

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
EL TORO WATER DISTRICT
March 23, 2023

President Havens called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the ELTORO WATER DISTRICT to order at 7:30 a.m.

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

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

Also present were DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, General Manager, JUDY CIMORELL, Human Resources Manager, SCOTT HOPKINS, Operations Superintendent, SHERRI SEITZ, Public Affairs Manager (7:45 am), VU CHU, Water Use Efficiency Analyst, MIKE MIAZGA, IT Manager, GILBERT J. GRANITO, General Counsel, and POLLY WELSCH, Recording Secretary.

Oral Communications/Public Comments

There were no comments.

Items Received Too Late to be Agendized

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

Consent Calendar

President Havens asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director Monin made a Motion, seconded by Director Freshley and unanimously carried across the Board to approve the Consent Calendar.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Director Reports for Meetings Attended

Director Vergara stated that he attended the MWDOC/MET Directors workshop, the WACO meeting, two Pres/VP/GM meetings, the MWDOC Planning/Operations meeting, the MWDOC Admin/Finance meeting, the MWDOC Board meeting, the Lake Forest Meet the Mayor event, and the regular ETWD Board meetings.

Director Gaskins stated that he attended the MWDOC/MET Directors workshop, the WACO meeting, the MWDOC Planning/Operations meeting, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, the Lake Forest Meet the Mayor event, the MWDOC Board meeting, the OCWA meeting, the SAC meeting, the South County Agencies meeting, the Concerned Citizens meeting, SOCWA meetings, and the regular ETWD Board meetings.

Director Freshley stated that she attended the MWDOC Planning/Operations meeting, the MWDOC/MET Directors meeting, the SOCWA Board meetings, the SOCWA Finance meeting, the OCWA luncheon, the Laguna Woods City Council meeting, the Lake Forest Meet the Mayor, and the regular ETWD Board meetings.

President Havens stated that she attended the MWDOC/MET Directors workshop, the Lake Forest Meet the Mayor event, the OCWA meeting, the WACO

meeting, the Pres/VP/GM meeting, the MWDOC Planning/Operations meeting, the MWDOC Admin/Finance meeting, the SOCWMA management meeting, the MWDOC Board meeting, the South County Agencies meeting, and the regular ETWD Board meetings.

Director Monin stated that he attended the WACO meeting, the Lake Forest Meet the Mayor event, the WACO Planning Committee meeting, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, the MWDOC/MET Directors workshop, the MWDOC Board meeting, the Lake Forest City Council meeting, the Lake Forest Meet the Mayor, and the regular ETWD Board meetings.

General Manager Action Items

Nomination of a Candidate to the CSDA Board of Directors, Southern Network – Seat C

Mr. Cafferty stated that CSDA is working on their 2024 – 2026 term of officers for their Board of Directors for the Southern Network – Seat C. He further stated that Arlene Schafer of Costa Mesa Sanitary District is the incumbent who is running for re-election.

Mr. Cafferty stated that CSDA is asking for nominations of anyone else who may want to compete for the Seat C. There were no nominations, and therefore no need for action.

General Manager Information Items

General Manager's Monthly Report

Mr. Cafferty stated that the end of the report he included ACWA's 2023 Board Officers' Election – Authorized Voting Representative Form. He further stated that ACWA is changing the manner in which they do their Board Officers' election and that

they are now using an electronic voting system.

Legislative Reports

There were no comments.

Public Education and Outreach Report

Ms. Seitz stated that staff will be attending the Children's Water Festival March 29-30 where the students will have a hands-on activity to test tap water versus bottled water. She further stated that staff will guide the students on how to test tap water and bottled water for pH and TDS and compare parameters on the test strips.

Ms. Seitz stated that Director Gaskins spoke at the Concerned Citizens meeting on March 7th and provided an update on water supply.

Ms. Seitz stated that Mr. Cafferty will be speaking at the Concerned Citizens Earth Day event and provide an update on drought and water supply.

Ms. Seitz stated that staff will have a booth at the City of Lake Forest Southwest Improvement Project on April 15th at a small park on Gowdy Ave and Cavanaugh. She further stated that staff will also have a booth at the City of Mission Viejo's Earth/Arbor Day on April 22nd at the Oso Creek Train north of Jeronimo Road.

Water Use Efficiency Report

Mr. Chu stated that with the current hydrological conditions there was no surprise that there was a noticeable decrease in usage for the month of February, especially in dedicated irrigation. He further stated that there was a 22.43% reduction in total consumption in February versus last year.

SOCWA Reports

Director Freshley stated that they discussed two issues that needed to be

separated; operation of the plant, and SOCWA itself and what form it should take. She further stated that there are on-going meetings discussing who owns the land, the blueprint provided by MNWD and SMWD, and SCWD's proposal.

Mr. Cafferty stated that SOCWA is discussing their budget at the SOCWA Finance meeting.

MWDOC Reports

Vice President Vergara stated that at the MWDOC/MET Directors workshop they discussed a MET Board retreat.

President Havens stated that they also discussed a Reserves reduction in their Reserve Fund Policy.

Mr. Cafferty stated that at the MWDOC Managers meeting they discussed budget and reserves, an update on the MWDOC/OCWD discussion, and a revised lead and copper rule that may require a service line inventory.

South Orange County Watershed Management Area Meetings

President Havens stated that the meeting was well attended. She further stated that they established a nominating committee, and had a tour of storm water projects.

LAFCO

Director Freshley stated that Carol Moore was sworn in as the Alternate for the Cities. She further stated that the second position has not been filled yet.

Director Freshley stated that they approved their budget and sent it out to the agencies. She further stated that they also reviewed the MSR's which should be available in June.

ISDOC

Director Monin stated that they are still looking for a Secretary. He further stated that they discussed a scholarship for CSDA districts that don't have a lot of money.

WACO

Director Monin stated that had a great program on Groundwater Depletion in the Central Valley.

COMMITTEE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Dates to Remember for February/March 2023

There were no comments.

Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items

Mr. Cafferty stated that the tour of R-6 has been scheduled for April 5th from 1:15 pm to 1:45 pm, and MNWD has scheduled a van to tour R-6, the Chiquita Reservoir, and the Mathis Reservoir.

Dates to Remember for March/April 2023

There were no comments.

Attorney Report

Mr. Granito reported that there is a need for a Closed Session with regard to both items of today's Closed Session agenda.

Recess

At approximately 9:10 a.m. the Board took a short recess.

Regular Session

At approximately 9:15 a.m. the Board returned to Regular Session.

Closed Session

At approximately 9:15 a.m. the Board went into Closed Session with regard to both items on the Closed Session agenda. Also at this time, everyone left the meeting except the Board members, the General Manager, and General Counsel.

Open Session Report

At approximately 9:50 a.m. Regular Session resumed. Also at this time Ms. Welsch returned to the meeting.


Mr. Granito reported that the Board did go into Closed Session with regard to both items of today's Closed Session agenda, and during the first phase of the Closed Session the District's General Counsel and General Manager led a discussion on Item #2 Dollar Tree litigation. No reportable action was taken.

Mr. Granito reported that during the second phase of the Closed Session, the General Manager led a discussion with General Counsel and the Board on Item #1 potential litigation (one matter). No reportable action was taken.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



POLLY WELSCH
Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



KAY HAVENS, 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