

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
EL TORO WATER DISTRICT
March 28, 2024

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

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

Directors KAY HAVENS, MIKE GASKINS, MARK MONIN, FRED ADJARIAN, and KATHRYN FRESHLEY participated.

Also present were DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, General Manager, HANNAH FORD, Director of Engineering, GILBERT J. GRANITO, General Counsel, MIKE MIAZGA, IT Manager (Zoom), HARVEY DE LA TORRE, MWDOC Assistant General Manager (Zoom), MELISSA BAUM-HAILEY, MWDOC Representative (Zoom), and POLLY WELSCH, Recording Secretary.

Determination of a Quorum

Five Board members were present for the meeting, therefore a quorum was determined.

Oral Communications/Public Comments

There were no comments.

Items Received Too Late to be Agendized

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

Consent Calendar

President Monin asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director Adjarian made a Motion, seconded by Director Freshley to approve the Consent Calendar.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Directors Reports for Meetings Attended

Director Havens stated that she attended the WACO meeting, the MWDOC/MET Directors workshop, the Laguna Woods Third Landscape Committee meeting, a presentation on PFAS from Water Use, Budget Committee #1, Budget Committee #2, the MWDOC Board meeting, the LF Meet the Mayor/State of the City meeting, the regular ETWD Board meetings, and she will be attending the SOCAG meeting this afternoon and the LWV TV-6 tomorrow.

Director Freshley stated that she attended the MWDOC Planning/Operations meeting, the MWDOC/MET Directors workshop, the MWDOC Board meeting, the RRC meeting, two SOCWA Board meetings, the SOCWA Finance meeting, WACO, the OCWA luncheon, LAFCO, the Laguna Woods City Council meeting, the LF Meet the Mayor/State of the City meeting, and the regular ETWD Board meetings.

Vice President Gaskins stated that he attended the WACO meeting, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, the RRC meeting, the Agenda Review meeting, the SOCWA Board meeting, LAFCO, the MWDOC Planning/Operations meeting, the

MWDOC/MET Directors workshop, the MWDOC Board meeting, Budget Committee #1, Budget Committee #2, the LF Meet the Mayor/State of the City meeting, the regular ETWD Board meetings, the OCWA luncheon, and will be attending SOCAG this afternoon.

Director Adjarian stated that he attended the MWDOC Planning/Operations meeting, the OCWA luncheon, the regular ETWD Board meetings, and the WACO meeting.

President Monin stated that he attended the LF Meet the Mayor/State of the City meeting, the Lake Forest and Laguna Woods City Council meetings, the Agenda Review meeting, the OCWA luncheon, the MWDOC Planning/Operations meeting, the MWDOC/MET Directors workshop, the MWDOC Admin/Finance meeting, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, WACO, the WACO Planning Committee meeting, and the regular ETWD Board meetings.

Metropolitan Water District Biennial Budget and Rates – 2025/26

Mr. Cafferty and Harvey De La Torre of MWDOC provided a presentation on MET's proposed fiscal year 2024/25 and 2025/26 Biennial budget associated rates and the projected impact to ETWD. The presentation included proposed water rates and charges for calendar years 2025 and 2026, an overview of rates and charges, and a ten-year forecast.

Mr. Cafferty stated that MET's presentation reflects ten different Rate Alternatives. He further stated that these alternatives include assumption on sales, and a variety of property tax rates.

Mr. Cafferty stated that MET is also looking at the potential for new revenue and potential O&M reductions.

After in-depth discussion between staff, MWDOC representatives, and the Board it was decided not necessary for the General Manager to provide a response letter to the MET Board.

At approximately 8:30 a.m. Mr. De la Torre and Ms. Baum-Hailey left the meeting.

Resolution No. 24-3-1 Revisions to ETWD's Employee Handbook

Mr. Cafferty reviewed and commented on changes to the Employee Handbook.

President Monin asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director Adjarian made a Motion, seconded by Vice President Gaskins to adopt Resolution No. 24-3-1 which amends the Districts Employee Handbook.

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution No. 24-3-2 ETWD Administrative Code

President Monin asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director Adjarian made a Motion, seconded by Director Havens to adopt Resolution No. 24-3-2 which adopts the amended ETWD Administrative Code.

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution No. 24-3-3 First Amendment to the ETWD Retirement Savings Plan

President Monin asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director Havens made a Motion, seconded by Director Freshley to adopt

Resolution No. 24-3-3 adopting the first amendment to the ETWD Retirement Savings Plan.

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution No. 24-3-4 First Amendment to the ETWD Deferred Compensation Plan

President Monin asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director Havens made a Motion, seconded by Director Freshley adopting the first amendment to the ETWD Deferred Compensation Plan.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nomination of a Candidate for the OC LAFCO Regular Special District Member Seat

No candidate was nominated.

General Manager Information Items

General Manager's Monthly Report

There were no comments.

Legislative Reports

There were no comments.

Public Education and Outreach Report

Director Havens stated that she found the cloud seeding article to be of interest as there has been some concerned residents on the impact of cloud seeding.

Director Adjarian complemented Ms. Seitz on a presentation she put together for UCLA's geography department.

Mr. Cafferty stated that the Laguna Woods Village Earth Day will be on April 18th from 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm in Clubhouse 5.

Vice President Gaskins commented on ETWD's Adopt-a-Channel signage and stated that clean-up will be handled quarterly by a youth group from the County.

Water Use Efficiency Report

There were no comments.

SOCWA Reports

Director Freshley stated that SOCWA received discussion from SCWD regarding the conflict with the Regional Treatment Plant ownership.

Mr. Cafferty stated that SOCWA has been working on their budget and there is a parallel push on the majority of agencies on the Administrative Costs, and the language in the JPA Agreement.

MWDOC Reports

There were no comments.

LAFCO

Director Freshley stated that they discussed their budget which is paid 1/3 by the County Supervisors, 1/3 by the Cities, and the remaining 1/3 by the Special Districts.

Director Freshley stated that the LAFCO website has been redone and now includes results from the MSR's from each agency. She further stated that next month they will be discussing the Commissioners Handbook, and Legislative Affairs regarding LAFCO's.

ISDOC

President Monin stated that they discussed a scholarship update and a quarterly meeting with associate displays.

WACO

President Monin stated that there was a presentation on the Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley.

COMMITTEE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Dates to Remember for March/April

There were no comments.

Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items

There were no comments.

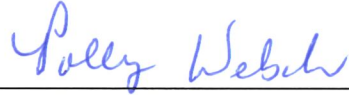
Attorney Report

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 9:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



POLLY WELSCH
Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



MARK MONIN, 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