

Approved February 10, 2021

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

**January 13, 2021**

**MINUTES**

The Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

**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, Senior 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 4:33 p.m.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

M/S/C (Carrillo-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the January 13, 2021 agenda be approved as submitted.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board entered into Closed Session at 4:34 p.m. as provided in the Ralph M. Brown Act Government Code Sections 54956.8 to discuss the item(s) listed on the agenda.

**THE BOARD RECONVENED THE MEETING AT 5:30 P.M.**

Director Goodrich led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

With respect to Item #2: No reportable action taken.

**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.

**APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 25, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

M/S/C (Morales-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board approve the November 25, 2020 regular board meeting minutes as submitted.

**APPROVE THE DECEMBER 9, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

M/S/C (Morales-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board approve the December 9, 2020 regular board meeting minutes as submitted.

- Ayes: Carrillo, Coats, Goodrich Smith
- Noes: None
- Abstain: Director Morales
- Absent: None

**DIRECTORS' FEES AND EXPENSES FOR DECEMBER 2020**

M/S/C (Morales-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board approve the Directors' fees and expenses for December 2020 as submitted.

**DISBURSEMENTS**

M/S/C (Morales-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the General Fund Disbursements #256931 through #257077 which were distributed during the period of November 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020, bank drafts, and ACH Payments in the amount of \$11,295,915.96 and \$413,443.21 for payroll and benefit contributions, totaling \$11,709,359.17 be approved.

**APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2020**

M/S/C (Morales-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board approve the financial statements for November 2020 as submitted.

**ADOPT 2021 IRS MILEAGE RATE**

M/S/C (Morales-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board adopt mileage reimbursements rate established by the IRS for 2021.

## **APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS FOR PLANT 134 GRANULAR ACTIVATED CARBON PROGRESSIVE DESIGN-BUILD AGREEMENT**

The Director of Engineering and Operations provided information regarding the final step of the Corrective Action Plan required by the State Water Resources Control Board due to a Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) exceedance event that occurred in 2017. He stated that in June 2020 the District solicited design-build qualifications and in return received five proposals. That staff identified Pacific Hydrotech Corporation as providing the best value to the District and requests to enter into a design-build agreement for Granular Activated Carbon improvements to Plant 134.

M/S/C (Coats-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board authorize the General Manager/CEO to execute a Progressive Design-Build Agreement with Pacific Hydrotech Corporation for a not-to-exceed Phase 1 amount of \$278,400 as submitted.

## **APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH TESLA INC. FOR BATTERY STORAGE SYSTEM INSTALLATION AT DISTRICT FACILITIES**

The Director of Engineering and Operations provided information regarding the California Public Utilities Commission's Self-Generation Incentive Program and how that correlates to Tesla providing a battery system to the District no cost for ten years. He reviewed details of the battery system: annual electricity cost saving the District, facilities to receive the system, backup power, and options at the end of ten years.

M/S/C (Carrillo-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board authorize the General Manager/CEO to execute no cost agreements with Tesla Inc. to install commercial scale battery storage systems at select District facilities.

## **APPROVAL OF ELM STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

The Director of Engineering and Operations provided information regarding the District moving ahead of schedule with the Elm Street Water Main Replacement, which is included in the District's Capital Improvement Program. He stated that the City of Highland will be replacing the asphalt as part of their Safe Routes to School project; and by replacing the pipeline at the same time will save the District \$100,000 in pavement repairs.

M/S/C (Morales-Goodrich) by unanimous roll call vote that the Board authorize the General Manager/CEO to execute a contract with TK Construction for the Elm Street Water Main Replacement a not-to-exceed amount of \$321,854.

## **2021 COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNMENTS**

Chairman Smith stated that he reviewed Representative and Committee assignments with Vice Chairman Goodrich and announced the new Representative and Committee assignments.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Director Morales reported on the following: January 5 he participated in the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Board meeting; January 6 he participated in the Colton/San Bernardino Regional Tertiary Treatment and WR Authority (RIX) meeting; and January 12 he participated in the San Bernardino Board of Water Commissioners meeting.

Director Carrillo reported on the following: January 12 he participated in the Inland Action meeting via Zoom; and January 13 he reviewed the agenda with the General Manager/CEO and discussed District business.

Director Coats reported on the following: December 15 he participated in the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Board meeting; December 16 and 30 he discussed District business with the General Manager/CEO; January 4 he participated in the Association San Bernardino County Special Districts Association meeting where they discussed planning for the first virtual meeting since COVID; January 5 he participated in the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Board meeting; and January 6 and 12 he discussed District business with the General Manager/CEO.

Vice Chairman Goodrich reported on the following: January 5 he discussed District business with the General Manager/CEO; and January 7 he met virtually with the General Manager/CEO to review the agenda.

Chairman Smith reported on the following: January 5 he discussed District business with the General Manager/CEO; and January 7 he met virtually with the General Manager/CEO to review the agenda.

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## **GENERAL MANAGER/CEO REPORT**

The General Manager/CEO provided information regarding a review of the customer service counter being closed due to COVID to determine how approximately 1,000 customers who used to pay monthly at the counter are now paying their bills. He provided the results of a comparison of how payments have been made between January and November 2020.

The General Manager/CEO reported on the following:

- The District was notified that it received reaccreditation for the Special District Leadership Foundation's Transparency Certificate.
- Construction for the SNRC is now going vertical with work happening above ground. The January bill insert highlights construction progress and the installation of co-digesters. Additionally, the mailer includes a QR code and survey link where residents can submit their suggestions for future SNRC community programming. The bill insert and survey were translated to Spanish.

- The Inland Empire Economic Partnership will be holding its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony January 14, 2021 and he will be attending the virtual meeting.
- He will be hosting a virtual All Hands meeting for staff January 14, 2021.
- In observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, the District's office and customer service lines will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021.

The General Manager/CEO stated that Staff continues to monitor changing regulations and Executive Orders regarding COVID-19, including health requirements. The District's office will remain closed to the public due to COVID-19. Customers can continue to pay their bill online, by mail, via the payment drop box or using PayNearMe at local 7-Eleven stores even as the District's offices are closed.

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

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**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

No report at this time.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Director Coats asked that everyone remain safe.

Director Morales wished everyone a happy new year.

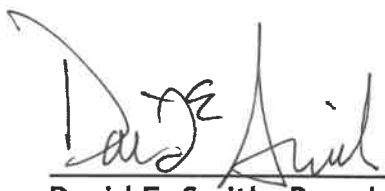
Chairman Smith thanked staff for their presentations.

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**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

  
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John Mura, Secretary

  
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David E. Smith, Board President