

MINUTES

**Tuesday, February 10, 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 11:01 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 at 11:04 a.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

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 Meeting of the Board of Directors at 1:15 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

There were no announcements required from closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Addressing the Board was Billy Trice who commented on billing, water rates, and the City of Oakland sewer service charge. Mr. Trice was referred to Director of Finance Sophia D. Skoda for assistance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Filed with the Board were the Minutes for the January 27, 2026 Finance/Administration Committee Meeting.
- Chair Lewis reported the Planning Committee met earlier and received updates on the Influent Pump Station Resiliency Project and Follow-up Contracted Services for Maintenance and Construction.
- Chair Smith reported the Legislative/Human Resources Committee met earlier and received an update on the Reporting Year 2025 Equal Employment Opportunity Program Report.
- Director Oddie reported the FRWA Board met on February 5 to elect the 2026 Chair and Vice Chair; receive updates on EBMUD and Sacramento County Water Agency water supplies, the Freeport Regional Water Project, golden mussels, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers Levee Project; and accept the FRWA Fiscal Year 2025 Audited Financial Statements. Director Oddie was elected 2026 FRWA Vice Chair.
- President Gómez reported the DERWA Board met on February 2 and selected Board Officers for 2026; authorized the Authority Manager to finalize and execute a Memorandum of Agreement with Central Contra Costa Sanitary District to cooperate on the development of a long-term seasonal wastewater diversion agreement; and authorized the Authority Manager to finalize and execute an agreement with CDM Smith for the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District Evaluation Technical Study.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Motion by Director Young, seconded by Director Lewis, to approve the recommended actions for Items 1-7 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. 027-26** – Approved the Special and Regular meeting minutes of January 27, 2026.
 2. The following correspondence was filed with the Board: **1)** Presentation entitled, “Water Supply Update,” dated February 10, 2026; **2)** Presentation entitled, “Education Program Update,” dated February 10, 2026; **3)** Speakers’ Bureau and Outreach Record CY26, dated February 10, 2026; and **4)** Email dated February 19, 2026 to Rischa Cole from Director April Chan transmitting the statement she read at the February 10, 2026 Regular Board meeting.

3. **Motion No. 028-26** – Authorized an agreement beginning on or after February 10, 2026 with EMSystems LLC/Esi Acquisition, Inc. for five years, with five options to renew for additional one-year periods for a total amount, including option years, not to exceed \$620,528 for emergency management software and associated services.
4. **Motion No. 029-26** – Authorized an agreement beginning on or after February 10, 2026 with GA Technical Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$166,714 for the procurement and installation of electrical equipment at occupied District facilities.
5. **Motion No. 030-26** – Authorized an agreement beginning on or after February 10, 2026 with Maze & Associates Accountancy Corporation for three years, with two options to renew for additional two-year periods for a total amount, including option years, not to exceed \$1,101,600 for professional auditing services.
6. **Motion No. 031-26** – Adopted the Reporting Year 2025 Equal Employment Opportunity Program Report.
7. **Resolution No. 35475-26** – Authorizing The District To Acquire And Hold Certain Conservation Easements And Related Access Easements On The Old Oak Property In San Joaquin County, California.

DETERMINATION AND DISCUSSION

8. General Manager's Report.

Water Supply Update

Manager of Maintenance and Construction/Water Operations Roberto C. Cortez presented the update on Water Year 2026 and the following data as of February 4, 2026: gross water production; current reservoir storage levels; the District's total system storage (600,550 acre-feet, representing 78% percent of capacity); precipitation in the East Bay (12.14 inches, or 76% of average) and in the Mokelumne (25.4 inches, or 93% of average); and snow conditions at Caples Lake, including snow depth (34 inches) and snow water content (8.75 inches). He reviewed snowpack levels and snow water equivalent in the Sierras, the seasonal precipitation outlook for February 2026, projected Mokelumne precipitation for Rainfall Year 2026, and 2026 end of season total system storage projections. He noted that as requested, the presentation graphs for Mokelumne precipitation rainfall and end of season storage were updated to include a 95th percentile.

Education Program Update

Senior Community Affairs Representative Kathryn A. Horn reviewed the program strategy and purpose, recent activities and upcoming initiatives. East Bay activities included water field trips for 5th-graders from Title I schools; school assemblies; STEAM nights and classroom presentations for students and parents; and continued promotion of the H2Flow song and music video. Upcountry activities included classroom presentations and field trips to Camanche and Pardee Reservoirs, supported by the City of Lodi Outdoor Equity Grant. District staff led facility tours and Water Walks in the East Bay and upcountry; hosted Water Wednesday webinars; and is preparing for the 2026 Community Water Academy (CWA) in which approximately 35 community leaders from local government, nonprofit, and education sectors will participate in five

in-person sessions to learn about the District. An interpretive display with information and artifacts focused on EBMUD history is planned for installation in the Administration Building lobby in May 2026. Looking ahead, staff is working to record the H2Flow song in Spanish, expand in-classroom lessons and STEAM demonstrations, build new partnerships, and introducing STEAM kits with water lessons for educators. The Board thanked Ms. Horn for the presentation and asked questions about CWA participants, partnering with the Siesta Valley Foundation, field trips for non-Title I schools, and encouraging student participation in county science fairs. Staff was asked to consider establishing expectations for CWA participants regarding their role as ambassadors and to provide information on the selected participants and the wards in which they reside. Staff was also asked to collaborate with partner organizations to provide meaningful outdoor and experiential learning opportunities for additional schools.

Monthly Report

General Manager Clifford C. Chan announced the January 2025 Monthly Report was included in the agenda materials and reported billed consumption and actual revenue is down. Staff will provide additional details on this information during the mid-year budget workshop in March 2026. He noted that the Speakers' Bureau and Outreach Record CY26 had been provided at Board places.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

9. Other Items for Future Consideration.

None.

10. Director Comments.

- Director Chan reported attending the Fairview Municipal Advisory Council in Castro Valley on February 3 and completing two of the three professional development courses as directed by the Board during the November 12, 2025 Regular meeting. Director Chan read a response to an apology letter from Director Young, discussed the historical context of Asian American exclusion, and asked that the APEA Democratic Caucus letter previously submitted to the Board and the EBMUD internal security report be made available online, in a machine-readable format and searchable through search engines as this is a matter of digital civil rights.
- Director Oddie reported attending the Lunar New Year Bazaar-Opening Ceremony in Oakland on January 31 and acknowledged Community Affairs Representative II Sun Kwong Sze for interpreting during the event.
- Director Smith reported attending the Black Employee Network's Black History Month kickoff luncheon at the Administration Building on February 4 and plans to attend the APEA Lunar luncheon in Oakland on February 25.

- President Gómez reported attending the East Bay Leadership Council East Bay Leadership Series event in Concord on January 29; presenting at the Alamo Municipal Advisory Council on February 3; and presenting at the Danville Kiwanis meeting on February 5.
- Directors Katz, Lewis and Young had no reports.

ADJOURNMENT

President Gómez adjourned the Regular Meeting at 2:05 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:



Rischa S. Cole, Secretary of the District

APPROVED: March 10, 2026



Luz Gómez, President of the Board