

**DSRSD•EBMUD RECYCLED WATER AUTHORITY
(DERWA)
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 27, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Frank Mellon called the DSRSD•EBMUD Recycled Water Authority (DERWA) meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Pursuant to Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-08-21, and local health orders issued to address the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board meeting was held via Zoom Teleconference. The Boardroom was closed to the public; the public may observe and comment by electronic means. All votes during the meeting were taken by roll call vote.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG
3. ROLL CALL – Directors present: Chair Frank Mellon, Vice Chair Marisol Rubio, and Directors John Coleman, and Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold. DERWA Staff present: John Rossi, Authority Manager; Richard Lou, Treasurer; Scott Shapiro and Austin Cho, General Counsel; and Nicole Genzale, Authority Secretary
4. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIVITIES – None
5. PUBLIC COMMENT – 6:03 p.m. – None
6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Mellon requested Item 6.B be removed for discussion. The Board agreed to remove Item 6.B for discussion and took Consent Calendar Items 6.A and 6.C and passed these Items first.

Motion by Director Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold, Second by Director Coleman, to Approve Items 6.A and 6.C on the Consent Calendar. Motion carried (4-0) by the following vote:

AYES: Vonheeder-Leopold, Coleman, Rubio, Mellon

- A. Approve Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of May 17, 2021
- B. REMOVED - Approve Treasurer’s Reports for April 30, May 31, June 30, and July 31, 2021

Chair Mellon inquired as to the details of the City of Pleasanton’s (Pleasanton) costs noted on the Treasurer’s Reports. Treasurer Lou explained that Pleasanton is required to pay Capital Improvement costs as required of the Recycled Water Treatment Plant and the Sixth Filter, as well as their monthly meter charges. Mr. Lou noted that the operational costs are paid up front and reconciled once completed. Mr. Lou stated that he would send an email to the Board with further explanation of the costs.

Motion by Vice Chair Marisol Rubio, Second by Director Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold to Approve Agenda Item 6.B. on the Consent Calendar. Motion carried (4-0) by the following vote:

AYES: Rubio, Vonheeder-Leopold, Coleman, Mellon

C. Approve Quarterly Investment Report for June 30, 2021

7. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Presentation on Change in Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Revision Focus

Authority Manager Rossi reviewed the item for the Board and provided a presentation regarding the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) Revisions. The presentation was added as supplemental materials to the agenda on the DERWA website. Mr. Rossi explained staff's recommendation to pause revision efforts to re-evaluate information and activities for DERWA and assess what that means moving forward. To accomplish this, staff suggests implementing a side agreement providing a three to five year "pause period." Mr. Rossi further explained key JPA issues such as supply, capacity rights, reconciliation, value of secondary effluent, and the City of Pleasanton. Mr. Rossi explained that the pause period would be used to evaluate: program demands, monitor regulations, monitor key supply efforts and decisions, explore demand management strategies, review wastewater flow trends, and track Central Contra Costa Sanitary District's water recycling initiatives. The side agreement would affirm the following: a connection moratorium, demand management, supply shortages, no change to cost allocation, no charge for secondary effluent, define roles/responsibilities, no change in JPA structure, principles and concepts for future negotiations, and administrative elements. Mr. Rossi further explained that at the end of the pause period, JPA negotiations would resume, and staff would bring a revised Joint Exercise of Powers agreement to the Board for consideration. The Board and staff proceeded to discuss this matter. The Board members expressed unanimous support for staff to proceed with preparing the proposed side agreement. Mr. Rossi confirmed that the drafting period for the agreement will be three to four months.

At 6:10 p.m., Chair Mellon welcomed Ms. Joey Smith, President of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 2019, who joined the meeting.

8. MANAGER'S REPORTS

A. Supplemental Supply Update

- Central Contra Costa Sanitary District Wastewater Diversion

Authority Manager Rossi reported that the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (Central San) diversion project went online in June of 2021 and is working well. Mr. Rossi reported that DERWA's contract with Central San has three years remaining with the hopes of renewing for years four and five.

- Filter Re-Rating Project

Authority Manager Rossi reported that Treasurer Lou and staff have been working on "trueing-up" the project charges to bill to the partner agencies. He explained that billing rates are set annually based on budgets and are "trued up" at the end of the year for

projects such as the filter re-rating. Mr. Rossi noted that staff are in the process of completing the reconciliations with City of Pleasanton, DSRSD and EBMUD.

B. Operations Update

Mr. Rossi introduced DSRSD Operations Manager Jeff Carson and DSRSD Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Virgil Sevilla who provided an update on operations matters. Mr. Carson complimented staff for their work during the pandemic, noting that it was a successful summer. He further reported that there were operational difficulties at the San Ramon Golf Club in which there was a disruption to the backbone service on Iron Horse Trail in San Ramon, near Alcosta Boulevard, which is the artery to the EBMUD portion of the line. Mr. Carson stated that staff was able to make the repair in record time. The Central San diversion operations have been sustained 24/7 and staff continues to develop new operational techniques for efficiency, such as using the holding basins for "dry" weather storage. In addition, one of the trains in the new ballasted flocculation was out of service and the team was able to sustain uninterrupted maximum production. He also reported that DERWA successfully met its demand this year.

Mr. Rossi also reviewed the DERWA administrative and operational staff meeting schedules for the Board.

C. Confirm Next Board Meeting – November 22, 2021

The Board confirmed the November Board meeting will be held if business needs require one.

Authority Manager Rossi noted that staff would provide the Board with potential 2022 Board meeting dates.

9. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

The Board wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Chair Mellon complimented and thanked everyone for their hard work and wished for continued safety and good health.


10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vice Chair Marisol Rubio, Second by Director Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold, to Adjourn the Meeting. Motion carried (4-0) by the following vote:

AYES: Rubio, Vonheeder-Leopold, Coleman, Mellon

Chair Mellon adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Submitted by,


Nicole Genzale, CMC
Authority Secretary