MINUTES

Tuesday, May 12, 2026
East Bay Municipal Utility District
Board of Directors
375 Eleventh Street
Oakland, California
Regular Closed Session Meeting

President Luz Gómez called to order the Regular Closed Session Meeting of the Board of Directors at 11:00 a.m. in the Administration Building Boardroom.

ROLL CALL

Directors April Chan, Valerie D. Lewis, Jim Oddie, Joey D. Smith, Marguerite Young, and President Luz Gómez were present at roll call. Director Andy Katz arrived in Conference room 8 at 11:24 a.m. (absent).

Staff participants included General Manager Clifford C. Chan and General Counsel Derek T. McDonald.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Addressing the Board was Gary Walters II, Engineering Designer II, who commented on the recent recruitment for Senior Engineering Designer and expressed concerns about the work sample administered during the recruitment process. He commented on staffing levels in the Pipeline Design Division and encouraged the District to identify root causes of organizational challenges before implementing solutions.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

President Gómez announced the closed session agenda, and the Board convened to Administration Building Conference Room 8 for discussion.

Regular Business Meeting

President Luz Gómez called to order the Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Directors at 1:16 p.m. in the Administration Building Boardroom.

ROLL CALL

Directors April Chan, Andy Katz, Valerie D. Lewis, Jim Oddie, Joey D. Smith, Marguerite Young, and President Luz Gómez were present at roll call.

Staff participants included General Manager Clifford C. Chan, General Counsel Derek T. McDonald, and Secretary of the District Rischa S. Cole.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Gómez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Contra Costa County Science & Engineering Fair Award Winner

President Gómez announced that for the past thirteen years, EBMUD has proudly co-sponsored the Excellence in Water and Wastewater Research Awards in Alameda and Contra Costa counties which recognizes outstanding student projects in science and engineering. This year, Anshu Gowda and Devang Nair, 7th graders from the Danville area won the Award of Excellence for their project, "Water Purification". Anshu and Devang described their project which shows a simple, low-cost way to make water safer by using natural filters and boiling and responded to Board questions regarding their research and findings. President Gómez presented Anshu and Devang with a check and certificates of accomplishment on behalf of EBMUD and the sponsors of the Excellence in Water and Wastewater Research Awards. She also presented a check on behalf of EBMUD and the sponsors of the Excellence in Water and Wastewater Research Awards to their sponsor, Anupama Rangaswamy. President Gómez and Board members congratulated the students and encouraged them to continue their education and research.

Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO) Operating Budget Excellence Award

General Manager Clifford C. Chan announced the District received two awards for its Fiscal Years (FY) 2026 and 2027 budget documents. The GFOA of the United States and Canada presented the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the District. To earn this recognition, the budget document had to meet rigorous criteria as a policy document, operations guide, financial plan, and communication tool. Three independent reviewers evaluated the document, noting the District's "excellent long-term capital planning" and "exemplary program descriptions" within the department pages. The CSMFO awarded the District the Operating Budget Excellence Award, their highest level of recognition. This award has additional requirements beyond the standard criteria and recognizes agencies that produce budget documents meeting the highest professional standards. Finance/Administration Committee Chair Jim Oddie presented the awards to team members Samuel A. Feldman, Manager of Budget, Nathan P. Hood, Principal Management Analyst, and Bernadette B. de Leon, Principal Management Analyst.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

There were no announcements required from closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Addressing the Board was EBMUD retiree Dave Beyer, who commented on challenges using the online system to make withdrawals as a retiree and the amount of assets held in the plan by retirees, and asked the District to consider appointing a retiree representative to the Deferred Compensation Advisory Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Filed with the Board were the Minutes for the April 28, 2026 Finance/Administration and Sustainability Committee Meetings.

- Director Lewis reported the Planning Committee met this morning and received updates on Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations and the Purified Water Outreach and Education Plan.

