

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
& OF THE
ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

June 22, 2026

At approximately 8:26 a.m. Director McClean called the Engineering Committee meeting to order.

Directors MARK MONIN, MIKE GASKINS, KAY HAVENS, KATHRYN FRESHLEY, and WYATT McCLEAN participated.

Also participating were DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, General Manager, GILBERT J. GRANITO, General Counsel, JUDY CIMORELL, Director of Human Resources, VISHAV SHARMA, CFO, HANNAH FORD, Director of Engineering, SCOTT HOPKINS, Operations Superintendent, MIKE MIAZGA, Information Technology Manager (Zoom), SHERRI SEITZ, Public Affairs Manager (Zoom, 7:47 a.m.), VU CHU, Water Resources Supervisor (Zoom), CAROL MOORE, City of Laguna Woods (Zoom), ALFREDO CARDENAS, Member Of The Public (9:08 a.m.), and MARISOL MELENDEZ, Recording Secretary.

Consent Calendar

Director McClean asked for a Motion.

Motion: Vice President Havens made a Motion, seconded by President Freshley to approve the Consent Calendar.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Engineering Action Items

Resolution No. 26-6-2 2026 Local Guidelines for Implementing the California

Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA")

Ms. Ford reported that the annual update to the District's local guidelines is a routine requirement. Best, Best, & Krieger developed the updated guidelines. The two that pertain to the District include requirements for what constitutes an administrative record and allowing more wildfire mitigation projects to fall under notice of exemptions.

Director McClean asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director Gaskins made a Motion, seconded by Director Monin to adopt Resolution No. 26-6-2 2026 Local Guidelines for implementing the California Environmental Quality Act for the District.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Engineering Information Items

El Toro Water District Operations Report

Mr. Cafferty reported on a water leak that occurred at Clubhouse Four over the weekend. The leak was promptly isolated by operations staff and repairs are expected to be completed soon.

Mr. Hopkins reported that additional progress on a few items are expected to be reflected in the upcoming months as more work is scheduled later in the year.

El Toro Water District Capital Project Status Report

Headworks and Secondary Clarifier No. 1 Rehabilitation Project

Ms. Ford reported that the contractor continues to make progress on the project. The installation of the new Headworks channel is the primary work ongoing.

Freeway Electrical Equipment Replacement

Ms. Ford reported that staff is still working with Southern California Edison to convert the existing power from an overhead pole to underground conduit.

R-6 Reservoir Southern Slope Repair Project

Ms. Ford reported that the project is nearing completion and is currently in the landscape maintenance phase.

Moulton/El Toro Cathodic Repair Project

Ms. Ford reported that the construction contract was awarded to Farwest Corrosion Control Company. Universal Corrosion Services (UCorr) is a consultant recently selected for support on all of the District's impressed current cathodic protection systems. UCorr is also providing engineering services during construction for the Moulton/El Toro Cathodic Repair Project. She noted that scope and costs for the construction project may be reduced after the review of the UCorr's testing.

SOCWA Effluent Transmission Main (ETM) Reach B Techite Replacement

Ms. Ford reported that District staff is managing the project and has presented the proposed alignment to Golden Rain Foundation (GRF), with no major opposition. Staff will establish a new easement with GRF for the alignment.

Ms. Ford also reported that the next SOCWA Board meeting will include action items to amend the design contract to include the street alignment and a recommendation to award the CEQA compliance component of the project. She added that the CEQA compliance proposals include the potential use of a Notice of Exemption,

which could reduce costs.

Aliso Creek Lift Station Improvement Project

Ms. Ford reported that the easement agreement discussions are ongoing and staff anticipates finalizing the agreement in the coming months.

FY 2026/27 Capital Improvement Program Schedule

Ms. Ford also provided an overview of the FY 2026/27 Capital Improvement Program schedule. Mr. Cafferty noted that the ETM project was accelerated to coordinate with a City paving project. He added that the hydraulic modification project, which was not originally budgeted, was also accelerated in response to recent resident concerns regarding water pressure.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Engineering Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:09 a.m.

Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Engineering Committee Items

President Freshley stated she participated in a meeting with Madison AI. Mr. Cafferty added that the District is contemplating a contract with Madison AI and will be making updates to the Administrative Code to adopt an AI policy.

Mr. Cardenas commented that a District staff member stopped by his house and checked for a potential leak at his water meter but he had concerns about District protocols. He requested confirmation that the individual was a District employee and clarification regarding the purpose of the visit. Staff informed Mr. Cardenas that they will follow up with him.

Attorney Report

Mr. Granito reported that there is no need for a Closed Session today.

Adjournment

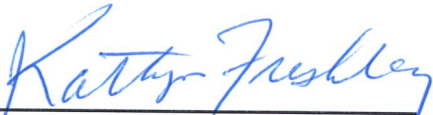
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



MARISOL MELENDEZ
Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



KATHRYN FRESHLEY, 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