

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
EAST ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

September 17, 2015

1. **Call to Order.** A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Orange County Water District was called to order by WILLIAM VANDERWERFF, President of the Board of Directors, at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2015, in the offices of the East Orange County Water District, 185 N. McPherson Road, Orange, California. JOAN ARNESON, Secretary, recorded the minutes of the meeting.

The following Directors were present: RICHARD BELL, DOUGLASS DAVERT, JOHN DULEBOHN, SEYMOUR EVERETT and WILLIAM VANDERWERFF. Also present were:

LISA OHLUND	General Manager
JERRY MENDZER	Maintenance & Operations Superintendent
SYLVIA PRADO	District Administrative Assistant
JOAN ARNESON	District Secretary and Legal Counsel (by telephone)
BILL EVEREST	Consultant
BRIAN LOCHRIE	CommunicationsLab

2. **Public Communications to the Board.** None.

3. **Items Arising After Posting of Agenda.** None.

4. **General Manager's Report.**

ACTION TAKEN:

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, the General Manager's Report was received and filed.

5. **Minutes.**

ACTION TAKEN:

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, the minutes of the meeting of August 20, 2015 were approved as submitted.

6. **Operation, Management and Construction Matters.**

B. **Design of Peters Canyon (6MG) Reservoir Roof Repairs – Amendment No. 4 to Carollo Engineers Contract.** Director BELL reported that the Engineering Committee further reviewed the questions from the last Board meeting relative to costs for replacing the roof

versus reducing or suspending operation and proceeding with replacement. He added that the stability issues with the current structure relate to the fill and the potential for saturation from a large leak, which is something that can be monitored. Ms. OHLUND said the cost consideration was whether to spend the money for a roof and extend the facility life, or instead begin planning for replacement, and said the proposal would optimize the quality of repair for least cost. President VANDERWERFF requested that the Finance Committee study and report back on the funding of the future replacement.

ACTION TAKEN:

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, Amendment No. 4 to the contract with Carollo Engineers was approved, to add engineering services for the Peters Canyon reservoir repairs and rehabilitation in the not-to-exceed amount of \$63,772, and the General Manager was authorized to execute the amendment.

B. CommunicationsLab Outreach Assistance. Ms. OHLUND reported that CommunicationsLab was providing valuable assistance with the District's communications to customers on the drought and sewer transfer.

ACTION TAKEN:

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, Amendment No. 3 to the contract with CommunicationsLab was approved, providing for community outreach services in an amount not-to-exceed \$51,000, and the General Manager was authorized to execute the amendment.

C. Participation in Joint Urban Water Management Planning. Director BELL recused himself from the discussion. Ms. OHLUND reported that staff's inquiries with consultants on the cost of performing this work for EOCWD as a solo effort indicates that joint participation will be the most cost-effective.

ACTION TAKEN:

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried 4-0-1 (BELL abstaining) the agreement for sharing consultant costs for 2015 urban water management plans, with Municipal Water District of Orange County and other participating agencies, was approved and the General Manager was authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the District and remit payment of \$24,186.

D. 2015/16 Severe Weather Outlook – Inventory of District Facilities. Ms. OHLUND summarized the report in the agenda packet on staff's preparedness efforts for various facilities during the anticipated El Niño conditions. She described previous and proposed communications with the County regarding protection of the pipeline located in the vicinity of Crawford Canyon Road and Newport Boulevard.

7. **Financial Matters.**

A. Schedule of Disbursements. Schedules of disbursements in the following amounts were presented: \$331,874.91 from Wholesale and Retail Operating Funds, \$2,928.88 for directors' payroll, and \$43,074.03 for employees' payroll.

B. Investment Activity. Schedules of investments were presented.

C. Financial Statements (July 31). The financial statements were presented.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Director DULEBOHN recommended approval of the schedule of disbursements and investment schedules, and receipt and filing of the financial statements.

ACTION TAKEN:

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, the schedules of disbursements were approved as submitted, the schedules of investments were ratified and approved, and the financial statements were received and filed.

8. **Miscellaneous Matters.**

A. Reports from Committees and Representatives to Organizations. None.

B. Directors' Reports on Meetings Attended. President VANDERWERFF reported on his attendance of the WACO meeting which included an excellent presentation on emergency response planning. Director DULEBOHN reported on the UWI conference and commended Ms. OHLUND on the program, which indicated desalination looks to be less preferred than other reliability options.

C. Orange County Sanitation District #7 Local Sewer Service Reorganization – Status Report. Ms. OHLUND updated schedule information from LAFCO including another community outreach meeting in October and Commission consideration at its November meeting.

D. Water Demand Status Report. Ms. OHLUND reported that the OCWD increased the basin production percentage to 76% for the balance of the year.

ACTION TAKEN:

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, the Water Demand Status Report was received and filed.

E. Drought Response Report. Ms. OHLUND played a video clip of a recent sketch with Jimmy Kimmel accompanying LADWP drought measure enforcement personnel in the field.

ACTION TAKEN:

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, the Drought Response Report was received and filed.

9. Informational Items.

A. General Interest Publications. Included were: *San Francisco Chronicle*, "Who Owns California's Water? Gold Rush-era laws cripple system"; *Los Angeles Times*, "Drought is no reason to ease environmental protections, California voters say."

10. Adjournment.

ACTION TAKEN:

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m., the next regular meeting date and time being Thursday, October 15, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., to be held in the Offices of the East Orange County Water District, 185 N. McPherson Road, Orange, California.

Respectfully submitted,



Joan C. Arneson