

EAST BAY DISCHARGERS AUTHORITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 2021

1. Call to Order

Chair Cutter called the telephonic meeting to order pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20 at 9:33 A.M. on Thursday, September 23, 2021. Dial-in information for the meeting was provided in the agenda for public attendees.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Deferred

3. Roll Call

Present:	Ralph Johnson	Castro Valley Sanitary District
	Angela Andrews	City of Hayward
	Jennifer Toy	Union Sanitary District
	Rita Duncan	Oro Loma Sanitary District
	Pauline Russo Cutter	City of San Leandro

Absent: None

Attendees:	Jacqueline Zipkin	East Bay Dischargers Authority
	Howard Cin	East Bay Dischargers Authority
	Juanita Villasenor	East Bay Dischargers Authority
	Eric Casher	Legal Counsel
	David Donovan	City of Hayward
	Jason Warner	Oro Loma Sanitary District
	Justin Jenson	City of San Leandro
	Paul Eldredge	Union Sanitary District
	Anjali Lathi	Union Sanitary District
	Elisa Marquez	City of Hayward
	Erik Pearson	City of Hayward
	Taylor Richard	City of Hayward
	Carolyn Weisman	City of Hayward Climate Corps AmeriCorps Fellow
	Matt Graul	East Bay Regional Park District

4. Public Forum

No members of the public requested to address the Commission.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Commission Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2021

6. List of Disbursements for July & August 2021

7. Preliminary Treasurer's Report for July & August 2021

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Toy and carried unanimously 5-0, by roll call vote.

Ayes:	Commissioners Johnson, Andrews, Toy, Duncan, Chair Cutter
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

REGULAR CALENDAR

10. Hayward Area Shoreline Planning Agency (HASPA) Presentation

The General Manager (GM) suggested the Commission receive the HASPA presentation out of order. With no further discussion, the Chair proceeded to take Item No. 10 out of order.

A presentation was given by the HASPA Chair, Elisa Marquez; Erik Pearson, Hayward Environmental Services Manager; and Taylor Richard, Hayward Assistant Planner on the benefits of EBDA joining the HASPA JPA. The Commission directed staff to continue the discussion with HASPA to define EBDA's possible role.

8. General Manager's Report

The General Manager (GM) shared that the Oro Loma and Castro Valley Sanitary Districts were awarded outstanding capital project for the Nutrient Optimization Project at the recent CASA Conference. A video highlighting the project can be found [here](#). It was also noted that the City of San Leandro is applying for Measure AA grant funding for implementation of the Treatment Wetland Pilot.

The GM advised the Commission that Governor Newsom signed AB361 authorizing agencies to continue remote meetings. EBDA's Legal Counsel advised the Commission of the compliance requirements, including a standing agenda item to continue teleconference meetings by resolution. The Commission then directed staff to continue remote meetings for the Commission and Committees in October.

9. Report from the Managers Advisory Committee (MAC)

The GM provided an update on the status of EBDA's NPDES permit renewal application.

11. Report from the Regulatory Affairs Committee

The GM reported on the Regulatory Affairs Committee, which met on September 20, 2021. The GM reviewed EBDA compliance data, adding that work continues on the Disinfection Master Plan to optimize chlorine use to prevent future bacteria outbreaks. The Committee then discussed the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies' key regulatory issue summary and the status of negotiations on the next nutrient watershed permit. The Committee received an update on the blanket permit amendment for chlorine residual, which is scheduled for adoption in October by the Regional Water Board. The Committee also discussed the regional study related to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Finally, the Committee discussed the BayAdapt Joint Platform for regional sea level rise adaptation collaboration and state funding for climate resilience.

12. Report from the Financial Management Committee

The GM reported on the Financial Management Committee, which met on September 20, 2021, and reviewed the Treasurer's report and disbursements. The Committee discussed fiscal year-end expenses. The Finance Committee recommended that the Budget Policy include language on year-end close. Lastly, the Committee reviewed the CalPERS Valuation reports. The Authority's projected funded ratio at June 30, 2021, is 101.5%; therefore, the Committee recommended approval of the motion to rescind an additional discretionary payment of \$65,861 to the Authority's Pension Plan.

13. Motion to Rescind Additional Discretionary Payment of \$65,861 to Reduce the Unfunded Accrued Liability of the Authority's Pension Plan

Commissioner Andrews moved to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Toy and carried unanimously 5-0, by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Johnson, Andrews, Toy, Duncan, Chair Cutter
Noes: None

Absent: None
Abstain: None

14. Report from the Operations and Maintenance Committee

The O&M Manager reported on the Operations and Maintenance Committee, which met on September 21, 2021. The Committee reviewed compliance data and discussed the status of current projects. The O&M Manager noted that the breakers for the OLEPS main electrical switchboard upgrade project are delayed due to COVID-19 related shipping issues. Additionally, the O&M Manager expressed his appreciation to Jeff Schier (Gus) with the OLSD Maintenance Department for his dedication and hard work. Lastly, the GM provided an update on the Cargill Brine Project.

15. Resolution to Contribute \$1000 per year for Five Years to the California Association of Sanitation Agencies Education Foundation toward the Creation of a Bruce Wolfe Memorial Scholarship

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duncan and carried unanimously 5-0, by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Johnson, Andrews, Toy, Duncan, Chair Cutter
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

16. Items from Commission and Staff

Commissioner Johnson expressed his gratitude to the Commission and staff for establishing the Bruce Wolfe Memorial Scholarship.

17. Adjournment

Chair Cutter adjourned the meeting at 11:11 A.M.



Jacqueline Zipkin
General Manager