



# Minutes

Draft pending approval

Regular Board Meeting  
Meeting Date: October 23, 2024

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Goodrich led the flag salute.

## **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

### **PRESENT**

Directors: Carrillo, Coats, Goodrich, Morales, Smith

### **ABSENT**

None

### **STAFF**

Michael Moore, General Manager/CEO; Brian Tompkins, Chief Financial Officer; Kerrie Bryan, Director of Administrative Services; Patrick Milroy, Operations Manager; William Ringland, Public Affairs/Conservation Manager; Justine Hendricksen, District Clerk; Eileen Tafolla-Bateman, Human Resources Coordinator

### **LEGAL COUNSEL**

Steve Elie

### **GUESTS**

Members of the public

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Morales declared the public participation section of the meeting open at 5:31 p.m.

There being no written or verbal comments, the public participation section was closed.

## **1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

### **a. Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Director Smith, seconded by Vice Chairman Coats, that the Board approve the October 23, 2024 agenda as submitted.

The motion carried by the following:

Ayes: Carrillo, Coats, Goodrich, Morales, Smith

Noes: None

Absent: None

## **2. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **a. Approve the September 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

### **b. Approve the October 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

### **c. Approve September 2024 Disbursements: Accounts payable disbursements for the period include check numbers 263902 through 264094, bank drafts, and ACH payments in the amount of \$4,252,671.34 and \$543,707.05 for payroll**

### **d. Accept and File Investment Report for Quarter Ended September 30, 2024**

A motion was made by Director Goodrich, seconded by Director Carrillo, that the Board approve the Consent Calendar items as submitted.

The motion carried by the following:

Ayes: Carrillo, Coats, Goodrich, Morales, Smith

Noes: None

Absent: None

## **3. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **a. Educational Partnerships and Summer Internship Update**

The Director of Administrative Services provided an update on the District's educational partnerships, pathway program, and this summer's paid internship program. She stated that at the conclusion of the internship program, the students presented engaging and insightful PowerPoint presentations to the leadership team, school district staff, and Tomorrow's Talent. Their presentations included an introduction of themselves, what they learned, their favorite aspect of the program, and takeaways for the future.

Dr. Dale Marsden thanked Mr. Bryan for her leadership throughout this journey and the District for their vision and for continuing the program's legacy. He provided information on the success of the program and the partnership with Tomorrow's Talent. He stated that this program has had a positive effect on other public agencies and the community and that agencies are modeling their programs after the District. He stated that this program has added immense value to the students in our

community and thanked the District for its partnership with Tomorrow's Talen and its innovative leadership.

For information only.

**a. Consider Approval of Water Efficiency Support Services Agreements**

The Public Affairs/Conservation Manager provided information on the water efficiency support agreements. He stated that this was a competitively bid Request for Proposal (RFP) that was posted, notifying 34 vendors throughout the process. The District received three submissions, and two are being recommended for approval this evening. The contract will be utilized to implement water efficiency programs, which include rebates, workshops, and direct install programs.

Staff responded to several questions from the Board.

A motion was made by Director Goodrich, seconded by Director Carrillo, that the Board of Directors approve agreements with WaterWise Consulting Inc. and GreenMedia Creations Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$625,000.

The motion carried by the following:

Ayes: Carrillo, Coats, Goodrich, Morales, Smith

Noes: None

Absent: None

**b. Consider Approval of Construction Contract with Nor-Cal Pump & Well Drilling, Inc. and Adoption of Resolution 2024.15 - Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigated Monitoring and Reporting Program for Well No. 129**

Senior Engineer Carlson stated that groundwater wells produce 75-80 percent of the District's water supply. A new well is needed due to the loss of three wells due to the Weaver Basin recycled water recharge project. The three wells accounted for 15 percent of the District's groundwater supply.

He stated that new wells are included in the drought contingency plan, which includes a vulnerability assessment that determines the critical drought-related vulnerabilities impacting the District's water supply.

He also stated that the District will implement mitigation actions to address potential risks and impacts of a drought and increase system resiliency.

Staff responded to several questions from the Board.

A motion was made by Director Goodrich, seconded by Director Carrillo, that the Board of Directors:

1. Authorize the General Manager/CEO to execute a construction agreement with Nor-Cal Pump & Well Drilling, Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$989,576, plus a 10% contingency; and
2. Adopt Resolution 2024.15 to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigated Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Well No. 129 Project.

The motion carried by the following:

Ayes: Carrillo, Coats, Goodrich, Morales, Smith

Noes: None

Absent: None

### **c. Consider Adoption of Strategic Plan**

The General Manager/CEO provided an overview of the District's Strategic Plan (Plan), which was presented to the Board on October 9, 2024. He stated that the Plan had been revised based on the Board's comments.

