

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS OF ELSINORE VALLEY  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 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  
Andy Morris  
Chance Edmondson

Directors Absent

Darcy M. Burke, Vice President  
Harvey Ryan, Treasurer

Staff Present

Greg Thomas, General Manager  
Steve Anderson, General Counsel  
Terese Quintanar, District Secretary/Administrative Services Supervisor  
Ganesh Krishnamurthy, Assistant General Manager – Eng. and Operations  
Bob Hartwig, Assistant General Manager-Business Services  
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  
Nelson Nuezca, Principal Engineer – Capital Projects  
Jorge Chavez, Management Analyst- Grants

Others Present

Stephanie Smith, Best Best & Krieger, LLP  
Public

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Williams at 4:08 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**Item I.0 PUBLIC HEARING****Item I.A. - Public Hearing Regarding Redistricting of Agency Division Boundaries**

*Minute Order #5651*

The hearing was opened by President Williams at 4:12 p.m. and then requested a report from staff.

Stephanie Smith, from Best Best and Krieger, LLP provided an overview of the redistricting process which involves two public hearings with today's being the first, informing the public of the redistricting effort and ways to get involved. Project timelines, key deadlines and next steps were reviewed.

Requirements for redistricting include that revised electoral districts must be "substantially equal in population as required by U.S. Constitution." Balance must comply with United States and California Constitutions and the Federal Voting Rights Act (FVRA). Population equality is based on total population of District residents (not customers) per the U.S. Census. In adjusting the boundaries of the divisions, the Board may consider the following factors: topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, and compactness of territory, and community of interests of the division. Boundaries cannot be drawn to favor or discriminate against a political party and change of boundaries shall not affect the unexpired term of office of any elected Board member.

The total population as of the 2020 census data was 158,067 people. The ideal number per district would be 20%, or 31, 613 persons. The total deviation of each Districts ideal population needs be under 10% to be deemed acceptable. Some shifting of boundaries will need to be made to balance the district's boundaries to obtain the total deviation under 10%. Neighborhoods and communities of interest will be defined and identified. Timeline was then reviewed, draft maps will be drawn, and the second hearing is tentatively set for January 27, 2022. The District's deadline to adopt and submit maps to the Registrar is set for April 17, 2022.

President Williams opened the Public Hearing for any comments and questions from interested persons and there were none. He then opened the hearing for any comments by the Board of Directors and there were none.

The Public Hearing was then closed at 4:32 p.m.

President Williams reported that an Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of himself and Director Ryan, will be working in coordination with the team at Best Best and Krieger to develop updated division boundary maps. The draft maps will be posted to the District's website prior to the next public hearing, anticipated for January 2022, and EVMWD will again welcome public comments at that time.

<p><b>Item II.0 - CONSENT CALENDAR</b></p>
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<p><i>Minute Order #5652</i></p>
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- A. APPROVAL OF:
1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 14, 2021
  2. Minutes of the Regular Engineering and Operations Committee Meeting of October 4, 2021
  3. Payment Ratification
  4. Public Works Contract with Kay Construction for the Peck and Chestnut Street Sewer Replacement Phase 2 Project (*MO# 5652*)

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

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

<p><b>Item III.A BUSINESS ITEMS</b></p>
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<p><b>Item III. A Consider Adoption of Resolution for Acceptance of a Funding Agreement Issued by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for the Regional Water Reclamation Facility Expansion Project (Project No. 8462-110)</b></p>
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<p><i>Resolution No. 21-10-01</i></p>
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Mr. Dafforn reported that this project consists of expanding the Regional Water Reclamation Facility to 12MGD and will provide adequate infrastructure to meet wastewater treatment and recycled water demands in EVMWD's service area through 2030, based on the 2008 Recycled Water Master Plan and the 2016 Regional Facility Expansion Master Plan. Several key staff that were a part of the application process were recognized, including Serena Johns, Jorge Chavez, Greg Morrison, Parag Kalaria, Greg Thomas, and staff from Carollo Engineering. Significant savings will be recognized through this low interest loan, and over the next 30 years existing and future customers will benefit.

Director Edmondson appreciated all the updates and hard work from staff. Director Morris commented that these large numbers may go unnoticed by the ratepayers, but the Board realizes how much it means for the District and appreciates all the hard work from staff. President Williams echoed their comments and appreciated all the hard work.

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

- 1. Adopt a resolution accepting the terms and conditions as outlined in the funding agreement; and,**
- 2. Authorize the General Manager and President of the Board of Directors to execute the appropriate documents on behalf of EVMWD.**

**Item IV. A GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Thomas reported that proposals are due next month for the Water, Wastewater, and Recycled Masterplan. He thanked Director Edmondson and President Williams for their participation in the Halloween luncheon at the District yesterday. A broad coalition letter related to the tax implications of the American Rescue Plan has been drafted and appreciates the efforts of our two senators in this matter.

**Item IV. B LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT**

Mr. Anderson reported on a decision of the Court of Appeals resolving a matter related to the State Water Project and the Monterey Agreement.

**Item IV. C BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

President Williams reported that the Lake Elsinore Unified School District Special Election will be filling two vacancies.

Director Edmondson reported on his attendance to the Boys and Girls Club "Boots & Bling" event and Lake Elsinore Student of the Month Awards.

**Item V.0 DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS AND REQUESTS**

Director Edmondson commented that President Williams and Director Ryan were appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee for Redistricting to maintain integrity because neither are scheduled for re-election this upcoming year.

**Item VI.0 CLOSED SESSION**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:44 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 5:58 p.m., with no reportable actions.

**Item VIII.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

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Phil Williams, 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