

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS OF ELSINORE VALLEY  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District was held at its principal offices at 31315 Chaney Street, Lake Elsinore, California.

Directors Present

Andy Morris, President  
Phil Williams, Vice President  
Darcy Burke, Treasurer  
Harvey Ryan  
Jared McBride

Staff Present

John Vega, General Manager  
John Brown, General Counsel  
Terese Quintanar, District Secretary/Administrative Services Supervisor  
Christy Gonzalez, Executive Assistant/Deputy Board Secretary  
Susie Evans, Sr. Executive Assistant  
Brian Macy, Assistant General Manager - Eng./Ops  
Jason Dafforn, Director of Engineering and Water Resources  
Margie Armstrong, Director of Strategic Programs  
Jim Ollerton, Director of Information Technology  
Jase Warner, Director of Operations  
John Manhard, Facilities Manager  
Tim Collie, Water Operations Manager  
Jennifer Dancho, Human Resources and Safety Manager  
Bonnie Woodrome, Community Affairs Supervisor  
Scott Thompson, Accounting Manager  
Dennis McBride, Wastewater Operations Manager  
Serena Johns, Sr. Management Analyst  
Mia Beltran, Management Analyst  
Parag Kalaria, Water Resources Manager

Others Present

Kim Cousins

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>
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The meeting was called to order by President Morris at 4:03 p.m.

<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>
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A motion was made by Director Williams, seconded by Director Burke, and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda as presented.

<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>
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Kim Cousins, President of the Lake Elsinore Chamber of Commerce, reported on some photos he previously forwarded of the Leech Canyon, where dirt and debris is being moved constantly. Since it is fine particles, it needs to be washed frequently, resulting in excessive water usage. He urged for consideration to waive penalty rates due to the situation. Director Williams agreed with the situation Mr. Cousins described. Windows cannot be opened; the ash and dust is permeating everything. Director Ryan mentioned the water brooms for this cleanup, as they save water. Director Morris suggested reaching out to other Districts throughout the State to see what they are doing to assist. Director Burke suggested a policy may be warranted for these types of situations, as recovery should be included in crisis response for the future. Director Ryan mentioned the Variance Form we have already created and possibly add to it. Mr. Vega responded that this will be reviewed and brought back to the Board at a future Study Session.

<b>Item I.0      CONSENT CALENDAR</b> <i>Minute Order #5389</i> <i>Resolution Nos.19-01-01</i>
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A. APPROVAL OF:

1. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of December 20, 2018
2. Demands
3. Reorganization of Board Committees (*MO# 5389*)
4. Adoption of Resolution Appointing Proxies for the Annual Shareholders' Meeting of the Meeks and Daley Water Company (*Reso. No. 19-01-01*)

Director Ryan abstained on Consent Calendar Item A.2, Nos. 4688, 239270, and 239282 for sources of income.

A motion was made by Director Ryan, seconded by Director Williams and carried unanimously to:

- 1. Approve the Consent Calendar non-pulled items.**

A motion was made by Director Williams, seconded by Director Burke, and carried with Director Ryan abstaining to:

- 1. Approve the Consent Calendar Item A.2, Nos. 4688, 239270, and 239282.**

**II.0 Business Items****II.A Consider Approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Wildermuth Environmental, Inc. for The Upper Temescal Valley Salt And Nutrient Management Plan Monitoring Program*****Minute Order #5390***

Mr. Kalaria reported that Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD) and Eastern Municipal Water District (Eastern) are collaborating as equal partners in the development of a Salt Nutrient Management Plan (SNMP) for the Upper Temescal Valley Ground Water Management Zones (UTVGMZ).

Staff presented this item at the December 5, 2018 Study Session Meeting and recommended approval of Amendment No. 2 to the scope of work and budget of the original Professional Services Agreement between WEI and EVMWD to develop the UTVGMZ SNMP Monitoring Program in the amount of \$313,431. WEI's proposals dated, November 13, 2018 including scope of work, detailed justification for this additional work, fee estimate, and schedule were included in the meeting packet. As previously mentioned, fifty percent of the additional requested \$313,431 will be reimbursed by Eastern to EVMWD via a separate Agreement between Eastern and EVMWD which brings the EVMWD cost down to \$156,716.

In response to Director Burke, this project is not eligible for grant funding. Answering Director McBride, this is a two-year cost. Mr. Kalaria also clarified that after the study, the next course of action will be determined.

