



**Board of Directors
January 16, 2019**

SUBJECT:

Adopt Two Proposed Resolutions Authorizing Election and Appointment of Officers of the Board and Establishing 2019 Board, Committee and Other Assignments

BACKGROUND:

The Municipal Water District Act under California Water Code Section 71273 requires the following process for the election of the President and Vice President of the Board:

“At its first meeting, and at its first meeting in the month of January of each odd-numbered year, the board shall elect one of its members president. The board may at any meeting elect one of its members vice president.”

Historically, Eastern Municipal Water District has implemented a rotation for the offices of President and Vice President whereby the Vice President is selected to rotate into the position of President and the next Board member in rotational seniority is selected as Vice President. Under the current rotation, Vice President Ronald Sullivan is the next up for selection to serve as President. Former Board member Joseph Kuebler, who was unelected in November 2018, would have been next in the seniority rotation for Vice President. However, with his departure from the Board, the next Board member in the rotation to serve as Vice President is Director Philip Paule. The terms for President and Vice President are two years

On December 7, 2018, the Board last approved the updated document entitled: Board, Committee and Other Assignments; Approval of Agency and Outside Organization Board Representation at Meetings/Events (Board, Committee and Other Assignments). Approval of this document conforms to the requirements of the EMWD Administrative Code to identify meetings which may be compensable for the Directors, and eligible for expense reimbursement pursuant to California Government Code Sections 53232.1 and 53232.2. In addition, California Water Code Section 71597 permits the District to obtain membership in associations having for their purpose the furtherance of subjects relating to the powers and duties of the District and for the interchange of information relating to such powers and duties.

Typically, adoption of the Board, Committee and Other Assignments occurs in January after an election year to reflect the Board’s election of new officers, the Board President’s proposed committee assignments, and to approve any outside assignment changes requested by the Board members. The purpose of the December 7, 2018, approval of the Board, Committee and Other Assignments document was to ensure newly-elected Director Stephen Corona received committee assignments and was authorized to attend meetings when he took office on December 14, 2018.

Section 71340 of the California Water Code provides the Board the ability to appoint additional officers, including but not limited to the position of Treasurer. The Board is currently considering long-term options for the appointment of the Treasurer position which is currently vacant with the departure of Joseph Kuebler from the Board. As a result, it is recommended that the District's Deputy Treasurer, Charles Turner, be appointed to the Treasurer position on an interim basis until such time as the Board takes further action on this matter.

Attached as Exhibit A is an updated document listing the Board, Committee and Other Assignments which reflects the assignments approved by the Board on December 7, 2018, as well as the recommended selection of Ronald Sullivan as President, Phillip Paule as Vice President and Charles Turner as interim Treasurer. Attached as Exhibit B is a resolution for the election of the President and Vice President positions and for the appointment of the Treasurer.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding for this item is provided for in the Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2017-18 and 2018-19.

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL/OBJECTIVE:

Engage in mutually beneficial community outreach and intergovernmental partnerships; communicate with clarity and purpose and conduct constructive advocacy with all stakeholders including customers and the Federal, State and local legislators and agencies.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This item is not a project as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15378.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the election of Ronald Sullivan as President, Phillip Paule as Vice President and the appointment of Charles Turner as interim Treasurer; adopt the proposed Resolution for the election and appointment of officers; and adopt the proposed Resolution Authorizing 2019 Board, Committee and Other Assignments, including Approval of Memberships and Agency and Outside Organization Representation at Meetings/Events.

SUBMITTED BY:



Paul D. Jones II, P.E., General Manager

1/10/2019

Attachment(s):

Exhibit A - Committee Assignments

Exhibit B - Resolution

Exhibit C - Resolution EMWD Officers

01/16/19 Board Meeting

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