

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 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
Darcy Burke, Treasurer
Harvey Ryan
Jared McBride

Director Absent

Phil Williams, Vice President

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
Matthew Bates, Engineering Manager
Parag Kalaria, Water Resources Manager

Others Present

Robert Cantarini

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Morris at 4:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Director Burke, seconded by Director McBride, and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The meeting was opened to public comments and Robert Cantarini, of 18400 Grand Avenue, Lake Elsinore, addressed the Board and stated he is a 40-year customer and has a long history in the area worked with Indian Tribes and other agencies regarding development, and is a former Director of EWD. When he bought the property (two parcels) years ago, on Grand, one had a 2" meter. It was originally on the agricultural rate. Being 2 acres, he dedicated the meter to his home. Over the years, EVMWD's billing policy has changed. He expressed he does not want to change his meter to a smaller meter, although he has made efforts to conserve. The service charge for the 2" meter is \$120. The 2" meter serves the residence, and throughout the years, as EVMWD has changed policy, it has affected him. He asked the Board to consider his position.

Item I.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

Minute Order #5395-5396

Resolution No. 19-02-01

A. APPROVAL OF:

1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 24, 2019
2. Minutes of the Regular Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of January 15, 2019
3. Minutes of the Regular Water Planning Committee of January 21, 2019
4. Minutes of the Regular Legislation, Conservation, and Outreach Committee Meeting of January 23, 2019
5. Demands
6. Adoption of Annexation Fees for 2018, and Amendments to Administrative Code Sections 1900 and 2608
7. Sale of District Surplus Property at Auction Through Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. (**MO# 5395**)
8. A Contract Services Agreement with Kemira Water Solutions, Inc. for Ferric Chloride and Ferric Sulfate for Canyon Lake Back Basin Treatment Plants (**MO# 5396**)
9. Adoption of a Resolution Making Application to LAFCO of Riverside County for a Reorganization Proceeding for the Annexation of 1.12 Acres to EVMWD (366-320-044, Bundy Canyon Road/Tulip Lane) (**Reso. No. 19-02-01**)

B. APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS

1. Phil Williams - ACWA DC Conference
2. Phil Williams - ACWA Legislative Symposium

3. Harvey Ryan - ACWA DC Conference
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5. Darcy Burke - ACWA DC Conference
6. Jared McBride - ACWA DC Conference

Director Ryan abstained on Consent Calendar Item A.5, Nos. 4748, 4750, 239540, 239569, and 239578 for sources of income.

Director Burke requested Consent Calendar Item A.6 be pulled for discussion.

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

1. Approve the Consent Calendar non-pulled items.

Director Burke stated that staff is being proactive with the goal to do a study. The financial study used for the calculation is over twenty years old and she asked for clarification regarding urgency of adopting the revised fees. Staff responded that the action is not urgent. Director Burke requested that this item be removed from the agenda and continued at a later date.

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

1. **Approve the Consent Calendar Item A.5, Nos. 4748, 4750, 239540, 239569, and 239578; and**
2. **Continue Consent Calendar Item A.6 until after discussion of the recommendations of the Annexation Fee Study**

Item II.A GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Warner reported that the weather station logged 9.5 inches of rain on Monday, for the year to date. It is now showing 13.1 inches, gaining 3.4 inches since. Lee Lake is spilling over the first spillway and EMWD has stopped recycled water discharges. Canyon Lake is spilling at 1,383.76, two feet over the crest of the dam. The spill rate is 1.4 trillion gallons per day. Both causeways are closed at this time. Lake Elsinore has gained more than a foot in the last 24 hours.

Horsethief and Back Basin Wastewater Treatment Plants are operating well. However, 22 million gallons per day (mgd) flow is coming to the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. Flows are being diverted to equalization ponds and permit parameters are still in compliance. Staff will man facilities all night.

The Village Lift Station had a pump fail but has two other pumps there. A-1 Lift Station, at Strickland and Riverside had an overflow, as the vault is in a lower area of the road. Staff is in touch with Regional Board Regulators to stay in compliance.

Four services were severed on Amerose due to the mud flows on one side of the street. Private services were broken, and residents are currently out of water. They have been offered bottled water; however, staff cannot get into the evacuation areas to make repairs.

A six inch main break occurred earlier today, off Larsen near Machado. Customers are highlighted and repairs cannot be made until the rain subsides. There was a home lost and some sheds, due to erosion from heavy flows of water. There was also a home and several sheds or other smaller shelters lost due to erosion.

Mr. Morrison reported that the Senate voted this morning on the bills to fund the budget. The House is expected to pass this evening and POTUS will sign. Once signed, it will go to the President, who suggested he will sign it and declare a national emergency on his efforts on the wall. The President has this authority.

Potus is expected to release his budget the first or second week of March. He is also pushing for nationwide infrastructure legislation. He is also expected to release a memo on the administrations hopes for nationwide water infrastructure. The President will produce a memo listing what he expects to see in the program for water infrastructure.

In regard to the Drought Contingency Plan, Imperial Irrigation District is the lone hold out to the implementation of the historic agreement with the seven basin states. They are holding out for full funding for a Salton Sea fix. DOI/Commissioner Burman are taking steps to assert their authority over the river and its allocations under drought Contingency Plan.

Director Ryan asked if MWD is still pumping. Mr. Morrison will look into the answer.

Congressman Jared Huffman (chair of the natural resources sub-committee on Water Oceans & Wildlife "WOW" committee, is expected to introduce a bill to codify water conservation rebate tax parity for conservation improvements.

At the State level, regarding Safe Drinking Water legislation Governor Newsom has introduced a budget trailer bill (identical to Senator Monnig's SB 623) which establishes a trust, fees on ag and tax on water agencies.

There are also three additional bills introduced on the subject, but at this time are just spot bills. ACWA and CMUA are running an alternative to the water tax efforts that should have official language next week. CMUA and Eastern have partnered on bill SB 2050, and will also have official language in the next couple of days.

SWRCB's new Chair is Joaquin Esquivel. We have a good working relationship. Laurel Firestone was appointed to the Board and is the founder of the organization behind the water tax issue.

We have received the Title XVI grant for the Horsethief expansion, and he commented that prior to submitting the application, staff met with representatives in Denver and opined that the trip payed off.

Director McBride commented that as the water tax moves forward, the community will get confused about who is imitating that effort. He asked staff to reach out to customers to explain that the water tax is not being initiated by the District.

Item II.B LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT
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Due to the detail included in the General Manager's Report, John Brown had nothing to report.

Item II.C BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director McBride reported on the Wildomar City Group Meeting. He provided information on the discussion items, which included Sedco Hills, an EPA grant, the Baxter Village project and the permitting process, Capital Improvement Projects in Wildomar, Palomar 2 Well, and the water tax.

Director Ryan reported on the City of Lake Elsinore Group Meeting. Lake levels, fish-kills, golden algae, Island Wells, EIFD Project, and Camino Del Norte were the main topics. These meetings will be held monthly this year, instead of quarterly. He also reported on the EMWD/EVMWD Group meeting. The MWD and San Diego Water Authority settlement was discussed. MWD's turf replacement program is being enhanced by \$1 per square foot, for over 50,000 square foot areas. Quail Valley was also discussed. They have the majority of homes connected and will start the process for Area 4 next. They also talked about the water tax and potential grants. Our recycled water agreement is due to expire, but we will be renewing for five years, with an additional mgd.

Director Burke asked what the impact is of the MWD settlement for the inland empire. Director Ryan was not certain but thought it might be about \$40-44M.

Item III.0 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

There were none.

Item IV.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

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