

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

**Thursday April 25, 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 R. Ryan  
Jared McBride (arrived at 4:02 p.m.)

Staff Present

John Vega, General Manager  
Terese Quintanar, District Secretary/Administrative Services Supervisor  
Christy Gonzalez, Executive Assistant/Deputy Board Secretary  
Robert Hartwig, Assistant General Manager - Business Services  
Tim Collie, Water Operations Manager  
Jennifer Dancho, Human Resources and Safety Manager  
Scott Thompson, Accounting Manager  
Matthew Bates, Engineering Manager  
Parag Kalaria, Water Resources Manager

Others Present

Jeff Armstrong, RCWD  
Nancy Horton  
Science Fair Winners and Families  
WESA Employees and their sons, daughters or relatives

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>
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The meeting was called to order by President Morris at 4:01 p.m.

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

<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>
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Nancy Horton addressed the Board and explained she had worked closely with John Vega and that she respected his expertise. She listed many ways John Vega provided good leadership and his ability to create the RARE program, enhance District security, and secure Canyon Lake water level. She felt valued as a Board Member and thanked him for his leadership, wisdom and friendship.

Jeff Armstrong addressed the Board to read aloud a Resolution adopted by the Rancho California Water District, acknowledging John Vega for his service as the District's General Manager, and relayed commendation for service to the community. He added his personal congratulations and gratitude as well. Because of the collaboration and partnering with RCWD the relationship between the Districts is the best it has ever been. He also thanked him for his guidance over the years and wished him the best in his retirement.

<b>Item 1.0      RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS WITH WATER THEME SCIENCE FAIR PROJECTS</b>
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Mr. Shiba announced the winners of the science fair participants with a water related project within the Lake Elsinore Unified School District.

- Austin Horvath- Density Tower 4 (Railroad Canyon ES, 4th Grade)
- Lani Charron- Go Fish (William Collier Elementary, 5th Grade)
- Chris Ferguston- Do more reactants give more products? (Keith McCarthy Academy, 6th Grade)
- Adele Pascua, Benjamin Jeong, Brandon Gadduang, and Romeo Banzon- How the Effect of Temperature of Water Causes the Speed at Which the Plastic Beads Sink (Temescal Canyon High School, 9th Grade)
- Amanda Martilla- Is Lake Dye a Solution for the Overgrowth of Algae in Canyon Lake? (Temescal Canyon High School, 11th Grade)
- Mirabella Smith- Desalinating Water Using a Centrifuge and Varying Layers of Filtration (Temescal Canyon High School, 11th Grade)

Trophies were handed out to the winners and photos were taken with the Board of Directors.

<b>Item II.0      CONSENT CALENDAR</b> <i>Minute Order # 5419</i>
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- A.      APPROVAL OF:
1.      Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 11, 2019
  2.      Minutes of the Regular Engineering and Operations Committee Meeting of April 1, 2019
  3.      Minutes of the Regular Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of April 16, 2019
  4.      Demands

5. Renewal of Joint Community Facilities Agreement Between City of Lake Elsinore, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District and McMillin Summerly, LLC (*MO# 5419*)
- B. APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS
  1. Harvey Ryan - ACWA Spring Conference
  2. Andy Morris - ACWA Spring Conference & JPIA Meeting

Director Ryan abstained on Consent Calendar Item A.4, Nos. 240347, 240359, 240362, 240382, and 240386 for source of income.

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

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

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

**1. Approve the Consent Calendar Item A.4, Nos. 240347, 240359, 240362, 240382, and 240386.**

<b>Item III.0 BUSINESS ITEMS</b>
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<b>Item III.A PRESENTATION OF A CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICIALS AWARDS TO EVMWD</b>
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Ms. Woodrome, along with Ms. Munson, Mr. Shiba and Ms. Henry presented several awards received from the California Association of Public Information Officials (CAPIO). The first award was the Excellence in Public Information and Communications Award for its re-launch of its Instagram social media platform, which focused on a niche water efficiency audience and quickly exceeded expectations of followers and engagement. EVMWD also received the Award of Distinction for its Variable Sewer Outreach Plan, effectively communicating the change in the sewer rate structure through thorough research, proven strategies and creative tactics. Photos were taken with the Board of Directors.

Director Morris congratulated staff on their hard work. Director McBride asked what content the public responds to best on Instagram. Ms. Munson responded that most of the content on Instagram is focused on conservation.