- Director Smith reported the Legislative/Human Resources Committee met this morning and received Legislative Report No. 03-26 and an update on Senate Bill 707 – Outreach Requirements and Proposed Public Meeting Outreach Plan.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Item 3 was pulled from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

- Motion by Director Chan, seconded by Director Smith to approve Items 1-2, and 4-5, on the Consent Calendar carried (7-0) by the following voice vote: AYES (Chan, Katz, Lewis, Oddie, Smith, Young, and Gómez); NOES (None); ABSTAIN (None); ABSENT (None).

1. **Motion No. 071-26** – Approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2026.

2. The following correspondence was filed with the Board: **1)** Presentation entitled, "Public Hearing 2025 Urban Water Management Plan/Water Shortage Contingency Plan," dated May 12, 2026; **2)** Presentation entitled, "Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed Non-Proposition 218 Rates and Charges," dated May 12, 2026; **3)** Speakers' Bureau and Outreach Record CY26, dated May 12, 2026; **4)** Email dated May 12, 2026 with multiple attachments from Justin Young, to Board of Directors regarding Eight (8) Vacant Electrical Engineers Positions at EBMUD; **5)** Email dated May 13, 2026 with one attachment from Heinrich Albert, to Office of the Secretary regarding Public Hearing on the District's Draft Urban Water Management Plan; **6)** Email dated May 13, 2026 with one attachment from Mark Shahinian, to Office of the Secretary regarding Sierra Club comments on EBMUD UWMP; **7)** Handout from Dave Beyer on EBMUD Deferred Compensation (undated); **8)** Contra Costa Times Proof of Publication Draft Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) 2025 and 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) Public Comment Meeting on April 28, 2026 and Public Hearing on May 12, 2026 Legal No. 0006961895 Published April 17, 2026 and April 24, 2026; **9)** Oakland Tribune Proof of Publication Draft Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) 2025 and 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) Public Comment Meeting on April 28, 2026 and Public Hearing on May 12, 2026 Legal No. 0006961895 Published April 17, 2026 and April 24, 2026; **10)** West County Times Proof of Publication Draft Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) 2025 and 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) Public Comment Meeting on April 28, 2026 and Public Hearing on May 12, 2026 Legal No. 0006961898 Published April 17, 2026 and April 24, 2026; **11)** San Ramon Valley Times Proof of Publication Draft Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) 2025 and 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) Public Comment Meeting on April 28, 2026 and Public Hearing on May 12, 2026 Legal No. 0006961895 Published April 17, 2026 and April 24, 2026; **12)** Alameda Journal Proof of Publication Draft Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) 2025 and 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) Public Comment Meeting on April 28, 2026 and Public Hearing on May 12, 2026 Legal No. 0006961897 Published April 17, 2026 and April 24, 2026; **13)** Alameda Times-Star Proof of Publication Draft Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) 2025 and 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) Public Comment Meeting on April 28, 2026 and Public Hearing on May 12, 2026 Legal No. 0006961897 Published April 17, 2026 and April 24, 2026; **14)** Berkeley Voice Proof of Publication Draft Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) 2025 and 2025 Water

Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) Public Comment Meeting on April 28, 2026 and Public Hearing on May 12, 2026 Legal No. 0006961897 Published April 17, 2026 and April 24, 2026; **15)** El Cerrito Journal Proof of Publication Draft Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) 2025 and 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) Public Comment Meeting on April 28, 2026 and Public Hearing on May 12, 2026 Legal No. 0006961897 Published April 17, 2026 and April 24, 2026; **16)** Montclarion Proof of Publication Draft Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) 2025 and 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) Public Comment Meeting on April 28, 2026 and Public Hearing on May 12, 2026 Legal No. 0006961897 Published April 17, 2026 and April 24, 2026; **17)** Piedmonter Proof of Publication Draft Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) 2025 and 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) Public Comment Meeting on April 28, 2026 and Public Hearing on May 12, 2026 Legal No. 0006961897 Published April 17, 2026 and April 24, 2026; **18)** Amador Ledger Dispatch Proof of Publication Draft Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) 2025 and 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) Public Comment Meeting on April 28, 2026 and Public Hearing on May 12, 2026 Ad ID Y890 Published April 17, 2026 and April 24, 2026; **19)** Lodi-News Sentinel Proof of Publication Draft Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) 2025 and 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) Public Comment Meeting on April 28, 2026 and Public Hearing on May 12, 2026 Ad ID Y890 Published April 16, 2026 and April 23, 2026; **20)** Sacramento Bee Proof of Publication Draft Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) 2025 and 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) Public Comment Meeting on April 28, 2026 and Public Hearing on May 12, 2026 Legal Ad IPL0330619 Published April 17, 2026 and April 24, 2026; **21)** Stockton Record Proof of Publication Draft Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) 2025 and 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) Public Comment Meeting on April 28, 2026 and Public Hearing on May 12, 2026 Legal No. 12246227 Published April 16, 2026 and April 23, 2026; and **22)** Notarized Affidavit of Posting regarding Draft Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) 2025 and 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) Public Comment Meeting on April 28, 2026 and Public Hearing on May 12, 2026, dated May 13, 2026.

3. **Award a contract to the lowest responsive/responsible bidder, Guaranteed Plumbing, in an amount not to exceed $120,580 for the relocation of two existing water meters from a difficult-to-maintain location to the public right-of-way, and the installation of two private water service pipelines for 3242 A&B Briggs Avenue in Alameda.**

   - Addressing the Board was Michael G. Morgan, Chief Steward, AFSCME Local 444, who commented the union did not object to the contract and requested that future contracts involving work that may appear similar to the union's core work be discussed during Contracting Out Committee meetings.

- Motion by Director Oddie, seconded by Director Lewis to approve Item 3, carried (7-0) by the following voice vote: AYES (Chan, Katz, Lewis, Oddie, Smith, Young, and Gómez); NOES (None); ABSTAIN (None); ABSENT (None).

  Motion No. 074-26 – Awarded a contract to the lowest responsive/responsible bidder, Guaranteed Plumbing, in an amount not to exceed $120,580 for the relocation of two existing water meters from a difficult-to-maintain location to the public right-of way, and the installation of two private water service pipelines for 3242 A&B Briggs Avenue in Alameda.

4. **Motion No. 072-26** – Awarded a sole source contract beginning on or after May 12, 2026 to IDEXX Distribution, Inc., for supplying bacteriological testing supplies for use with specified analytical methods by the District's Laboratory, for five years, with five options to renew for additional one-year periods for a total cost, after the addition of taxes, including option years, not to exceed $1,600,000.

5. **Motion No. 073-26** – Authorized an agreement beginning on or after May 12, 2026 with Verdantas, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $267,270 for erosion evaluation services for the Jones Tract Flood Erosion Evaluation.

PUBLIC HEARING

6. **Conduct a Public Hearing to accept comments on the District's Draft Urban Water Management Plan 2025 and Draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan 2025 in compliance with the Urban Water Management Planning Act of the California Water Code.**

President Gómez opened the public hearing at 1:38 p.m. and announced the public hearing is to receive comments on the District's Draft Urban Water Management Plan 2025 (UWMP) and Draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan 2025 (WSCP) in compliance with the Urban Water Management Planning Act of the California Water Code.

Engineering Manager Bradley M. Ledesma provided the presentation. The UWMP serves as the District's long-term water supply planning document and incorporates the WSCP to evaluate water supply reliability, provide a framework and response to emergencies, and act as a reference for the public and the District. It is administered by the California Department of Water Resources, which manages the California Water Plan. It is required to be updated every five years by the California Water Code. Staff received Board feedback on the draft UWMP and WSCP at the January 27, 2026 workshop, incorporated the feedback, provided the public draft to the Board on March 26, 2026, and released it to the public on April 6, 2026. Mr. Ledesma discussed outreach efforts noting the public commenting period ends today. The draft UWMP includes updated water demand forecasting to support water conservation, recycled water planning, water supply planning, and facility and pipeline sizing; revising the Drought Management Program trigger for a Stage 1 drought from 475 thousand acre-feet (TAF) to 500 TAF; incorporating transfer water into the supply-demand analysis; and adding an additional planning scenario evaluating combined reduced Central Valley Project water and Healthy Rivers and Landscape conditions. The Board is scheduled to consider adoption of the UWMP at its June 9, 2026 Regular meeting. The adopted UWMP is due to the Department of Water Resources by July 1, 2026.

