

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
EL TORO WATER DISTRICT
June 23, 2022

President Freshley called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the ELTORO WATER DISTRICT to order at 7:36 a.m.

President Freshley led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Directors KATHRYN FRESHLEY, KAY HAVENS, MIKE GASKINS, MARK MONIN (zoom) and JOSE VERGARA participated.

Also present were DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, General Manager, JASON HAYDEN, CFO, SCOTT HOPKINS, Operations Superintendent, HANNAH FORD, Engineering Manager, SHERRI SEITZ, Public Relations/Emergency Preparedness Administrator, GILBERT J. GRANITO, General Counsel, CAROL MOORE, Laguna Woods Mayor (zoom), and POLLY WELSCH, Recording Secretary.

Oral Communications/Public Comments

There were no comments.

Items Received Too Late to be Agendized

President Freshley asked if there were any items received too late to be agendized. Mr. Cafferty replied no.

Consent Calendar

President Freshley asked for a Motion.

Motion: Vice President Havens made a Motion, seconded by Director Gaskins and unanimously carried across the Board to approve the Consent Calendar.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Vergara	aye
Director Monin	aye
Director Gaskins	aye
Vice President Havens	aye
President Freshley	aye

Director Reports for Meetings Attended

Director Vergara stated that he attended the WACO meeting, the CAG meeting, the WACO Planning Committee meeting, the Special Board meeting, the Lake Forest City Council meeting, the WaterReuse meeting, the MWDOC/MET Directors Workshop, the MWDOC Planning/Operations meeting, and the regular Board meetings.

Director Monin stated that he attended the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, the MWDOC/MET Directors Workshop, the WACO meeting, the WACO Planning Committee meeting, the Laguna Woods City Council meeting, the OCCOG meeting, the MWDOC Admin/Finance Committee meeting, the Special Board meeting, and the regular Board meetings.

Director Gaskins stated that he attended the SOCWA Board meeting, the CAG meeting, the WACO meeting, the MWDOC Planning/Operations meeting, the MWDOC Admin/Finance Committee meeting, the Lake Forest State of the

City meeting, the MWDOC Board meeting, the SAC meeting, the Special Board meeting, a meeting with the SOCWA consultant, and the regular Board meetings.

Vice President Havens stated that she attended the MWDOC/MET Directors Workshop, the University of California Landscape Planning Irrigation Trials, the CAG meeting, the WACO meeting, the MWDOC Planning/Operations Committee meeting, the MWDOC Admin/Finance Committee meeting, the Agenda Review meeting, the MWDOC Board meeting, the Special Board meeting, the SAC meeting, the WateReuse meeting, the South Orange County Watershed Management meeting, an Area Collaboration Group meeting, the regular Board meetings, and she plans to attend a Pres/VP/GM meeting tomorrow.

President Freshley stated that she attended the WACO meeting, the SOCWA Board meeting, the SOCWA Task Force meeting, the MWDOC/MET Directors Workshop, the MWDOC Planning/Operations meeting, the Special Board meeting, the Agenda Review meeting, the CAG meeting, the LAFCO meeting, the Laguna Woods City Council meeting, the regular Board meetings, and she will be attending the Pres/VP/GM meeting tomorrow.

General Manager Action Items

CSDA Board of Directors, Southern Network – Seat B Election

Mr. Cafferty stated that there are three candidates running for the open seat on CSDA's Board for the Southern Network – Seat B. He further stated that the Candidate Statements are included in the package.

President Freshley asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director Gaskins made a Motion, seconded by Vice President Havens and unanimously carried across the Board to vote for the incumbent Don Bartz, Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District, for the representative to the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors, Southern Network, Seat B, and submit the vote by the July 8, 2022 5:00 p.m. deadline.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Vergara	aye
Director Monin	aye
Director Gaskins	aye
Vice President Havens	aye
President Freshley	aye

At approximately 7:50 a.m. Director Monin left the meeting.

General Manager Information Items

COVID-19 Update

Mr. Cafferty provided an update on the current COVID-19 conditions. Mr. Cafferty recommended, and the Board concurred, that future COVID updates will be made on a quarterly basis.

General Manager's Monthly Report

Mr. Cafferty stated that on the water savings charts we are showing less in consumption than the comparison to 2020 by 12% in May.