<b>Item IV.A GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT</b>
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Greg Morrison was asked to provide a legislative update. He reported on our legislative efforts with AB533, by Holden, concerning state income tax and turf rebate. A hearing was held on the assembly side and there was an effort with MWD and other wholesale agencies asking us to meet with Melissa Melendez to ask for

her support. Director Ryan assisted in facilitating a meeting with her. She voted for it and it passed 11-0. The bill will now go to assembly appropriations and we will continue our efforts through that committee. He relayed thanks to Director Ryan.

Mr. Vega reported on the Statewide Water Supply Conditions report. In the Upper Colorado River Basin, we are just short of 24" of rain, but 61" on the State Water Project side. State Project water allocation was increased, and the Colorado River water can now go to Lake Mead. Lake Powell is forecasted to be 112% of normal. Lake Mead is at its highest point, with 271,000 acre feet more today than last year. He continued to report on an article from the March 2019 AWWA journal discussing impending changes on regulatory contaminants. Perchlorate, lead free rule and copper free rule is again on the radar. Differences in blending are also seeing regulatory challenges.

Director Ryan asked what the normal rainfall was on the Colorado River side. Mr. Vega responded that it is 133% of normal.

<b>Item IV.B    LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT</b>
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Mr. Brown was absent from the meeting.

<b>Item IV.C    BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>
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Director Burke reported on the Water Planning Committee meeting. The recycled water system, along with water quality and water production was reviewed. She also reported that the CLWTP came online on April 1, 2019. Regarding the water loss report, we are at less than 2% and she relayed kudos to staff.

Director Ryan reported on the City of Lake Elsinore Group meeting, where they discussed development and our contribution of recycled water to Lake Elsinore. The Sports Complex is on hold due to native artifacts found on the property.

He also reported on the LCOC meeting. Clean Extreme is coming up along with the Fishing Derby. Project WET Workshop is complete and staff reported on outreach. He pointed out that at Splash Into Spring, 57% of attendees found out about the event through our mailed flier. The survey also revealed that 63% felt their water rates were fair, 7% believed they are low and 30% commented that they are high. Regarding sewer rates, the majority felt they were fair or low. Director Burke requested staff look into a Google Ad grant opportunity.

Director Ryan continued and reported that the Hot Water Recirculator is the most popular of the rebates. Also discussed were ways to get water to the public in the event of an emergency. Greg Morrison provided a Legislative Update during the meeting and reported on our efforts at the Federal and State level. Director Williams added that the Committee also asked staff to once again provide iPads as Student of the Year Awards.

President Morris mentioned a project off of Bundy Canyon Road. The developer has partnered with McMillan. A project off of Palomar consists of 25 homes, and more homes may go in at the southern end of our area this year. Councilman Bennoit brought a graph from WRCOG that staff is reviewing for accuracy. We have been hearing concerns about our connection fees and have had extensive review. His concern is the talk of the fees and that perhaps we should find a way to assist with the payment. He suggested an Ad Hoc Committee be formed to discuss financing, a JPA or pooling on our resources to work collectively to help developers pay all of the various connection fees. He reiterated that we need to have discussions and appointed himself and Director Williams, to include representatives from the Cities of Wildomar and Lake Elsinore. Director Williams explained that he thinks we can take the payments for the fees in a way that stretches the payments out a longer duration. He does not want to reduce connection fees, because they are justified. The President of the BIA stated he had open dialog working with EVMWD. Consensus was received from the Board to form the committee and appoint Director Williams and Morris to be EVMWD's representatives.

Director McBride asked if EVMWD participates in Clean Extreme. Ms. Woodrome explained that Mr. Shiba will be there for the event over the weekend. We will be contributing paint and tools for repainting. He also mentioned his meeting with Engineering staff, where he learned about public works contracts and gained perspective about work flow. He also commented that there is a lot being written in the Valley News about the LEAPS project and that Mr. Sparks seemed to portray himself as spokesman on behalf of EVMWD. There was a lot of misinformation in the article he questioned if there was a way to correct this.

Mr. Vega answered that there were some statements made that should be corrected and that concern has been forwarded to legal counsel. We have been advised to not respond. A meeting has been set up with Legal Counsel on Monday to discuss this issue.

Director Burke attended the Economic Workforce Development Committee meeting and commented that some information is being relayed that is inaccurate. She is opposed to inaccurate statements and asked staff to follow up.

Director Williams reported that LAFCO approved the annexation of 1.12 acres to EVMWD, off of Bundy Canyon Road.

Director Williams thanked John Vega for what he's done for the District.

<b>Item V.0 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS AND REQUESTS</b>
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President Morris thanked the students who came today and expressed how much the Board appreciates their parents. He was glad to see their smiling faces and expressed hopes that the event would be happening again next year.

<b>Item VI.0    ADJOURNMENT</b>
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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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

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