President Gómez called for public comment.

- Addressing the Board was Heinrich Albert, Co-Chair, San Francisco Bay Chapter Sierra Club who commented the Sierra Club is concerned about the UWMP demand projections and their transparency and asked the District to reconsider its demand models and underlying data. He noted Sierra Club representatives are scheduled to meet with EBMUD staff and requested that the Board be kept informed regarding ongoing discussions and future developments.

Next, President Gómez called for Board comments. There was Board discussion regarding the public comment, the document provided by Mr. Albert, the UWMP, and the outreach plan. The Board asked staff to consider additional outreach to local jurisdictions for the 2030 UWMP update. President Gómez closed the public hearing at 1:58 p.m.

– Director Oddie left the meeting at 1:58 p.m. and returned at 1:59 p.m.

DETERMINATION AND DISCUSSION

7. **Legislative Update.**

Special Assistant I Debbi Michel reviewed the bills in Legislative Report No. 03-26, which included three bills and information regarding wildfire preparedness legislation affecting water agencies. General Manager Clifford C. Chan noted the Legislative/Human Resources Committee voted unanimously to support the staff's recommendations. AB 2513 (Petrie-Norris) would expand California's Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program by authorizing direct regional landscape grants, broadening eligible wildfire prevention and ecosystem health activities, and increasing support for regional wildfire resilience planning and implementation efforts. Staff is recommending a "support position." AB 2739 (Soria) would establish the Water Affordability and System Stabilization Trust and create ongoing funding mechanisms for water affordability assistance and local water infrastructure grants to reduce ratepayer costs and improve system resiliency. Staff is recommending a "support position." SB 1125 (Menjivar) would establish a statewide Water Rate Assistance Program administered by the State Water Resources Control Board to provide direct water bill assistance to low-income residential customers through state funded bill credits and related affordability measures. Staff is recommending a "support position." Next, she provided an update on wildfire preparedness legislation affecting water agencies, including AB 2013, SB 1153, and SB 1001. Ms. Michel responded to Board questions on how SB 1125 will interact with the District's Customer Assistance Program (CAP), scenarios where benefits could decrease, and potential program costs. Director of Customer and Community Services Andrew L. Lee responded to questions regarding eligibility criteria noting PG&E's CARE program data could be used to determine the state's program eligibility.

- Motion by Director Smith, seconded by Director Lewis to approve Item 7, carried (7-0) by the following voice vote: AYES (Chan, Katz, Lewis, Oddie, Smith, Young, and Gómez); NOES (None); ABSTAIN (None); ABSENT (None).

Motion No. 075-26 – Received Legislative Report No. 03-26 and approved positions on the following bills: SUPPORT AB 2513 (Petrie-Norris) Wildfire: Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program: Local Assistance Grant Program: Regional Landscape Grants; SUPPORT AB 2739 (Soria) Water: Affordability and System Stabilization; and SUPPORT SB 1125 (Menjivar) Water Rate Assistance Program; and received information on Wildfire Preparedness and Emergency Response Legislation.

