

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 2:30 PM
Valley Sanitary District Board Room
45500 Van Buren St., Indio, CA 92201

**EAST VALLEY RECLAMATION AUTHORITY
AGENDA**

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent calendar items are expected to be routine and noncontroversial, to be acted upon by the Board of Directors at one time, without discussion. If any Board member requests that an item be

removed from the consent calendar, it will be removed so that it may be acted upon separately.

5.1 **APPROVE THE EAST VALLEY RECLAMATION AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2023**

Recommendation: Approve

6. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

6.1 **ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024**

Recommendation: Action

6.2 **UPDATE ON RECYCLED WATER MASTER PLAN**

Recommendation: Discussion

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

8. AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND / OR QUESTIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

POSTED January 11, 2024

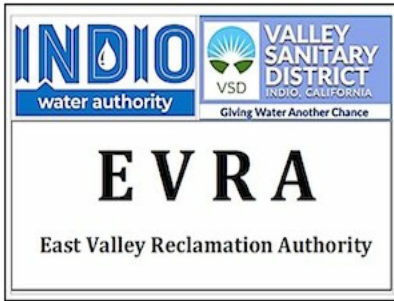
Holly Gould

Clerk of the Board

East Valley Reclamation Authority

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**ITEM 5.1
ACTION**

Valley Sanitary District

DATE: January 16, 2024

TO: East Valley Reclamation Authority

FROM: Holly Gould, EVRA Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: APPROVE THE EAST VALLEY RECLAMATION AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2023

Suggested Action

Approve

Strategic Plan Compliance

Fiscal Impact

None

Environmental Review

This does not qualify as a project for the purposes of CEQA.

Background

The minutes of the East Valley Reclamation Authority meeting held August 15, 2023.

Recommendation

Approve

Attachments

[15 Aug 2023 EVRA Minutes.edited.doc](#)

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EAST VALLEY RECLAMATION AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 15, 2023

President Glenn Miller called to order the East Valley Reclamation Authority Meeting at 2:30 p.m. in the Valley Sanitary District Board Room at 45-500 Van Buren Street, Indio, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Present: President Glen Miller (*City of Indio*)
Secretary Elaine Holmes (*City of Indio*)
Treasurer William Teague (*Valley Sanitary District*)
Alternate Debra Canero (*Valley Sanitary District*)

Directors Absent: Vice President Scott Sear (*Valley Sanitary District*)

Staff Present: Jason Dafforn – General Manager, *Valley Sanitary District*
Reymundo Trejo – General Manager, *Indio Water Authority*
Holly Gould – EVRA Clerk of the Board, *Valley Sanitary District*
Ron Buchwald – District Engineer, *Valley Sanitary District*

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

5.1 Approve Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2023

It was moved by Treasurer Teague, seconded by Secretary Holmes, to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar as submitted, 3-0. President Miller abstained due to his absence at the February 21, 2023, meeting.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

6.1 Adopt Resolution 2023-24 Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget

Reymundo Trejo, General Manager, Indio Water Authority, presented the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Budget. EVRA revenue is sourced from the two formation agencies, by an amount determined each fiscal year by the Authority's board members, subject to ratification by each agency governing authority. For the fiscal year 2023/24, staff recommends setting the annual contribution at \$0. The fiscal year 2022/23 ending fund balance is estimated to total \$703,870. Staff's recommendation is to appropriate those resources for legal fees, other professional services, office supplies, professional dues to recycled water associations, Board stipends, and meeting expenses. It is recommended that the Board adopt the Resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2023/24 budget and authorizing expenditures and appropriations.

It was moved by Secretary Holmes, seconded by Treasurer Teague, and unanimously carried

by roll call vote to **APPROVE** the adoption of Resolution 2023-24 of the East Valley Reclamation Authority Fiscal Year 2023/24 Budget and authorize expenditures and appropriations with an additional \$0 from each agency.

6.2 Adopt Resolution 2023-23 Appointing an Administrator and Alternate Administrator for the East Valley Reclamation Authority

The current Administrator is Reymundo Trejo, IWA General Manager, and Alternate Administrator is Ron Buchwald, VSD District Engineer. Due to the recent appointment of Jason Dafforn, VSD's new General Manager, it is recommended to appoint Mr. Dafforn as the Alternate Administrator.

