# EAST BAY DISCHARGERS AUTHORITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

### **December 16, 2021**

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Cutter called the telephonic meeting to order in compliance with AB 361 (2021) at 9:30 A.M. on Thursday, December 16, 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

Sara Lamnin 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
Bert Manzo East Bay Dischargers Authority

Eric Casher
Deborah Quinn
Alex Ameri
David Donovan
Dean Wilson
Anjali Lathi
Paul Eldredge
Legal Counsel
Accountant
City of Hayward
City of Hayward
City of San Leandro
Union Sanitary District
Union Sanitary District

Roland Williams Castro Valley Sanitary District
John Cropper Cropper Accountancy Corporation

#### 4. Public Forum

No members of the public requested to address the Commission.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 5. Commission Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2021
- 6. List of Disbursements for November 2021
- 7. Treasurer's Report for November 2021
- 8. Resolution Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to AB 361

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, Lamnin, Toy, Duncan, Chair Cutter

Noes:

None

Absent:

None

Abstain:

None

#### REGULAR CALENDAR

# 9. Motion to Accept the Audited Basic Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

John Cropper of Cropper Accountancy Corporation, the Authority's auditing firm, presented the Basic Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. EBDA received a clean, unmodified audit opinion. Mr. Cropper praised staff for their cooperation.

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

Aves: Commissioners Johnson, Lamnin, Toy, Duncan, Chair Cutter

Noes: None Absent: None Abstain: None

# 10. General Manager's Report

The General Manager (GM) advised the Commission that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District has committed to working more collaboratively with the wastewater community to protect public health and the environment through a new work group. The GM highlighted innovative projects currently underway at Oro Loma Sanitary District and San Leandro's Water Pollution Control Plant. The GM reported that staff is researching alternative banking options and recently met with Community Bank of the Bay.

# 11. Report from the Managers Advisory Committee (MAC)

The GM reported on the MAC's discussion of biosolids management options. Working with the MAC, EBDA issued a primer to various private companies to garner management solutions for the Member Agencies' biosolids. Commissioner Lamnin suggested staff include All-In-Eats, which is a circular food economy organization managed by Alameda County.

# 12. Report from the Financial Management Committee

The Financial Management Committee discussed the treasurer's report and audited financial statements. Additionally, the Committee reviewed the Authority's Investment Policy and Strategy. The Committee supported staff's recommendation that no changes be made to the Investment Strategy at this time. The Committee also supported approval of the proposed Investment Policy updates.

# 13. Resolution Approving Revisions to the Authority's Investment Policy

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

Ayes: Commissioners Johnson, Lamnin, 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 December 14, 2021. The O&M Manager stated that compliance data looks good; no extra sodium hypochlorite had been added to the system for the recent storm events and bacteria data looks normal. The O&M Manager also reported that during the month of November, no water was sent to the Skywest Golf Course, and with the upcoming storm, no water is expected to be delivered. The O&M Manager informed the Commission that implementation of the new higher chlorine residual effluent limit will likely begin in March 2022. This new limit will allow for reduced sodium

bisulfite dosing. Finally, the O&M Manager reported that current wet weather was handled very well and noted positive collaboration with the Member Agencies in managing high flows. The GM provided an update on the Cargill project, noting the preferred option is a brine pipeline from Cargill that follows a Bayside route, running parallel to the EBDA transport system and connecting at OLEPS.

# 15. Resolution to Approve the Authority's Revised Classification Plan

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

Aves:

Commissioners Johnson, Lamnin, Toy, Duncan, Chair Cutter

Noes:

None

Absent:

None

Abstain: None

# 16. Resolution Adopting the Revised Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Compensation Plan

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

Ayes:

Commissioners Johnson, Lamnin, Toy, Duncan, Chair Cutter

Noes: Absent: None

Abstain:

None None

# 17. Resolution Supporting Bay Adapt: Regional Strategy for a Rising Bay

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

Ayes:

Commissioners Johnson, Lamnin, Toy, Duncan, Chair Cutter

Noes:

None

Absent:

None

Abstain:

None

#### 18. Items from Commission and Staff

Commissioner Duncan thanked Howard Cin for his storm impact explanation. Roland Williams commended staff and wished everyone happy holidays. Howard Cin expressed his gratitude to the Commission for their support. The General Manager reminded the Commission of the January meeting schedule changes.

#### 19. Adjournment

Chair Cutter adjourned the meeting at 10:47 A.M.

Jacqueline Zipkin

**General Manager**