8.1. – 8.2. **File the Report and Recommendation of the General Manager for Revisions to the Water and Wastewater Schedules of Rates and Charges, Capacity Charges, and Other Fees Not Subject to Proposition 218 for Fiscal Year 2027 and set a Public Hearing for Tuesday, June 9, 2026, during the Board's Regular meeting, to consider the Report and Recommendation.**

Principal Management Analyst Phoebe Grow provided the presentation. She reviewed the proposed updates to the following water and wastewater schedules which include system capacity charges (SCC), wastewater capacity charges (WCC), recreation fees, permit fees, and other administrative charges:

Water System

- Approve revisions:
  - Schedule B – Account Establishment Charge
  - Schedule C – Charges for Special Services
  - Schedule D – Water Service Installation Charges
  - Schedule E – Private Fire Service Installation Charges
  - Schedule F – Public Fire Hydrant Installation Charges
  - Schedule G – Water Main Extension Charges
  - Schedule J – System Capacity Charges (SCC)
  - Schedule M – Water Service Estimate Application Fees
- Approve recission:
  - Schedule H – Standard Participation Charge (SPC)

Wastewater System

- Approve revisions:
  - Schedule C – Industrial Permit Fees
  - Schedule D – Other Fees (Monitoring, Violation Follow-up, and Private Sewer Lateral Compliance)
  - Schedule E – Testing Fees
  - Schedule F – Resource Recovery Fees and Prices
  - Schedule G – Wastewater Capacity Charges (WCC)
  - Schedule H – Wastewater Interceptor Connection Review, Coordination, and Inspection Fee

Other District Fees

- Approve revisions:
  - Public Records Act Fee Schedule
  - Real Property Use Application Fees
  - Recreation Use Fees

The proposed updates to the SCC and WCC reflect recently completed studies prepared by an independent rate consultant and appended to the report. Ms. Grow explained the proposed streamlined methodology and benefits for calculating capacity charges based on meter size instead of customized demand calculations. She reviewed comparisons of current and proposed SCCs and WCCs for single-family residential, apartment buildings with 100 or more units, and commercial or industrial developments. All residential meters one-inch and smaller would be charged at the 5/8-inch meter rate because most residential domestic demand can generally be served by smaller meters, despite newer homes commonly utilizing one-inch dual-service meters for fire sprinkler capacity. She highlighted the number of single-family developments that were charged SCCs in Region 1 between FY 2023-FY 2025 and reviewed the proposed revisions to the other schedules in the report. She noted the Camanche Regional Park Advisory Board reviewed the recreation fee updates in March 2026. Next steps include the Board's Mid-Cycle Budget Update Workshop on May 26, 2026, and the public hearing on and Board consideration

of FY 2027 non-Proposition 218 rates, charges and fees on June 9, 2026. The Board will consider approving revisions to the District's Regulations Governing Water Service at its meeting on June 23, 2026. If approved, the FY 2027 non-Proposition 218 rates, charges and fees would become effective July 1, 2026.

– Director Chan left the meeting at 2:32 p.m. and returned at 2:34 p.m.

Director Lewis expressed concerns about the proposed updates to the SCCs and WCCs, the impacts to constituents in Ward 6, and the optics of the proposal. She asked if the proposed updates to the SCCs and WCCs could be postponed or removed from the report. General Manager Clifford C. Chan responded to Director Lewis' concerns pointing out Region 1 covers more of the service area than just Oakland and that while the proposed revisions will result in reduced charges, the District is not increasing other rates and fees to account for reduced revenue. There was considerable Board discussion regarding the existing and proposed methodology, potential impacts to Region 1 customers, benefits of the proposed methodology, forgoing updates to the SCCs and WCCs for single-family residential applicants and continuing use of the current methodology until next year. for guidance on the proper form of a motion to remove the proposed SCC and WCC updates for single-family residential applicants from consideration. Mr. Chan clarified that a section of a schedule cannot be removed from the report.

Director Lewis put forth a motion that the Board not consider changes to Water System Schedule J (System Capacity Charge) at this time.

- Motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Oddie that the Board not consider changes to Water System Schedule J (System Capacity Charge) at this time.

