

## MINUTES

**Tuesday, March 10, 2026  
East Bay Municipal Utility District  
Board of Directors  
375 Eleventh Street  
Oakland, California**

### Regular Business Meeting

President Luz Gómez called to order the Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Directors at 2:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Boardroom.

### ROLL CALL

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

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.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Filed with the Board were the Minutes for the February 24, 2026 Finance/Administration Committee Meeting.
- President Gómez reported the Board held its retreat earlier today where they had discussions and participated in exercises focused on collaboration, leadership, and their working relationship. President Gómez announced the Planning Committee is scheduled to meet at 3:00 p.m. today and updates from that meeting will be provided at the March 24 Regular Board meeting.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

- Motion by Director Smith, seconded by Director Young to approve Items 1-9 on the Consent Calendar carried (6-0) by the following voice vote: AYES (Katz, Lewis, Oddie, Smith, Young, and Gómez); NOES (None); ABSTAIN (None); ABSENT (Chan).
1. **Motion No. 038-26** – Approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2026, and the Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2026.

2. The following correspondence was filed with the Board: 1) Presentation entitled, “Water Supply Update,” dated March 10, 2026; and 2) Speakers’ Bureau and Outreach Record CY26, dated March 10, 2026.
3. **Motion No. 039-26** – Awarded contracts beginning on or after March 10, 2026 to A.Y. McDonald Mfg. Co.; Cambridge Brass Inc.; and Mueller Co. LLC for supplying non-lead brass water service fittings, for three years with two options to renew for additional one-year periods in an aggregate amount, after the addition of taxes, including option years, not to exceed \$10,859,810 under Request for Quotation No. 2614.
4. **Motion No. 040-26** – Awarded a contract to the lowest responsive/responsible bidder, Mitchell Engineering, in an amount not to exceed \$18,750,000 for the construction of the San Leandro Channel Crossing Pipeline, under Specification 2188.
5. **Motion No. 041-26** – Authorized the purchase of consulting services for the planning, training, and pilot deployment of Microsoft Purview software beginning on or after March 10, 2026 from Carahsoft Technology Corp. for a total amount not to exceed \$134,715. This purchase will be made under State of California contracts available for use by local governments.
6. **Motion No. 042-26** – Authorized the purchase of light and medium-duty vehicles beginning on or after March 10, 2026 for five years for a total amount not to exceed \$44,969,373. This purchase will be made under State of California contracts available for use by local governments.
7. **Motion No. 043-26** – Authorized the purchase of Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system server hardware beginning on or after March 10, 2026 from Computacenter United States Inc. for a total amount not to exceed \$854,273. This purchase will be made under State of California contracts available for use by local governments.
8. **Motion No. 044-26** – Approved the assignment of the agreement originally authorized under the General Manager’s authority from Merlin Compliance, Inc. to Canto for the Merlin digital asset management system subscription, support, storage, and related services; and authorized an amendment to the agreement originally authorized under the General Manager’s authority with Merlin Compliance, Inc., now Canto, to increase the agreement amount by \$76,686 to a total amount not to exceed \$150,986 and extend the agreement term to March 21, 2029 for digital asset management system subscription, support, storage, and related services.
9. **Motion No. 045-26** – Authorized the Office of General Counsel (OGC) to continue the employment of the law firm of Hanson Bridgett, LLP, for specialized legal services related to construction, public contracts and procurement, intellectual property and technology matters, tax law, public pension law, labor and employment, and litigation matters in an additional amount not to exceed \$125,000.

## **DETERMINATION AND DISCUSSION**

### **10. Legislative Update.**

Special Assistant Debbie Michel reviewed the bills in Legislative Report No. 01-26. SB 1330 (Arreguín) Assault and Battery: Utility Workers as introduced on February 20, 2026, would add “utility worker” to the list of specified professionals, thereby enhancing criminal penalties for an assault or battery committed against them. She described the bill’s definition of utility worker and noted that similar to SB 431, introduced by Senator Arreguín last year on this matter, SB 1330 does not appear to explicitly cover wastewater utility workers. Staff is recommending a “Support and Amend” position on SB 1330 to ask the author to include wastewater within the definition of utility worker, which would then cover public-facing employees at the District for both water and wastewater. In response to questions raised, she noted that SB 431 made it through the first house, and then, failed passage in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The District requested an amendment to SB 431 to include wastewater in the definition of utility worker. Next, Ms. Michel reported on SB 1085 (Durazo) Water Supply Planning: California Environmental Quality Act Determination, an EBMUD sponsored bill. If passed, SB 1085 would ensure that regardless of whether a development project is subject to California Environmental Quality Act review, any large residential, commercial, or mixed-use project that meets the definition of “project” contained in water supply assessment law will trigger the requirement for a water supply assessment. Staff will provide updates to the Board as the bill moves through the process. Director Katz commented on enforcement standards and how the standalone provision was going to work. Ms. Michel responded and noted enforcement would potentially be addressed in future bill amendments. Manager of Legislative Affairs Kathy Viatella concluded with updates on state and federal legislative activities.

