

Approved March 11, 2020

**EAST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

January 22, 2020

MINUTES

The Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Mays 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; Justine Hendricksen, District Clerk; Eileen Bateman, 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 5:31 p.m.

There being no written or verbal comments, the public participation section was closed at 5:32 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C (Carrillo-Coats) that the January 22, 2020 agenda be approved as submitted.

DISBURSEMENTS

M/S/C (Goodrich-Coats) that the General Fund Disbursements #255184 through #255353 which were distributed during the period of November 1, 2019 through November 30, 2019, bank drafts, and ACH Payments in the amount of \$4,712,579.90 and \$562,480.80 for payroll and benefit contributions, totaling \$5,275,060.78 be approved.

APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2019

M/S/C (Goodrich-Coats) that the Board approve the financial statements for November 2019.

APPROVE INVESTMENT REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

M/S/C (Goodrich-Coats) that the Board accept and file the investment report for the quarter ended December 31, 2019

APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2019

M/S/C (Goodrich-Coats) that the Board approve the financial statements for December 2019.

DISBURSEMENTS

M/S/C (Goodrich-Coats) that the General Fund Disbursements #255354 through #255502 which were distributed during the period of December 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, bank drafts, and ACH Payments in the amount of \$ 8,676,544.61 and \$358,294.02 for payroll and benefit contributions, totaling \$9,034,838.63 be approved.

ADOPT 2020 IRS MILEAGE RATE

M/S/C (Goodrich-Coats) that the Board adopt the standard mileage reimbursement rate established by the IRS for 2020.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2020 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

The Districts' lobbyists, Mrs. Pilar Oñate-Quintana, Mr. David Quintana and Mr. Cook provided information to the Board including but not limited to the following: Primary elections will be held March 3, 2020, political dynamics, Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Funds that were established as an alternative to the water tax, pending legislation activities, State Budget Highlights and general political updates. Mr. Jarell Cook was introduced to the Board as the newest member of East Valley Water Districts lobby team from Quintana, Watts, and Hartmann.

The Director of Strategic Services presented detailed information regarding the District's legislative platform including but not limited to the following: roles and responsibilities of the Board of Directors, General Manager/CEO and staff as well as the guidelines for legislative advocate considerations.

M/S/C (Coats-Carrillo) that the Board approve the Legislative platform as submitted.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE INCREASES

The Chief Financial Officer gave 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 5-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-Coats) that the Board schedule a public hearing to consider adopting water and wastewater rate increases on April 8, 2020.

2020 COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNMENTS

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Carrillo reported on the following: January 16 he attended the Community Heritage and Education Foundation Committee meeting where they reviewed the preliminary design building proposal and attended the Inland Empire Economic Partnership annual installation award dinner where Mr. Mura received the 2019 Chairman's Award. He expressed his gratitude for the recognition Mr. Mura received on behalf of the District.

Vice Chairman Goodrich reported on the following: January 16 he met with Chairman Smith and Mr. Mura for agenda review and attended the Inland Empire Economic Partnership annual dinner.

Director Coats reported on the following: January 9 he attended the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Advisory Commission on Water Policy where they discussed the conservation plan for the City of Rialto, BTAC Water Management Plan and Wash Plan update; January 10 he toured the Sterling Natural Resources Center site; January 14 he met with Mr. Mura to discuss District business and ongoing projects and also attended the Finance and Human Resources Committee meeting where they discussed revisions to the Board Member Handbook; January 16 he attended the Inland Empire Economic Partnership annual dinner; January 21 he attended the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Board meeting.

Director Morales reported on the following: January 10 he toured the Sterling Natural Resources Center site; January 14 attended the Finance and Human Resources Committee meeting; January 16 he attended Inland Empire Economic Partnership annual installation award dinner where Mr. Mura received the 2019 Chairman's Award. He congratulated Mr. Mura for receiving the 2019 Chairman's award at the Inland Empire Economic Partnership annual dinner.

Chairman Smith reported on the following: January 9 he attended a meeting with Mr. Mura where they discussed the Sterling Natural Resources Center update; January 16 he met with Mr. Mura and Vice Chairman Goodrich for the agenda review and attended the Inland Empire Economic Partnership annual dinner.

Information only.

GENERAL MANAGER/CEO REPORT

The General Manager/CEO announced upcoming events and meetings: January 23 The Highland Area Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual Community Awards & Installation dinner at the Bear Springs Hotel Event Center; Saturday the district will have a booth that the Highland 5k YMCA Run with giveaways for participants and information on the District services; staff will be attending the San Bernardino County Regional Business Summit and State of the County on February 5; February 22 the District will host a Conservation Workshop to provide customer tips on staying within their water budget, information on rebate programs, and address questions regarding water legislation.

The General Manager/CEO informed the Board that he will be on vacation beginning January 30 through February 11; that in his absence Jeff Noelte, Director of Engineering and Operations will be assuming all his duties and authorities.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

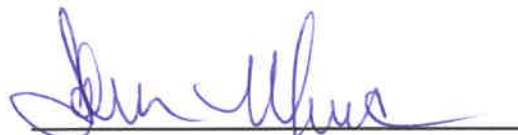
There were no comments at this time.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

There were no comments at this time.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.



John Mura, Secretary



David E. Smith, Board President