There was additional Board discussion and staff responded to Board questions and comments regarding tabling the decision to update the methodology; the timing for filing the report; alternative methodologies for calculating SCCs and WCCs for single-family residential applicants; the likelihood of the legislature making a decision regarding SCCs between now and the end of the next fiscal year; clarification about the motion on the floor and the original staff recommendation; filing dual reports for consideration during the public hearing to consider the General Manager's report and recommendation; and potential impacts from delaying implementation of the revised methodology for calculating SCCs and WCCs for single-family residential applicants. Manager of Legislative Affairs Kathy Viatella reported she is not aware of anything currently in the legislature about making to SCCs. General Manager Chan noted staff could bring the matter back for Board consideration, but noted there is not a lot of flexibility and did not want to create an expectation that a substantially different proposal would be presented. General Counsel Derek T. McDonald noted that the clearest procedure was for the Board to vote on the proposed recommended action to file the report as submitted and determine whether there was interest in implementing the proposed methodology.

Director Young put forth a substitute motion for the Board to vote to file the report as submitted.

- Motion by Director Young, seconded by Director Katz for the Board to vote to file the report as submitted.

There was additional discussion regarding parliamentary procedure and how to proceed with the motion put forth by Director Lewis and the substitute motion put forth by Director Young.

Director Oddie stated the revised methodology for multi-family applicants is important and although he offered the second to Director Lewis' motion, he would not be supporting the motion. Director Young withdrew the substitute motion. President Gómez called for a roll call vote on the motion put forth by Director Lewis.

Secretary of the District Rischa S. Cole restated the motion to file the report to retain the current methodology for Schedule J (System Capacity Charges).

- Motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Oddie to file the report to retain the current methodology for Schedule J (System Capacity Charges) ***failed*** (5-2) by the following roll call vote: AYES (Lewis, Smith); NOES (Chan, Katz, Oddie, Young, and Gómez); ABSTAIN (None); ABSENT (None).

- Motion by Director Young, seconded by Director Katz to approve Items 8.1. – 8.2. carried (5-2) by the following voice vote: AYES (Chan, Katz, Oddie, Young, and Gómez); NOES (Lewis, Smith); ABSTAIN (None); ABSENT (None).

Motion No. 076-26 – Filed the Report and Recommendation of the General Manager for Revisions to the Water and Wastewater Schedules of Rates and Charges, Capacity Charges, and Other Fees Not Subject to Proposition 218 for Fiscal Year 2027 and set a Public Hearing for Tuesday, June 9, 2026, during the Board's Regular meeting, to consider the Report and Recommendation.

9. **Adopt a resolution to approve the equity adjustment increase of 5 percent for the Water Treatment Supervisor classification represented by the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 21.**

General Manager Clifford C. Chan reported that, following discussions with Local 21 during the impasse process, he is recommending a 5 percent equity adjustment for Water Treatment Supervisors.

- Motion by Director Young, seconded by Director Oddie to approve Item 9 carried (7-0) by the following voice vote: AYES (Chan, Katz, Lewis, Oddie, Smith, Young, and Gómez); NOES (None); ABSTAIN (None); ABSENT (None).

Resolution No. 35487-26 – Authorize Equity Adjustment Increase For The Following Classification Represented By The international Federation Of Professional And Technical Engineers, Local 21: Water Treatment Supervisor.

10.1. – 10.2. **Provide direction on revisions to the schedules for the Board of Directors Regular meeting and Standing Committee meetings and provide direction on a recommended increase to the General Manager's approval authority for professional and general services agreements from $80,000 per agreement to $250,000 per agreement.**

