

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS OF ELSINORE VALLEY
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022**

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 with a remote public participation option (teleconference, through a call-in number clearly noted on the meeting Agenda) posted in accordance with the Brown Act.

Directors Present

Darcy M. Burke, President
Andy Morris, Vice President
Chance Edmondson
Harvey Ryan

Staff Present

Greg Thomas, General Manager
Ganesh Krishnamurthy, Assistant General Manager – Eng. and Operations
Steve Anderson, General Counsel
Terese Quintanar, District Secretary/Administrative Services Supervisor
Christy Gonzalez, Deputy Board Secretary
Beatriz Cornejo, Community Affairs Specialist
Bonnie Woodrome, Community Affairs Supervisor
Darryn Flexman, Interim Director of Information Technology
David Smith, Maintenance Manager
Greg Morrison, Government Relations Officer
Jaime Huffman, Human Resources Specialist
Jase Warner, Director of Operations
Jason Dafforn, Director of Engineering and Water Resources
Jen Dancho, Director of Human Resources
Jessie Arellano, Wastewater Operations Manager
Jessica Zaragoza, Human Resources Technician
Jon Moore, Safety Officer
Keith Ray, Wastewater Collection System Superintendent
LaDawn Allen, Accountant III
Margie Armstrong, Director of Strategic Programs
Matt Bates, Engineering Manager
Natalee Dee, Interim Purchasing Supervisor
Parag Kalaria, Water Resources Manager
Scott Thompson, Accounting Manager
Susie Evans, Sr. Executive Assistant
Tim Collie, Water Operations Manager
Robert Hartwig, Assistant General Manager – Business Services

Others Present

Kim Byrens, Best Best and Krieger
Daniella Hernandez, Best Best and Krieger
Adam Bauer, Fieldman & Rolapp
Jake Nieto
Public

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Burke at 4:00 p.m. Keith Ray, Wastewater Collection System Superintendent, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice President Morris, seconded by Director Ryan, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The meeting was opened to public comment and there were none. Opportunity was provided to the public to make public comments throughout the duration of the meeting.

Item I.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Minute Order #5742

President Burke opened the meeting for nominations.

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

- 1. Elect Director Morris as Board President for 2023.**

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

- 1. Elect Director Edmondson as Board Vice President for 2023.**

A motion was made by Director Morris, seconded by Director Edmondson, and carried unanimously, to:

- 1. Elect Director Ryan as Board Treasurer for 2023.**

Director Burke presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Item II.0 PRESENTATIONS**Item II.A Presentation of the Public Relations Society of America
Cappella Awards to EVMWD***Minute Order 5743*

Mr. Thomas reported that EVMWD received acknowledgement from the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), Inland Empire Chapter, for excellence in public outreach. The Polaris Awards recognize exemplary public relations efforts that successfully incorporate sound research, planning, implementation, and evaluation. These awards represent the highest standards of performance in the public relations and communications profession within the Inland Empire.

EVMWD received the Capella Award for its 2021 Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) which included simple infographics to help readers understand the more technical aspects of the report and highlighted our dedicated staff who ensure clean water to our customers. The District also received a Capella Award for the HOA water efficiency outreach campaign, which took a targeted approach to partner with local HOA communities on improving water efficiency through communication, incentives and rebates. The campaign highlight included a toolkit for the HOA managers and customized presentations and workshops for the residents.

Ms. Woodrome and her staff were congratulated.

Item III.0 BUSINESS ITEM**Item III.A Adoption of Resolution of Appreciation for Margie
Armstrong's Dedicated Years of Service***Resolution No. 22-12-01*

The District's Director of Strategic Programs, Margie Armstrong announced plans to retire after dedicating over twenty-six years of dedicated service to the District.

The Board of Directors acknowledged her efforts, contributions and great achievements over the years and expressed disappointment with her decision to retire, but also relayed their wishes to her for a long and fulfilling retirement.

