESENTATION OF A CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICIALS AWARDS TO EVMWD

Ms. Woodrome presented several awards for excellence in public outreach from the California Association of Public Information Officials (CAPIO). The Excellence in Public Information and Communications Award was for the 2020 Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report, or CCR), an Award of Distinction was for the Waterwise Virtual Workshop Series, and another Award of Distinction for its Flow Into Fall Virtual Open House.

Staff's efforts were acknowledged, and appreciation for the dedication, professionalism, and hard work was expressed by the Board of Directors.

Item III.0 - CONSENT CALENDAR <i>Resolution Nos. 22-10-01</i> <i>Minute Order #5729-5731</i>

- A. APPROVAL OF:
1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 22, 2022
 2. Minutes of the Adjourned Regular Engineering and Operations Committee Meeting of September 15, 2022
 3. Minutes of the Regular Engineering and Operations Committee Meeting of October 3, 2022
 4. Payment Ratification Report
 5. Adoption of Resolution Reaffirming and Extending Findings and Determinations Under AB 361 for Continued Virtual Meetings (*Reso No. 22-10-01*)
 6. Amendment No. 1 to the Contract Services Agreement with Hach Company for Maintenance of the District's Water Quality Analyzers (*MO# 5729*)
 7. Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (*MO# 5730*)
 8. Purchase Orders for As-Needed Concrete, Concrete Slurry and Delivery with Superior Ready Mix, So Cal Short Load & Rancho Ready Mix (*MO# 5731*)
- B. APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS
1. Andy Morris - ACWA JPIA & Fall Conference

2. Darcy Burke - ACWA Fall Conference
3. Harvey Ryan - NWRA Leadership Forum & Annual Conference
4. Phil Williams - ACWA JPIA & Fall Conference
5. Phil Williams - NWRA Leadership Forum & Annual Conference

Director Williams pulled Consent Calendar Item A.7 for comment.

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

1. Approve the Consent Calendar as amended.

<p>Item III.A.7 - Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (MO# 5730)</p>

Director Williams asked for confirmation from staff that work to complete this Plan had been ongoing for several months, and with it now complete, it will be used to pursue federal and state grant funding for items within the Plan. Ms. Hunter answered that was correct and that one of the grants being pursued is for Lee Lake Dam.

A motion was made by Director Williams, seconded by Director Morris, and carried unanimously to:

1. Approve Consent Calendar Item A.7.

<p>Item IV. A GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT</p>

Mr. Thomas reported on two additional hosted pop-up events over the past month, having a total of 44 applicants approved for low-income assistance. The total from the five pop-up events to date is \$86,000 in assistance. Mr. Thomas commended Ms. Henry and Customer Service staff for their efforts.

He also reported on conversations with the District's wholesale agencies regarding the anticipation of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (MWD) potential allocations or reductions in early spring or late winter of 2023, if we have another dry year. Also, the California member agencies approved holding 400,000 acre-feet of water per year in Lake Mead over the next three years.

He attended a meeting at Rancho California Water District, along with State Water Resources Control Board representatives, where regional reliability was discussed.

He concluded his report by announcing that South Coast Water Districts' Desalination Doheny Plant received approval by unanimous vote of the Coastal Commission earlier today.

Item IV. B LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Mr. Anderson reported on SB 1439, effective January 1, 2023, relating to campaign contributions. Board Members of special districts will not be able to solicit a campaign contribution of more than \$250 from any entity seeking approval from the Board for any purpose, such as request for a will serve letter or a contract for services. Acceptance of funds as described, within a twelve-month period on either side would result in the requirement to disclose the information and to not participate in the decision.

Item IV. C BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director Edmondson reported on his attendance at the Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce Legislative Summit. He also attended the Movie Night in the Park and commended Brian Vigil and the Events Planning Committee for their hard work to put that together and that it was a lot of fun. He also attended the City of Wildomar Group Meeting and the Student of the Month event.

Director Ryan reported on the Eastern Municipal Water District Group meeting.

Vice President Morris reported on his attendance of the City of Wildomar Group meeting and the Wildomar City Council Meeting. He also announced that Scott Thompson would be stepping in to provide assistance with SRRRA accounting and agendas, in light of Margie Armstrong's anticipated retirement. He thanked Ms. Armstrong for all of her work up to this point. He also attended Murrieta and Lake Elsinore Student of the Month events.

President Burke acknowledged Water Professionals Week and reported on her attendance of the Legislative Summit, Wildomar State of the City, and the Eastern Municipal Water District Group meeting. At the Metropolitan Communications and Legislation Committee meeting, disappointment was expressed regarding efforts to pass an affordable water package. She opined this was more of a retail water agency issue not a wholesale agency. She also attended the Imported Water Committee and the MWD Board meeting where Adan Ortega representing the City of San Francisco was elected. The Revised Bay Delta Policy Principles was adopted along with a voluntary resolution to remove non-functional turf and a teleconference resolution which caused much confusion.

At the Canyon Lake Roundtable, it was reported that the sheriff will remove a dozen cars out the North Ski area, and backflow theft will be discussed with staff. Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Greene resigned at the Canyon Lake City Council meeting and appreciation was given to staff for obtaining the parting gift.

She concluded her report with the Urban Water Institute Spring Conference Planning meeting, where she requested input from the Board members on which City Council members to invite.

Item V.0 DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

President Burke requested an overview from Mr. Anderson on the new teleconferencing regulations and a review of the settlement terms as it relates to Blue Water. She also requested a letter thanking Chairwoman Gray for her service, a congratulatory letter to Chairman elect Adan Ortega and to Canyon Lake City Council appointee Mark Terry.

Item VI.0 CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Thomas announced that Closed Session was not needed.

Item VII.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:41 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