- Addressing the Board was Eric Larsen, President, AFSCME Local 444 who commented the union supports SB 1330 and expressed appreciation for the District’s support of the bill.
- Motion by Director Smith, seconded by Director Oddie, to approve the actions for Item 10 carried (6-0) by the following voice vote: AYES (Katz, Lewis, Oddie, Smith, Young, and Gómez); NOES (None); ABSTAIN (None); ABSENT (Chan).

**Motion No. 046-26** – Received Legislative Report No. 01-26 and approved a position on the following bill: SUPPORT AND AMEND SB 1330 (Arreguín) Assault and Battery: Utility Workers; and received information on SB 1085 (Durazo) Water Supply Planning: California Environmental Quality Act Determination.

### **11. 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 March 4, 2026,: gross water production; current reservoir storage levels; the District’s total system storage (629,730 acre-feet, representing 82% of system capacity); precipitation in the East Bay (16.4 inches or 80% of

average) and in the Mokelumne (34.25 inches or 98% of average); and snow conditions at Caples Lake, including snow depth (43 inches) and snow water content (12.1 inches). He reviewed snowpack levels and snow water equivalent in the Sierras as of March 5, the seasonal precipitation outlook for March 2026, projected Mokelumne precipitation for Rainfall Year 2026, and 2026 end of season total system storage projections.

#### General Manager's Monthly Report

General Manager Clifford C. Chan announced the Monthly Report had been provided in the agenda materials and highlighted the status of billed consumption which is down about 8.5 percent compared to last year and noted revenue and expenses are down. The Speakers' Bureau and Outreach Record CY26 had also been provided at Board places.

### **DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

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

- Consider supporting and potentially requesting amendments to Assembly Bill 2157 (Connolly and Bryan) Workforce development: Displaced Oil and Gas Worker Pilot Program: extension and assessment.


#### **13. Director Comments.**

- Director Katz announced being involved in stakeholder conversations regarding Assembly Bill 2157 that helped provide direction for the U.C. Berkeley Labor Center and requested future consideration for the District to support and potentially request bill amendments.
- Director Lewis reported attending the EBMUD APEA Annual Lunar New Year Luncheon in Oakland on February 25.
- Director Oddie reported participating in the Oakland Chinatown Improvement Council's Lunar New Year Parade on February 28; attending the Alameda State of the City Address on March 5; and plans to attend the Oakland Chinatown Chamber meeting this evening to discuss the Administration Building's roof rehabilitation project.
- Director Smith reported attending the EBMUD APEA Annual Lunar New Year Luncheon in Oakland on February 25 and acknowledged General Manager Clifford C. Chan for being a great historian.
- Director Young reported presenting to the Moraga Town Council and attending the Siesta Valley Foundation Board meeting on February 25; and meeting with the General Manager and the City of Orinda regarding the Orinda Sports Field in Oakland on March 6.
- President Gómez reported attending the EBMUD APEA Annual Lunar New Year Luncheon in Oakland on February 25; a Lafayette community meeting regarding upcoming projects on February 26; the EBMUD WE ROCC Affinity Group kickoff event in Oakland on March 2; and the San Ramon Chamber State of the City Address in San Ramon and the Contra Costa Mayors Conference in Hercules on March 5.
- Director Chan had no report.

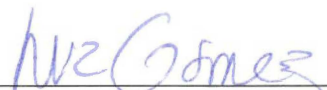
**ADJOURNMENT**

President Gómez adjourned the Regular Meeting at 2:26 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

  
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Rischa S. Cole, Secretary of the District

APPROVED: March 24, 2026

  
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Luz Gómez, President of the Board