The resolution was presented to Ms. Armstrong and the Board took a brief recess to take a group photo and personally thank her.

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

- 1. Adopt the Resolution of Appreciation of Margie Armstrong's 26 Years of Dedicated Service**

Item IV.0 - CONSENT CALENDAR**Resolution Nos. 22-12-02 to 22-12-06****Minute Order #5744-5746**

- A. APPROVAL OF:
1. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of November 22, 2022
 2. Minutes of the Regular Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of November 15, 2022
 3. Payment Ratification Report
 4. Amendment to the Board's Best Management Practices Handbook (*MO# 5744*)
 5. Adoption of Resolution of Appreciation for Melissa Melendez's Dedicated Service (*Reso. No. 22-12-02*)
 6. Adoption of Resolution of Appreciation for Stephen Arakawa's Dedicated Service (*Reso No. 22-12-03*)
 7. Approval Of Community Facilities District 2020-1 (Horsethief) Change Proceedings for Improvement Area 1B (*Reso Nos. 22-12-04 and 22-12-05*)
 8. Adoption of Resolution Reaffirming and Extending Findings and Determinations Under AB 361 for Continued Virtual Meetings (*Reso No. 22-12-06*)
 9. Consider Initiating Procedure for Filling Board Vacancy in Division 4 by Appointment (*MO# 5745*)
 10. Funding Agreement with the County of Riverside for ARPA Infrastructure Projects (*MO# 5746*)
- B. APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS
1. Darcy Burke - Metropolitan Water District Board Meeting

Director Morris pulled Consent Calendar Item 9 for comment.

A motion was made by Director Edmondson, seconded by Director Morris, and carried unanimously to:

- 1. Approve the Consent Calendar as amended.**

Item IV.9 - Consider Initiating Procedure for Filling Board Vacancy in Division 4 by Appointment**Minute Order #5745**

Director Morris commented on the options for filling the vacancy in Division 4, one of which is by appointment. The appointment process is the most economical and he agreed with staff's recommendation to do so. The appointment will have to be made by January 20, 2023.

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

- 1. Make the determination to fill the Board vacancy in Division 4 by appointment and authorize the posting of a Notice of Vacancy.***

Item V. A GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Thomas updated the Board on the averted Railroad strike. Mr. Matt Bates presented at the Construction Management Association of America yesterday on EVMWD's Capital Improvement Projects and it was well received. The ACWA JPIA President's award in all three categories of Worker's Comp, Liability and Property was received. He congratulated staff for all their efforts.

Item V. B LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Mr. Anderson provided an update on SB1439, related to campaign contributions of \$250 or more, going into effect January 2023. The FPPC clarified that any contributions received prior to 2023 will not be retroactive.

Item V. C BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS
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Director Edmondson reported on his attendance at the ACWA Conference and commented how he was happy to have staff there as well. He also reported on the Engineering and Operations Committee Meeting, Lake Elsinore Student of the Month, Lakeland Village Community Advisory Committee, and the Cyber Security Ad Hoc Committee meetings.

Director Ryan reported on the ACWA Region 9 vacancies and his attendance at the Engineering and Operations Committee Meeting.

President Morris reported on the ACWA JPIA Board meeting, ACWA Conference, Murrieta Student of the Month, and Cyber Security Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Director Burke commented that she was disappointed at the ACWA Conference with the format on the sessions she attended. She reported on her attendance at the Professional Development Ad Hoc, Canyon Lake Property Owners Association, City of Canyon Lake Council meetings, and her participation at the Adopt a Family shop night.

Item VI.0 DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Director Burke recollected several accomplishments over the past year, such as water resiliency meetings, being included in the AWWA fly in, and presentations in the community. She requested to invite the new MWD Chairperson Adan Ortega

for facilities tour and to also schedule the next City of Canyon Lake, CLPOA, and EVMWD joint meeting.

Item VII.0 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

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