

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS OF ELSINORE VALLEY
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021**

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

Phil Williams, President
Darcy M. Burke, Vice President
Harvey Ryan, Treasurer
Andy Morris
Chance Edmondson

Staff Present

Greg Thomas, General Manager
Mike Maurer, General Counsel
Terese Quintanar, District Secretary/Administrative Services Supervisor
Ganesh Krishnamurthy, Assistant General Manager – Eng. and Operations
Christy Gonzalez, Deputy Board Secretary/Executive Assistant
Susie Evans, Sr. 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
Darryn Flexman, Interim Director of Information Technology
Tim Collie, Water Operations Manager
Parag Kalaria, Water Resources Manager
David Smith, Maintenance Manager
Scott Thompson, Accounting Manager
Matt Bates, Engineering Manager
Christina Henry, Community Relations Manager
Bonnie Woodrome, Community Affairs Supervisor
Kelia Jones, Engineering Project Coordinator
Jessie Arellano, Wastewater Operations Manager
Gerald Hannah, SCADA Specialist III
Wendy Martinez, Records Coordinator

Others Present

Jake Nieto, DPF
Public

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Williams at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Thomas requested Business Item II.A. Consider Approval of Horsethief CFD 2020-1 Improvement Area 4 Boundary Amendment and Improvement Area 4A Bond Issuance be removed from the agenda, and considered at a later date.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The meeting was opened to public comment and there were none.

Item I.0 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Minute Order #5649-5650

- A. APPROVAL OF:
1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 23, 2021
 2. Minutes of the Regular Water Planning Committee Meeting of September 20, 2021
 3. Minutes of the Regular Engineering and Operations Committee Meeting of September 13, 2021
 4. Payment Ratification Report
 5. Contract Services Agreement with Lawnscape Systems, Inc. for Landscape Maintenance and Weed Abatement Services
(MO #5649)
 6. Amendment No. 7 to the Contract Services Agreement with Alvarez Enterprise Services for District Janitorial Services
(MO #5650)

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

- 1. Approve the Consent Calendar as presented.***

Item II. A Consider Approval of Horsethief CFD 2020-1 Improvement Area 4 Boundary Amendment and Improvement Area 4A Bond Issuance
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This item was removed from the agenda upon approval of the agenda.

Item III. A GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Thomas recognized SCADA Specialist Gerald Hannah's days of service at the District. He is a humble individual and has been very instrumental in rewriting our SCADA policies with many projects including the Regional Upgrade project and getting us into the 21st century in many aspects. Mr. Thomas wished him well in his retirement. President Williams thanked Mr. Hannah for his service.

The District recently received an additional \$35K in FEMA funding, bringing the total to approximately \$135K. This amount was originally not approved; however, the funds were recovered with Mr. Bates and Ms. Allen's continued efforts in the appeal process. He thanked them and the team for their hard work.

On October 21st the District will participate in the Great Shakeout Emergency Drill, and October 27th will be the Halloween celebration lunch. There was a kickoff meeting this past Monday for the Horsethief Water Reclamation Facility Design Build project. It was a very positive workshop, and the next workshop will be for the 30% design.

The State Water Project (SWP) conditions are not looking positive and next year's focus will be on SWP customers and their allocations. More guidance from Metropolitan Water District (MWD) will follow.

Item III. B LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Mr. Maurer reported on several legislative bills that recently passed. SB155 extended the shut off moratorium. SB323 passed as well, creating the 120-day statute of limitations for water rates, enabling water districts to have some certainty as to what their rates will be. AB361 passed allowing the continuance of virtual meetings for the Board members.

Lastly SB9 allows lot splits, or duplexes ministerial rights. Cities will not have the ability to restrict single family homes to single families. It is a part of a legislative trend where density is encouraged but not necessarily the infrastructure needed to serve that density. President Williams requested the bill and its impacts be discussed at a future Study Session.

Item III. C BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice President Burke reported on her attendance at the Canyon Lake City Council meeting. The cannabis permitting was discussed, and the applicant is to bring forth potential areas. The Fire Department is moving forward and will take over from CalFire on January 1st. The Building Department has been brought in-house where previously it was contracted out. At the Canyon Lake Roundtable meeting, the Canyon Lake Property Owners Association reported on an implemented software where everything can now be done online. The Sheriff mentioned several recent traffic incidents near the Golf Club entrance, including a fatality. They are looking at changing the way the lights flash to slow traffic down. At the Metropolitan Water District Board meeting, it was reported positive conversations were had at a recent

Board retreat and will be working together on vision items moving forward and revisiting their committee structure and leadership. At the Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) group meeting, it was reported they are investing in upgrading their Boardroom and are looking at livestreaming their meetings. They are closely following Cal/OSHA to see about vaccine mandates and the impacts on their workforce. An update on the rate refinement process was given, along with a detailed update on the Quail Valley Septic to Sewer program. Lastly, she reported on her attendance at the Quail Valley Septic to Sewer Taskforce meeting where many groups were in attendance. Finding future funding for the project will be the main function. President Williams opined that Riverside County Flood Control should be added to the list of potential funding partners, and requested they be invited to future meetings.

Director Morris reported on his attendance at the City of Wildomar group meeting. They provided an update to the opening of their buildings to the public. The Bundy water and Oak Creek development is moving forward. The City is busy with future development projects. At the Santa Rosa Regional Resources Authority (SRRRA) Board meeting, the budget was approved. The tour of the facility was well attended, and he commented the plant is running better than expected. He also reported on his attendance at the Murrieta Student of the Month event where he was very impressed with the students.

Director Ryan reported on his attendance at the SRRRA facility tour. At the EMWD group meeting, AB361 was discussed, and he felt this should be discussed again at a future Study Session. He also requested that desalination be placed on future agendas to discuss this topic as a regional agency effort.

Director Edmondson attended the virtual Lake Elsinore Student of the Month event. He commented how driven and motivated the kids are and how proud he was to be part of this program representing the District. He also attended the City of Wildomar group meeting and felt it is critical the water district and neighboring cities communicate. He commended Director Morris for his speech at the SRRRA facility tour and was proud to have him representing EVMWD. He also reported on his recent facility tours of the District. He visited Canyon Lake Water Treatment Plant and was impressed with the PFAS and PFOA pilot project treatment processes.

President Williams reported on a conversation he had over an upcoming Lake Elsinore and San Jacinto Watersheds Authority (LESJWA) meeting. Several items will be discussed including increasing funding, Lake Elsinore aeration systems will be considered for replacement or future upgrades, and continued alum for Canyon Lake.

Item VI.0 DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS AND REQUESTS
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Director Morris commented on the Colorado River presentation done at a previous Study Session and thanked Vice President Burke for having Mr. Hasencamp from MWD present. He felt it was an amazing presentation and would like to see it on our website so the customers can also view it and see what we are up against.

Vice President Burke commented she also asked a MWD representative to present to the Board regarding the Bay Delta.

Director Ryan echoed Director Morris' comments and opined the pipe from north to south is not a dependable source of water. He also recently watched a cloud seeding presentation and reported Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) will be going after funding for the project and hope to have equipment in place by 2022/2023.

Director Edmondson also commented on the Colorado River presentation and felt it was very informative and a great presentation.

President Williams thanked Mr. Hannah for his service and wished him well.

Item V.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Phil Williams, 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