A motion was made by Director Williams, seconded by Director Ryan and carried unanimously to:

- 1. Approve Amendment No. 2 to the scope of work and budget of the original Professional Services Agreement between WEI and EVMWD to develop the UTVGMZ SNMP Monitoring Program in the amount of \$313,431; and,***
- 2. Authorize the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents on behalf of EVMWD***

**Item III.A GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

John Vega reported that we received 0.88 inches of rain in January. For the season, from July 1, 2018 to date, we have received 5.29 inches of rain in Elsinore. We have two storms coming our way next week. Canyon Lake level is at 1380.58 feet and Lake Elsinore level is at 1234.85 feet, which is up a little less than 0.5 foot. Director Ryan asked if there is FEMA money available to help clean up water quality in light of the ash and debris flowing into the lake. Mr. Vega responded that funding

is being sought by the City of Lake Elsinore and it is believed that the reason for the recent fish kill is the ash. Director Ryan asked if we can ask the County or LESJWA for assistance. Director Burke mentioned that during discussions at the TMDL meeting, the Regional Water Quality Control Board has been working with EPA to expedite assistance in cleaning, monitoring and sampling.

Mr. Vega also mentioned the SARCCUP (Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Project), which was discussed at the WMWD Managers meeting. This effort is to store 180,000 AF of water throughout California to be shared by the five Metropolitan Water District member agencies. Each of the agencies will get 36,000 AF, which will then be divvied up to the sub-agencies. EVMWD may potentially get up to 4,500 AF for storage.

Jeff Kightlinger, of MWD reported on the Colorado River Aqueduct drought contingency plan to increase conservation. The agreement between the seven states cannot be amended without Arizona agreeing. If we do not come to an understanding, the Bureau of Reclamation will take control. Jeff Kightlinger has instructed staff to turn on pumps at Lake Mead to remove water and there is concern our water will be taken. There are four million-acre feet in the lake. Arizona will be the first state to be affected, then Nevada. There could also be a power concern as well.

<b>Item III.C    LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT</b>
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John Brown reported about legislation regarding low income water rate assistance in California. We would be the first state in the United States to have a state-wide assistance program. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has issued a draft report recommending design and funding for the program. Comments are being accepted through February 1, 2019. There is also talk of the legislation being introduced this Spring.

Director Burke stated that this is not new to private water companies. She questioned if there has been discussion of what percentage of funds will be set aside. Mr. Brown responded that no quantification has been discussed at this point. The irony of private companies is that the set aside funds are rate based. He opined there would be some effort to legislatively address 218 potentially hampering this in the public sector. EVMWD is one of the few that has developed assistance programs not funded by rates.

Mr. Brown added that the Federal Government has revised the definition of the term Waters of the United States, which effects the application of the Clean Water Act. One proposed modification that may affect EVMWD is that adjacent wetlands are only included in the Clean Water Act if they are connected to other jurisdictional waters.

**Item III.D BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Director Burke thanked staff for their time providing a tour of the drinking water facilities and commended them for their care and maintenance of those facilities. She also attended the TMDL Task Force meeting yesterday and suggested having staff participate more vocally would be beneficial. She also attended the Canyon Lake City Council meeting and reported that Mark Borja is now Acting City Manager and that they voted to have public joint meetings with the POA in the future.

Director McBride echoed Director Burke's comments about the tours and thanked staff.

Director Ryan reported on the EOC meeting. He provided updates on current CIP projects. He commended staff for low percentage of change orders and the improvements in process. They are now seeing as many negative change orders as positive change orders. He added that staff updated the Committee regarding Capacity Fees that were paid prior to the end of the year, after notifications were sent of the pending Capacity Fee increase going into effect the first of the year. There were 111 meters purchased before the end of the year. Staff processed \$2.3M in fees. The Customer Service Department staff were recognized for their hard work in processing these payments.

Director Morris reported on the SRRRA Meeting. He was re-elected as Chair and John Rossi was elected as Vice Chair. In October 2018, GSE Contractor was awarded \$27M to retrofit the Treatment Plant. Completion is expected in May 2021. There have been no change orders, to date. A new sign is needed for the facility to reflect ownership by the JPA. The new sign will cost \$1,900. He offered to share photos of it. Performance of the solar project was reviewed. The solar provides 40% of the power for the Plant and is expected to provide up to 70% of the power after the retrofit, saving us \$1.8M over time. Financials were also reviewed and current to date is underbudget. He also attended the Wildomar City Council meeting. The City has requested a name change of Baxter Road to Wildomar Trail, for the entire length of that street. CalTrans is asking \$460,000 to change the signs.

**Item IV.0 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS AND REQUESTS**

Director Ryan noted the date of the Awards Banquet, January 19<sup>th</sup>, at Pins and Pockets.

<b>Item V.0      ADJOURNMENT</b>
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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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Andy Morris, President of the  
Board of Directors of the  
Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District

ATTEST:

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Terese Quintanar, Secretary to the  
Board of Directors of  
Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District