

Approved May 12, 2020

**EAST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION**

January 14, 2020

MINUTES

Cecilia Contreras, Senior Administrative Assistant, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led the flag salute.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Dondalski, Laster, Miller, Yauger

ABSENT: Commissioners: None

STAFF: Kelly Malloy, Director of Strategic Services; Cecilia Contreras, Senior Administrative Assistant; Brian Tompkins, Chief Financial Officer; Nate Paredes, Business Services Manager

GUEST(s): Habib Isaac, IB Consulting

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Senior Administrative Assistant declared the public participation section of the meeting open at 6:01 pm.

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

The Senior Administrative Assistant switched agenda item #3 to be moved up to agenda item #2.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2019 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

M/S/C (Yauger-Laster) to approve the November 12, 2019 Commission meeting minutes as submitted.

RATE HEARING UPDATE

The Chief Financial Officer introduced the District's consultant Habib Isaac from IB Consulting to present the Rate Study. Mr. Isaac stated that the District contracted with his agency to conduct a Cost of Service Analysis; that this information will be used to develop recommendations that will be presented to the Governing Board to consider for adoption at a public hearing; that the key elements for consideration is the continued need for infrastructure investments, an on-going commitment to the water supply, and to avoid added costs that would result from deferred maintenance; that the District is responsible for maintaining rates that meet the needs of providing world class service to the community.

Information only.

STERLING NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER PROJECT UPDATE

The Director of Strategic Services presented an update to the Commission regarding the Sterling Natural Resource Center including but not limited to: the progression of the design-build with the co-digesters, the sales tax exclusion has been recommended by State personnel for approval, working on the settlement agreement with the City of Highland, Wildlife Hazard plan has been submitted to the FAA for review, continuing to work with Southern California Edison and AQMD, a pathways program will begin in February with the students from Indian Springs High School, and that the District continues to keep its residents informed of the progress through bill inserts.

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COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Yauger stated that he would like to see the Tier 2 usage be explained in more detail during the redesign.

Mr. Dondalski commented that he spoke with his neighbors about the District's Budget Based Rates and presented the feedback to the commission members.

Dr. Miller suggested that the District provide information about educating customers about the Bunker Hill Basin.

Mr. Laster stated that he enjoyed the presentation today.

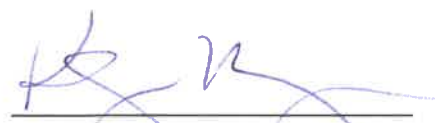
STAFF COMMENTS

The Director of Strategic Services stated that Mr. Jaurigue had resigned from the Commission and that staff will be promoting the position to the community for applications; that the news had recently shared a story about water conservation that was inaccurate and the next meeting will have an agenda item to discuss; and thanked the Commission for their time and the next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2020.

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ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.



Kelly Malloy
Director of Strategic Services