

Approved April 14, 2021

**EAST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

February 24, 2021

MINUTES

The Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Vice Chairman Goodrich led the flag salute.

PRESENT: Directors: Carrillo, Coats, Goodrich, Morales, Smith

ABSENT: None

STAFF: John Mura, General Manager/CEO; Brian Tompkins, Chief Financial Officer; Jeff Noelte, Director of Engineering and Operations; Kelly Malloy, Director of Strategic Services; Justine Hendricksen, District Clerk; Shayla Antrim, Sr. Administrative Assistant

LEGAL COUNSEL: Jean Cihigoyenetché

GUEST(s): Members of the public

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Smith declared the public participation section of the meeting open at 5:32 p.m.

There being no written or verbal comments, the public participation section was closed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C (Morales-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the February 24, 2021 agenda be approved as submitted.

APPROVE THE JANUARY 27, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

M/S/C (Carrillo-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board approve the January 27, 2021 regular board meeting minutes as submitted.

DISBURSEMENTS

M/S/C (Carrillo-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the General Fund Disbursements #257185 through #257317 which were distributed during the period of January 1, 2021 through January 31, 2021, bank drafts, and ACH Payments in the amount of \$3,784,274.03 and \$366,896.03 for payroll and benefit contributions, totaling \$4,151,170.06 be approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SELF-GENERATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM (SGIP) DEPOSIT FOR THE STERLING NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER

The Director of Engineering and Operations provided information regarding an application submitted by the District for \$4,500,000 for the Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) funding for Sterling Natural Resource Center energy generation system. He stated that if the application is approved, a reservation deposit is required in order to reserve the funding for the project.

M/S/C (Coats-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board authorize the payment of a refundable deposit in the amount of \$225,000 to reserve \$4,500,000 of anticipated incentive funds for the Sterling Natural Resource Center energy generation system as submitted.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE INCREASES

The Chief Financial Officer provided information regarding the Cost of Service Analysis (COSA) and a previously scheduled public hearing that was canceled due to Covid-19. He stated that staff began working with IB Consulting to broaden the scope of the 2019 wastewater COSA to include future operations at the Sterling Natural Resource Center.

The Chief Financial Officer provided a brief update of the District's current rates, cost of service analysis, debt service and proposed rate adjustments for water and wastewater.

Mr. Habib Isaac, IB Consulting, provided a detailed presentation including but not limited to the following: the development of a 10-year financial plan, updated consumption analysis and financials, rate study components, financial planning, rate design, budget structure, cost of service analysis and proposed water and wastewater collection rates.

M/S/C (Morales-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board schedule a public hearing for May 12, 2021 to consider the adoption of water and wastewater rates as submitted.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Coats reported on the following: February 16 he participated in the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Board meeting; February 22 he met with

consultant, Bill Kelly, to discuss the General Manager/CEO's evaluation; and February 23 he discussed District business with the General Manager/CEO.

Director Carrillo reported that on February 19 he discussed the agenda and District business with the General Manager/CEO.

Director Morales reported on the following: February 11 he participated in the Association of California Water Agencies Board meeting where they revised personnel policies; February 12 he participated in the Association of California Water Agencies Region 9 meeting where they discussed upcoming elections and the nominating committee; February 18 he met with the General Manager/CEO for District and Sterling Natural Resource Center updates; February 19 he participated in the Association of California Water Agencies Region 9 meeting where they selected two board members by appointment; and February 23 he participated in the San Bernardino Board of Water Commissioners meeting.

Vice Chairman Goodrich reported on the following: February 11 he participated in the Legislative & Public Outreach Committee meeting; February 18 he met with the General Manager/CEO to review the agenda; February 22 he met with consultant, Bill Kelly, to discuss the General Manager/CEO's evaluation; and February 23 he discussed District business with the General Manager/CEO.

Chairman Smith reported on the following: February 11 he participated in the Legislative & Public Outreach Committee meeting; February 18 he met with the General Manager/CEO to review the agenda; February 19 he participated in the East Valley Association of Realtors meeting where he provided an update on the Sterling Natural Resource Center; and February 23 he discussed District business with the General Manager/CEO.

Information only.

GENERAL MANAGER/CEO REPORT

The General Manager/CEO stated that the District will be holding its first virtual conservation workshop on Facebook Live, February 27 at 10a.m.

The General Manager/CEO thanked the public for their continued support during these trying times and for participating in the District's teleconferencing meetings. He stated that meetings will continue to be held via teleconference until further notice.

Information only.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

No report at this time.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Vice Chairman Goodrich made a comment from a ratepayer perspective; that he is pleased that the staff report states that rates are evaluated to be sure they are sufficient to maintain public services.

Chairman Smith thanked everyone for attending the Board meeting.

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ADJOURN

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.



John Mura, Secretary



David E. Smith, Board President