

MINUTES
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS OF ELSINORE VALLEY
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021

The Adjourned 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
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
Margie Armstrong, Director of Strategic Programs
Jase Warner, Director of Operations
Jason Dafforn, Director of Engineering and Water Resources
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
AJ Rivera, Purchasing Manager
Barbara Mason, Contract Administrator
Natalee Dee, Accountant III
Rebecca Miller, Senior Office Assistant
Kaitlyn Wu, Community Affairs Specialist
Haley Munson, Water Efficiency Specialist
Scott Hooper, Field Maintenance Worker I

Others Present

Marissa Burke
Judy Zulfiqar
Public

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Williams at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Mr. Thomas presented the PRSA Polaris and Capella Awards for outstanding communication efforts in six categories. Staff was recognized and pictures were taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Director Morris, seconded by Director 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 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Minute Order #5662

President Williams opened the meeting for nominations.

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

- 1. Elect Director Burke as Board President for 2022.***

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

- 1. Elect Director Morris as Board Vice President for 2022.***

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

- 1. Elect Director Edmondson as Board Treasurer for 2022.***

Item II.0 PUBLIC HEARING**Item II.A. - Consider Approval of the Elsinore Valley Subbasin
Groundwater Sustainability Plan**

Resolution No. 21-12-01

The hearing was opened by President Burke at 9:10 a.m. She asked the Secretary for a report on the publication of notices for this hearing. Ms. Quintanar reported the notice was published in the Press Enterprise on November 6, 2021.

President Burke requested a report from staff and Mr. Dafforn referenced a presentation and the staff report within the packet. Recognizing the importance of groundwater to many communities throughout the state and significant overdraft of these groundwater basins, the state legislature enacted the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA). SGMA requires local water agencies to implement new groundwater management tools not previously adopted for the purpose of achieving sustainable groundwater use. This Elsinore Valley subbasin includes the Elsinore Valley, Warm Springs, and Lee Lake Sub-basins.

The Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) was completed ahead of schedule. and a \$1M grant with Department of Water Resources (DWR) was received. The project included successful collaboration with stakeholders. There were two comments received and incorporated. The results of the plan include a safe yield increase of 4 percent and ability for recovery of historical overdraft. EVMWD will continue to manage the basins sustainability and will have annual reports, 5-year updates, and continuous monitoring.

President Burke then opened the meeting for public comments and there were none.

The public hearing was closed at 9:19 a.m.

Director Ryan requested a clarification on the 4% safe yield increase. Mr. Dafforn responded that the safe yield went from 5,500 AFY to 5,700 AFY. Director Williams thanked staff for their hard work and diligence.

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

- 1. Adopt the Resolution Approving the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Elsinore Valley Subbasin (DWR Bulletin 118 Groundwater Basin: No. 8-004.01) and Authorizing and Directing its Filing with the California Department of Water Resources,**
- 2. Authorize the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents on behalf of the Elsinore Valley GSP to be filed with the California DWR no later than January 31, 2022, as required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act; and,**
- 3. Authorize the General Manager to take such other and further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the intent and purposes of the Resolution.**

Item III.0 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Minute Orders #5663-5671

Resolution No. 21-12-02 and 21-12-03

- A. APPROVAL OF:
1. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of November 23, 2021
 2. Minutes of the Regular Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of November 16, 2021

3. Minutes of the Regular Engineering and Operations Committee Meeting of December 6, 2021
4. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of December 8, 2021
5. Payment Ratification Report
6. Resolution Reaffirming and Extending Findings and Determinations Under AB 361 for Continued Virtual Meetings (*Reso No. 21-12-02*)
7. Reorganization of Board Committees (*MO# 5663*)
8. Adoption of Resolution Accepting Funds from the State Water Resources Control Board's California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program (*Reso No. 21-12-03*)
9. Publication of Public Notice of Accumulated Unclaimed Monies for the Purpose of Transferring Unclaimed Monies to the District General Fund (*MO# 5664*)
10. Amendment No. 2 to the Contract Services Agreement with Advanced Chemical Transport, Inc. for Hazardous Waste Collection, Transport and Disposal (*MO# 5665*)
11. Contract Services Agreement with Weber Water Resources, LLC. for Permanent Equipment Installation at Diamond Well (*MO# 5666*)
12. A Professional Services Agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc. for Updates to the Master Plans for Water, Sewer, and Recycled Water System Facilities (*MO# 5667*)
13. A Public Works Contract with Trinity Construction for the Palomar Well No. 2 Water Improvement Plans Project (*MO# 5668*)
14. A Five-Year Professional Services Agreement with Planetbids, Inc. For E-Procurement Services (*MO# 5669*)
15. Task Order No. 11 With Avidex Industries LLC for the Control Room Upgrades and Video Wall Implementation (*MO# 5670*)
16. A Master Services Agreement with Systems Integrated for Annual Maintenance & Support (*MO# 5671*)