It was moved by Treasurer Teague, seconded by Alternate Canero, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to **APPROVE** Resolution 2023-25 appointing Reymundo Trejo, of Indio Water Authority, as Administrator and Jason Dafforn, of Valley Sanitary District, as Alternate Administrator of the East Valley Reclamation Authority.

6.3 Adopt Resolution 2023-26 Establishing Meeting Dates and Times

Staff is recommending the Board adopt a resolution changing the meeting frequency from monthly to quarterly, on the 1st Tuesday of January, March, June, and October, and relocate the meeting to Valley Sanitary District.

It was moved by Alternate Canero, seconded by Treasurer Teague, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to **APPROVE** Resolution 2023-26, establishing meeting dates and times.

6.4 Update on Recycled Water Master Plan

Jason Dafforn, General Manager Valley Sanitary District, gave an update on the Recycled Water Master Plan. He stated that Carollo Engineers is close to completing the final draft of the Recycled Water Master Plan and will have a more detailed report by the October 2023 meeting. There are five (5) options that are being evaluated as part of the study; low-flow non-potable reuse, high-flow non-potable reuse, indirect potable recharge, direct potable recharge, and a hybrid option. Carollo is also providing the cost for all options based on acre-foot. The draft regulations for the direct potable recharge were posted in August and are under review and awaiting comments. Once the update is complete, environmental discussions can begin on the different options and potential customers. Reymundo Trejo, General Manager Indio Water Authority (IWA), stated that IWA also has a copy of the draft report. He discussed a scalable project and grant funding. A discussion took place on the requirements for the water discharged into the channel and transparent costs.

7. **GENERAL MANAGERS' REPORT**

Reymundo Trejo, Indio Water Authority, gave an update on chromium 6. He feels EVRA is a good way for the two agencies to collaborate on the issue. Mr. Trejo stated that the technologies used to remove chromium 6 from the water may impact the treatment at Valley Sanitary District. He said it needs to be studied more but thinks that EVRA is the appropriate setting for these discussions. He also stated that collaborative funding could be beneficial in exploring this issue further. Mr. Dafforn noted that they will continue the dialogue and keep

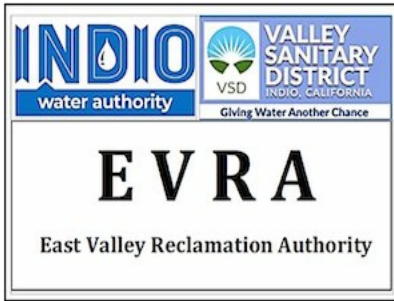
the Board informed.

8. **AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS** – None.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was ***ADJOURNED*** at 3:08 p.m.

Holly Gould
EVRA Clerk of the Board
Approved:



**ITEM 6.1
ACTION**

Valley Sanitary District

DATE: January 16, 2024
TO: East Valley Reclamation Authority
FROM: Jason Dafforn, VSD General Manager
SUBJECT: ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

Suggested Action
Action

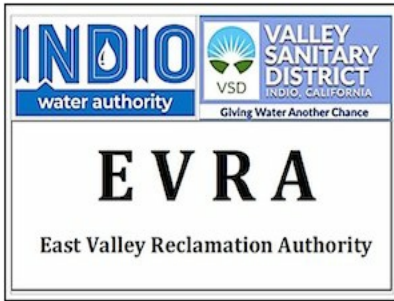
Strategic Plan Compliance

Fiscal Impact
There is no fiscal impact.

Environmental Review
This does not qualify as a project for the purposes of CEQA.

Background
At the first meeting of each calendar year the Board of Directors elects the officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Under the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement the office of President shall be selected among members of the Board and shall alternate each calendar year between VSD and the City.

Recommendation
Staff recommends that the Board elect the officers for the East Valley Reclamation Authority for Calendar Year 2024.



**ITEM 6.2
DISCUSSION**

Valley Sanitary District

DATE: January 16, 2024
TO: East Valley Reclamation Authority
FROM: Jason Dafforn, General Manager, Valley Sanitary District
SUBJECT: UPDATE ON RECYCLED WATER MASTER PLAN

Suggested Action

Discussion

Strategic Plan Compliance

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact for this item.

Environmental Review

This item does not qualify as a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Background

Staff will provide a presentation on the Recycled Water Master Plan recommendations.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors review and discuss the Recycled Water Master Plan.