

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

Thursday May 2, 2019

The Special 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

Staff Present

John Vega, General Manager
Jim Gilpin, General Counsel
Terese Quintanar, District Secretary/Administrative Services Supervisor
Christy Gonzalez, Executive Assistant/Deputy Board Secretary
Robert Hartwig, Assistant General Manager - Business Services
Jennifer Dancho, Director of Human Resources and Safety
Jason Dafforn, Director of Engineering and Water Resources
Jase Warner, Director of Operations
John Manhard, Maintenance Manager
Tim Collie, Water Operations Manager
Scott Thompson, Accounting Manager
Matthew Bates, Engineering Manager
Parag Kalaria, Water Resources Manager
Christina Henry, Community Relations Manager
Serena Johns, Sr. Management Analyst
Susie Evans, Senior Executive Assistant
Christina Ramirez, Executive Assistant
Haley Munson, Water Efficiency Specialist
Bonnie Woodrome, Community Affairs Supervisor

Others Present

Paul Jones, General Manager of Eastern Municipal Water District
Ron Sullivan, Board President of Eastern Municipal Water District

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Morris at 9:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paul Jones and Ron Sullivan from EMWD presented a proclamation that was read into the record. Mr. Jones also commented on Mr. Vega's mentorship and his role in bringing the water districts together like never before in this region. He opined that Mr. Vega made EVMWD a great agency and is leaving it better than it was when he arrived. He thanked him for his comradery and leadership that he has provided. Ron Sullivan relayed on behalf of the EMWD Board his appreciation of the working environment, the trust, and the impact Mr. Vega has made, as well as bringing a lot of leadership to LESJWA. EMWD has really enjoyed the great relationship and opined EVMWD is better for him being here and he thanked him for his service.

Item I.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

<i>Minute Order # 5420</i>

<i>Resolution No. 19-05-01</i>

- A. APPROVAL OF:
1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 25, 2019
 2. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of April 25, 2019
 3. Minutes of the Regular Legislation, Conservation and Outreach Committee Meeting of April 24, 2019
 4. Minutes of the Regular Water Planning Committee Meeting of April 16, 2019
 5. Demands
 6. Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2019 *Reso No. 19-05-01*
 7. Inventory Purchase Orders *MO# 5420*
 8. Investment Report Receive and File

Director Ryan abstained on Consent Calendar Item A.5, No. 240470 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 Williams, seconded by Director Burke, and carried, with Director Ryan abstaining to:

- 1. Approve the Consent Calendar Item A.5, No. 240470.**

Item II.A GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Vega shared with the Board of Directors the recently received Water Resources Sustainability Award. The Sustainability Award is centered on the concept of recognizing innovative business practices that exemplify the 4R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rethink. Mr. Vega commended Bonnie Woodrome and her staff for this accomplishment. A short video by the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources was also shared.

Mr. Vega thanked the Board for everything they have done and for their courage to make difficult decisions to best serve our community. He relayed that he was grateful to have been a partner in this agency and do the things he did. He reflected on his interview and the vision for what this agency could be and making a promise to turn this agency into an industry leader and example for other agencies to follow. It's an exciting time to share who EVMWD is with the new Board Members and he urged the Board to continue with what they have been doing, making the right decisions. He also acknowledged BBK, and the professionalism, friendship and guidance of Jim Gilpin and John Brown.

Item II.B LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Mr. Gilpin reported on an Executive Order that was recently issued to work together to identify and assess actions for a safe and resilient water supply and encouraged the State to act boldly to design a resilient system.

He also commented on the years working with John Vega and relayed thanks and best wishes from John Brown. He continued to say that he has enjoyed the time they have had together. It has been a pleasure to work with him and to watch him work with staff and how he has affected the organization. He expressed gratitude for the personal and professional relationship and wished him the best.

Item II.C BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director Ryan commented on a Federal Affairs conference call he recently had. It was on three specific bills, the first being the Maxine Waters Bill regarding the quality of water and SRF Funding for clean and available water, and whether ACWA would support this bill. Another bill was regarding compounds in water. HR2377 was also discussed which we are opposing because it is not realistic. This bill is about the quality of water and environmental issues.

Item III.0 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Director McBride commented on John Vega's warm-hearted nature and his desire to find that quality in the next leader. He also commented on his special emotional intelligence to inspire and motivate people. He has been very impressed with Mr. Vega's ability to collaborate, not play favorites, and define solutions. He added that in his short time working with Mr. Vega, he concluded that he is outstanding and

that the organization has been blessed to have him. He is a great man professionally and personally.

Director Burke reported on the Canyon Lake City Council which adopted a resolution supporting the Safe Drinking Water Trust. They have also retained Steve Graham as legal counsel and have asked for her participation with a joint meeting on June 24, 2019.

She added how long she had known John Vega and reflected on a conversation with John about certifications and how John facilitated with the State making certifications mandatory instead of voluntary. As her friend and colleague, she added that that this is not goodbye and wished him good luck.

Director Ryan relayed that he has always enjoyed their lunches, conversations, and brain storming. He opined that Mr. Vega has developed into a great leader and would be busy when he retires. He relayed that he valued their relationship and his integrity and that he will be missed. He added that he looks forward to an ongoing relationship.

Director Williams commented that Mr. Vega brought the District's Vision to life and how staff is so happy, which is a legacy very few can leave.

President Morris addressed staff and relayed his confidence that staff will step up and help find the new leader. He added that Mr. Vega will be missed.

Item IV.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.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 the
Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District