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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 FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, & PUBLIC HEARING

**April 20, 2026
7:30 a.m.**

**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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CALL 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 times set aside for “COMMENTS REGARDING NON-AGENDA ENGINEERING COMMITTEE ITEMS” or for “COMMENTS REGARDING NON-AGENDA FIC 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 item(s) 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. **AB 2561 Workforce Trends** (Reference Material Included)

Staff will review and comment on District Workforce Vacancies, Recruitment and Retention Trends in compliance with AB 2561.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

3. **Public Hearing Regarding AB 2561**

At this time the Board will conduct a Public Hearing to receive and consider public comments regarding District Workforce Vacancies, Recruitment and Retention Trends in compliance with AB 2561.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public will be invited to present oral and/or written comments at this time.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

The Board President will close the Public Hearing at this time.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Director Monin

4. **Consent Calendar** (Reference Material Included)

(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 March 23, 2026 Finance and Insurance Committee meeting (Minutes included).

Recommended Action: Staff recommend that the Board of Directors approve the above Consent Calendar.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION ITEMS

5. **SAS 114 Letter** (Reference Material Included)

Staff will comment on the District's Statement of Auditing Standards 114 Planning letter.

6. **Financial Statements and Report** (Reference Material Included)

Staff will review and comment on the Financial Statements and Report for the month ending March 31, 2026.

7. **Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Process Update** (Reference Material Included)

Staff will provide an update on the 2026-27 fiscal year budget and the impact of the Metropolitan Water District adopted rates on the ETWD commodity rate and Proposition 218 Notice.

FINANCIAL ACTION ITEMS

8. **El Toro Water District 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget** (Reference Material Included)

Recommended Action: Staff and the Budget Committee recommend that the Board of Directors approve the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Operating & Capital Budget.

9. **2026-2027 Fiscal Year Water, Recycled Water and Wastewater Rate Study Report** (Reference Material Included)

Recommended Action: Staff recommend that the Board of Directors approve the 2026-27 Fiscal Year Water, Recycled Water and Wastewater Rate Study Report.

10. **Quarterly Insurance Report** (Reference Material Included)

Staff will review and comment on the Quarterly Insurance Report for the period January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026.

Recommended Action: Staff recommend that the Board Receive and File the Quarterly Insurance Report for the period of January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026.

11. **Financial Package - Authorization to Approve Payment of Bills for the Month Ending March 31, 2026** (Reference Material Included)

The Board will consider approving Bills for Consideration dated March 31, 2026.

Recommended Action: Staff recommend that the Board approve, ratify and confirm payment of those bills as set forth in the Payment Summary for the month ending March 31, 2026.

COMMENTS REGARDING NON-AGENDA FIC ITEMS

CLOSE FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Director McClean

12. **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 March 23, 2026 Engineering Committee meeting. (Minutes Included).

Recommended Action: Staff recommend that the Board of Directors approve the above consent calendar.

ENGINEERING INFORMATION ITEMS

13. El Toro Water District Operations Report (Reference Material Included)

Staff will review and comment on the El Toro Water District Operations Report.

14. El Toro Water District Capital Project Status Report (Reference Material Included)

Staff will review and comment on the El Toro Water District Capital Project Status Report

15. Engineering Items Discussed at Various Conferences and Meetings

The Committee will discuss any pertinent Engineering items discussed at Conferences.

COMMENTS REGARDING NON-AGENDA ENGINEERING COMMITTEE ITEMS

CLOSE ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

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) (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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