A motion was made by Director Goodrich, seconded by Vice Chairman Coats, that the Board of Directors adopt and file the District's Strategic Plan.

The motion carried by the following:

Ayes: Carrillo, Coats, Goodrich, Morales, Smith

Noes: None

Absent: None

### **d. Consider Voting Designee for the Association of California Water Agencies**

The General Manager/CEO stated that the Association of California Water Agencies is amending their by-laws, and in order for the District to cast a vote, the Board needs to designate a voting representative and alternate.

A motion was made by Director Goodrich, seconded by Director Carrillo, that the Board of Directors designate James Morales, Jr. as the voting representative and Ron Coats as the alternate to represent East Valley Water District at the 2024 Association of California Water Agencies Fall Conference.

The motion carried by the following:

Ayes: Carrillo, Coats, Goodrich, Morales, Smith

Noes: None

Absent: None

## 4. REPORTS

### a. Board of Directors' Reports

Director Goodrich reported on the following: October 15 he attended Yucaipa Valley Water District's Board meeting where they discussed several projects; October 17 he met with the General Manager/CEO to discuss District business; October 21 he attended the Association of San Bernardino County Special District's monthly meeting where they discussed a small water agency in Barstow; and October 22 he attended the Highland Chamber of Commerce meeting where they received updates on the Line Fire and how fire services work in the City from Fire Chief Liz Brown.

Director Smith reported on the following: October 17 he met with the General Manager/CEO to discuss District business; October 21 he attended the Association of San Bernardino County Special District's monthly meeting where Valley District discussed the importance the mental health of their employees; and October 22 he attended the Highland Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Director Carrillo reported on the following: October 15 he attended the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District's Board meeting via Zoom; and October 21 he met with the General Manager/CEO to discuss District business.

Vice Chairman Coats reported the following: October 10 he attended the Legislative and Public Outreach Committee meeting; October 14 he attended the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts Board meeting where they discussed Association business; October 15 he attended the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 10 Board meeting and facilities tour at Yorba Linda Water District; October 16 he met with the General Manager/CEO to discuss District business; October 17 he met with the General Manager/CEO and Chairman to discuss District business and to review the upcoming agenda; October 21 he attended the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts Membership meeting where guest speakers spoke on the topic titled *Thinking Beyond the Pipes: Organizations Rooted in People*; October 22 he attended the City of San Bernardino Board of Water Commissioners meeting where they approved multiple service contracts; October 22 he attended the Highland Chamber of Commerce meeting; and October 23 he attended the City of San Bernardino Water Department ribbon cutting ceremony for their hydro-electric project.

Chairman Morales reported on the following: October 10 he attended the Legislative & Public Outreach committee meeting; October 15 he sat on a panel at the Water Revolution Symposium in Los Angeles and provided information on the Sterling Natural Resource Center; October 17 he met with the General Manager/CEO to discuss District business; October 21 he attended the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts monthly meeting where Valley District discussed their partnership with the

California State University San Bernardino; and October 22 he attended ACWA's Region 9 meeting in Temecula.

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### **b. General Manager/CEO Report**

The General Manager/CEO announced the following:

- Tomorrow staff and I will be attending the American Concrete Institute SoCal Chapter Award Ceremony. The SNRC project has been selected to receive the 2024 Top Project Concrete Award in the Infrastructure Category.
- The District is participating in Jefferson Hunt Elementary's Trunk-or-Treat Parade on Thursday, October 31st.
- The Splash into Conservation Festival has been rescheduled to Saturday, November 2, 2024. The festival will take place at the Sterling Natural Resource Center starting at 10:00 a.m. The free event will feature music, games, a trackless train, and more! To register for this free event, customers may visit [eastvalley.org/ConservationFestival](http://eastvalley.org/ConservationFestival)
- The November 12th Finance and Human Resources Committee meeting has been rescheduled to November 4 @ 1:30 p.m.
- In observance of Veteran's Day, District offices and customer service lines will be closed on Monday, November 11. Customers may pay their bill online, by phone, or at any 7-Eleven store.
- Reviewed the Water Supply Dashboard, the new District video, and the District's participation in the California Great ShakeOut.

For information only.

### **c. Legal Counsel Report**

Nothing to report.

### **d. Board of Directors' Comments**

Vice Chairman Coats thanked everyone for attending the Board meeting.

Chairman Morales discussed his participation in California's Great ShakeOut and thanked staff for working with the CalOES to mitigate current and future impacts of the Line Fire.

For information only.

**ADJOURN**

Chairman Morales adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

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James Morales, Jr., Board President

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Michael Moore, Board Secretary