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A G E N D A

EL TORO WATER DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP

**April 9, 2026
1:00 p.m.**

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

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER – President Freshley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Director McClean

ROLL CALL (Determination of a Quorum)

ORAL COMMENT AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

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 the Board discusses said item later in the meeting.

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

2. **REVIEW MINUTES OF THE MARCH 24, 2026 BUDGET COMMITTEE #3 MEETING.**

The Budget Committee will consider approving the March 24, 2026 Budget Committee #3 meeting minutes.

Recommended Action: The Budget Committee will consider approving the March 24, 2026 Budget Committee meeting #3 minutes.

3. **EL TORO WATER DISTRICT 2026-2027 BUDGET AND PROPOSED RATE INCREASES**

Staff and the Budget Committee will review and discuss the proposed 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget assumptions and associated fiscal implications, the 2026 Water and Recycled Water Rate Update Report, the Draft Proposition 218 Notice and the Schedule to Distribute and Conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed rate increases.

Recommended Action: Subject to Board input, Staff and the Budget Committee recommend that the Board of Directors approve and authorize the following:

- a. Approve the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Operating & Capital Budget
- b. Approve the 2026-27 Water, Recycled Water and Wastewater Rate Study Report
- c. Approve and Authorize the distribution of the Proposition 218 Notice
- d. Authorize and schedule a Public Hearing on June 11, 2026 to consider taking action on the proposed rate increases.

ADJOURNMENT

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