General Manager Clifford C. Chan reported that the proposal to revise the Board meetings' schedules and the General Manager's authority was previously discussed with the Planning and Finance/Administration committees, and both committees supported the staff recommendation. Staff originally proposed revising the schedule to reduce the number of Board meetings from 22

to 18 but proposed reducing the meetings from 22 to 19, by continuing to schedule two meetings in June for fiscal year-end budget considerations. He explained that committee meetings during single-meeting months would continue to begin at 9:00 a.m., with closed session proposed to begin at 11:30 a.m. instead of 11:00 a.m. in August, September, and November. He also reported that the proposal to increase the General Manager's approval authority for professional and general services agreements is consistent with the authority for General Managers at similarly sized agencies and that he discussed the proposed change with the unions and addressed their concerns. Staff will present two resolutions outlining the revised schedules and increasing the General Manager's approval authority for Board consideration at the June 9, 2026 Regular meeting. General Manager Chan responded to questions on maintaining the two meetings in June and whether meetings would be scheduled on the 2nd or 4th Tuesday during single meeting months.

- Director Oddie left the meeting at 3:21 p.m. and returned at 3:22 p.m.

11. **General Manager's Report.**

General Manager Clifford C. Chan announced the Monthly Report for April 2026 had been provided in the agenda materials, and that the Speakers' Bureau and Outreach Record CY26 had been provided at Board places.

- Director Chan left the meeting at 3:23 p.m. and returned at 3:25 p.m.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

12. **Other Items for Future Consideration.**

- None.

13. **Director Comments.**

- Director Lewis reported that the California African American Water Education Foundation (CAAWEF) held its graduation during the ACWA Spring conference in Sacramento and acknowledged CAAWEF President Dr. Cheryl Sudduth in attendance.

In the interest of time, President Gómez asked Directors to submit written comments to the Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Continued)

President Gómez announced the Board would now move to renaming the EBMUD Boardroom in honor of former Director William "Bill" Patterson and turned the meeting over to Vice President Valerie D. Lewis. Vice President Lewis announced that in recognition of his leadership, contributions to the community, and more than 25 years of dedicated service to the District, the Board is renaming the Boardroom in honor of former Director Patterson who passed away in October 2025. She highlighted his legacy and involvement with organizations including Oakland Parks and Recreation, the Oakland Zoo, Fairyland, the NAACP, McClymonds High School, Peralta Community Colleges, and many others and reflected on his enduring commitment to creating opportunity and uplifting future generations. On behalf

of the Board, Vice President Lewis welcomed family, friends, colleagues, and community members to commemorate Mr. Patterson's legacy as the District unveiled signage and a commemorative plaque in his honor. Addressing the Board was Cynthia Adams, President, NAACP Oakland Chapter who shared her history with Mr. Patterson, and thanked the Board for honoring his legacy; Robert Harris, family friend, thanked the Board for honoring Mr. Patterson; Mr. Patterson's son Will Patterson who recounted when Mr. Patterson was first appointed to the Board of Directors and thanked the Board on behalf of the Patterson family; and Mr. Patterson's niece Risë Pichon who introduced other family members in attendance, and thanked the Board for honoring Mr. Patterson.

Vice President Lewis acknowledged Ad Hoc Committee members Directors Oddie and Smith as well as staff that coordinated the recognition event and commented on working with Mr. Patterson before running for the Ward 6 seat. Vice President Lewis turned the meeting back over to President Gómez.

Next, President Gómez called for public comment.

- Addressing the Board were the following: 1) Captain Matthew Graves, Jr., who commented on working with Mr. Patterson and his wife over the years and announced the formation of the Bill and Dell Patterson Center which includes a maritime cadet program; and 2) Cheryl Sudduth, Director, West County Wastewater District, commented on Mr. Patterson as a mentor and a father figure to many in and outside the water community, and as a founder of CAAWEF.

Next, Directors Katz, Smith, Chan, Oddie, Young, and President Gómez offered comments and remembered former Director Patterson.

ADJOURNMENT

President Gómez announced that the unveiling of the Boardroom signage and commemorative plaque honoring former Director Patterson would take place in the lobby and adjourned the Regular Meeting at 3:50 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Rischa S. Cole

Rischa S. Cole, Secretary of the District

APPROVED: May 26, 2026

Luz Gómez

Luz Gómez, ~~President of the~~ Board