Mr. Cafferty stated that the OC Grand Jury has published a report titled "Water in Orange County Needs One Voice" which is focusing in their view on the redundant services of Orange County Water District and MWDOC.

Mr. Cafferty stated that every agency in the County has been requested to respond to the report within 90 days. He further stated that although the

report is marked "Confidential", it is already publicly available on the County's website.

President Freshley stated that we will hold a Special Board meeting which will allow the Board to review the report.

Ms. Moore suggested that the agencies write to the Legislators to get together and provide guidelines for attending meetings remotely.

Vice President Havens stated that as we are heading into the hot season, what are the drivers for the potable supplement. Mr. Cafferty replied that the potable supplement connection was built originally with the notion that someday we would have more recycled water demand than we had influent to the plant, and we would need extra water. He further stated that it is currently used on days where the demand is outpacing the production as well as the supply in the Reservoir.

President Freshley stated that the Battery Report indicates the battery is not saving the District money. Ms. Ford replied that we are not allowed to drain the batteries during a certain period of day therefore not allowing us to have fully charged batteries when we needed to offset demand during peak hours.

Director Gaskins asked what happens when our contract ends. Mr. Cafferty replied that we would decide whether or not to continue the program.

President Freshley asked how long the contract is. Mr. Cafferty replied that we are in year 3 of a 10-year contract.

Legislative Reports

There were no comments.

Public Education and Outreach & Water Use Efficiency Reports

Ms. Seitz stated that the bill message will reference the Prop 218 Notice amendment. She further stated that newsletters will be going out this week.

Ms. Seitz stated that President Freshley will be on TV-6 July 5th to discuss the District's 2022/23 budget.

Ms. Seitz stated that we entered the Orange County Public Relations Society of America (OCPRSA) awards gala honoring Orange County's top public relations professionals, programs and campaigns. She further stated that the winners will be announced at the Annual Awards in October.

Ms. Seitz stated that she has a walk-thru scheduled for July 11th at 10 am for the Adopt a Channel with the Orange County Conservation Corp to obtain a more definitive cost.

Ms. Seitz stated that Directors Monin and Gaskins along with staff attended the Mission Viejo Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on June 9th where the District co-sponsored the table decorations with SMWD.

Ms. Seitz stated that the District will participate in the City of Mission Viejo's National Night Out August 1st at 5:00 pm, where staff will be bringing the water trailer.

At approximately 8:25 a.m. Ms. Seitz left the meeting.

SOCWA Reports

President Freshley stated that there was discussion on the SOCWA Consultant reflecting on SOCWA issues, and there will be a presentation at the August SOCWA Board meeting.

MWDOC Reports

Director Gaskins stated that there was discussion at the MWDOC Planning/Operations meeting regarding the OC Reliability Study, and an Economic Benefits Study.

Vice President Havens stated that the MWDOC Admin/Finance meeting they discussed how to solve the water crisis coalition.

SOCWMA Reports

Vice President Havens stated that AB 361 continues to be a challenge, and a meeting is being planned for November.

South Orange County Agencies Group Meeting

There were no comments.

LAFCO

President Freshley stated that they will be sending out quarterly newsletters. She further stated that they discussed the Pomeroy property detachment from the City of Tustin, and the Hamer Island annexation to the City of Placentia.

ISDOC

There were no comments.

WACO

Director Vergara stated that they received an update from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife by Chuck Bonham, Director of California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

COMMITTEE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Dates to Remember for June/July

There were no comments.

Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items

Mr. Cafferty stated that the Board and staff will need to update their W-4 and State withholding forms for the Springbrook Payroll system.

Mr. Cafferty stated that SCWD continues to look for participants in the Doheny project and would like to present an update to the Board at a future meeting.

Director Vergara stated that WEROC is still looking for funding and he asked how much MWDOC has in Reserves. Mr. Cafferty stated that there is a workshop coming up on this topic.

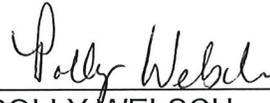
Attorney Report

Mr. Granito reported that there is no need for a Closed Session today, and as such regular session continued.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



POLLY WELSCH
Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



KATHRYN FRESHLEY, President of
the El Toro Water District and the
Board of Directors thereof



DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, Secretary
of the El Toro Water District and
the Board of Directors thereof