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

1. Approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Item IV. A GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
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Mr. Thomas recognized Dan VerPlank, Collections Systems Maintenance Worker III, on his retirement and 26 years of service. Jesus Gastelum, Sr. Water Resources Planner/Engineer, was unanimously elected as the 2022 President for the Inland Empire Chapter WateReuse Association. He reported on recent arrearages information received regarding tax implications. Residential residents will not have any tax implications, however, commercial recipients will, and 1099 IRS Tax Forms will be issued. Almost 2-inches of rain was recorded locally with the recent storm event. Based on proposed drought measures from the State Water Board, staff will not be recommending any changes since we are currently doing more than what is being proposed. The Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board approved the EVMWD Maximum Benefit Proposal, a significant win for our ratepayers saving over \$20M in capital costs and \$2M in annual operations

& maintenance costs. This has been a long process and has transformed our relationships with regulators to being an effective partnership. He recognized and congratulated key staff involved, Ganesh Kirshnamurthy, Jason Dafforn, Parag Kalaria, Margie Armstrong, and Samantha Adams with West Yost Associates.

EVMWD's Board and WESA staff assisted eleven families and purchased gifts for 29 children this year with the Adopt a Family program. He thanked the Board and staff for their personal contributions and participation and pointed out the leadership efforts of Allison Cadava and Christina Bachinski for arranging this event.

Item IV. B LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Mr. Anderson announced that he would circulate a memorandum regarding FPPC regulation updates.

Item IV. C BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director Edmondson reported on Canyon Lake State of the City event and the City of Wildomar group meeting he attended. He appreciates staff with working together with all the surrounding cities.

Director Ryan also attended the Canyon Lake State of the City event and commented on the impressive relationship between the agencies. He reported on the Eastern Municipal Water District group meeting as well. Quail Valley Sewer Subarea 4 was discussed, along with funding received. EMWD provided updates to their redistricting efforts and reported a 15% increase in population within their boundary. In addition, the Regional Efforts Resiliency Project was discussed. A joint meeting is expected to be held in January with RCWD, EMWD, WMWD, and EVMWD.

Director Williams reported on a Riverside County Flood Control project that will reduce or eliminate the flooding that occurs along Grand Avenue near Vista Lago. The bids were \$5M over the estimated costs and RCFC has decided to fund the overage. He also spoke with the County Supervisor's office regarding a project to extend sewer out to Meadowbrook.

Director Morris reported the City of Wildomar appointed Mayor Ben Benoit and Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Morabito at their recent City Council meeting. Dan York was appointed as City Manager. It was highlighted that staff submitted four projects for ARPA funding. Sedco area was mentioned, and he felt the County should be included to see if any additional funds could be obtained. Staff was asked to meet with County staff to pool resources.

President Burke commented that she also attended the Canyon Lake State of City. She then reported on the MWD Board meeting, where new standing committees were added. They shared their outline of their strategic priorities. The General Manager has had listening sessions with special interest groups, however, retail water agencies were not listed. Recognition was given to Jolene Walsh, at EMWD, for preparing a memo requesting to list the retail water agencies on these sessions and referenced a climate action plan.

President Burke expressed gratitude for EVMWD's Operations team and her excitement with moving forward with the Strategic Plan.

Item V.0 DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

President Burke wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Item VI.0 CLOSED SESSION

The Board did not adjourn to closed session.

Item VIII.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.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