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



AGENDA

EL TORO WATER DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 26, 2026
7:30 a.m.

Director Mark Monin will be attending remotely from:
44400 Indian Wells Lane
Indian Wells, CA 92210

**BOARDROOM, DISTRICT OFFICE
24251 LOS ALISOS BLVD., LAKE FOREST, CA 92630**

This meeting will be held in person. As a convenience for the public, the meeting may also be accessed by Zoom and will be available by either computer or telephone audio as indicated below. Because this is an in-person meeting and the virtual component is not required, but rather is being offered as a convenience, if there are any technical issues during the meeting, this meeting will continue and will not be suspended.

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88075358343> (Meeting ID: 880 7535 8343).

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER – President Freshley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Director Gaskins

ROLL CALL (Determination of a Quorum)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address the Board at this time or they may reserve this opportunity with regard to an item on the agenda, until said item is discussed by the Board. Comments on other items will be heard at the time set aside for "COMMENTS REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS." The public may identify themselves when called on and limit their comments to three minutes.

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

Determine need and take action to agendize items which arose subsequent to the posting of the Agenda. (ROLL CALL VOTE: Adoption of this recommendation requires a two-thirds vote of the Board members present, or, if less than two-thirds of the Board members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present.)

1. **Consider Board Member's Request for Remote Participation (AB 2449)**

2. **Consent Calendar**

(All matters under the Consent Calendar will be approved by one motion unless a Board member or a member of the public requests separate action or discussion on a specific item)

- a. Consider approving the minutes of the January 22, 2026 Board meeting
- b. Consider approving Director Gaskins to attend the ACWA JPIA Meeting on May 4 with approved travel accommodations from May 3-4.
- c. Consider approving Director Gaskins and Director McClean to attend the ACWA Spring Conference from May 5-7 with approved travel accommodations from May 4-7.

Recommended Action: The Board will consider approving the above Consent Calendar.

3. **Director Reports for Meetings Attended** (Oral Report)

GENERAL MANAGER INFORMATION ITEMS

4. **California Special District's Association (CSDA) Board of Directors Call for Nominations. Southern Network – Seat C** (Reference Material Included)

The Elections and Bylaws Committee is looking for Independent Special District Board Members or their General Managers who are interested in leading the direction of the California Special Districts Association for the 2027 - 2029 term. The Board will provide direction to staff regarding any potential nomination for the Seat C election.

5. **SB707 Brown Act Compliance** (Reference Material Included)

Effective January 1, 2026, SB 707 mandates that local agencies provide a copy of the Brown Act to every member of their legislative body. The California Special Districts Association Brown Act Compliance Manual, updated in January 2026 to incorporate the provisions of SB 707 is attached for reference. For further reference, the current text of the revamped Brown Act is also attached.

6. **General Manager's Monthly Report** (Reference Material Included)

Staff will review and comment on the General Manager's Monthly Report.

7. **Legislative Reports** (Reference Material Included)

Staff and General Counsel will review and comment on the Legislative reports.

8. **Public Education and Outreach Report**

Staff will review and comment on the Public Education and Outreach report.

9. **Water Use Efficiency Report** (Reference Material Included)

Staff will review and comment on the Water Use Efficiency Report.

10. **South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) Report**
(Reference Material Included)

- a. SOCWA Board Meeting – February 5, 2026
- b. SOCWA Engineering Committee Meeting – February 12, 2026 - Cancelled
- c. SOCWA Finance Committee Meeting – February 17, 2026

11. **Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) Report**
(Reference Material Included)

- a. MWDOC Planning/Operations Meeting – February 2, 2026
- b. MWDOC Met Directors Workshop – February 4, 2026
- c. MWDOC Admin/Finance Meeting – February 11, 2026
- d. MWDOC Board Meeting – February 18, 2026

12. **South Orange County Agencies Group Meeting** (Reference Material Included)

Report on the January 22, 2026 SOCAG meeting.

13. **Local Agency Formation Commission Report** (Reference Material Included)

Report on the February 11, 2026 LAFCO meeting

14. ISDOC Meetings Report (Reference Material Included)

Report on the February 3, 2026 ISDOC Executive Committee meeting.

15. WACO Meeting Report (Reference Material Included)

Report on the February 6, 2026 WACO Meeting

COMMITTEE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

16. Dates to Remember for February/March (Reference Material Included)

COMMENTS REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS

ATTORNEY REPORT

CLOSED SESSION

At this time the Board will go into Closed Session as follows:

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2) to consult with legal counsel and staff – Anticipated Litigation.
2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (4) to consult with legal counsel and staff- Potential Initiation of Litigation. (one matter)

REGULAR SESSION

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION (Legal Counsel)

Mr. Granito will provide an oral report on the Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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