

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 28, 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 11:09 a.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 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 Business Meeting of the Board of Directors at 1:20 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.

Recognizing Asian American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month and EBMUD's Asian Pacific Employees Association (APEA) Affinity Group

Director April Chan announced EBMUD is recognizing AAPI Heritage Month and the District's APEA Affinity Group. APEA was founded in 1998 to promote awareness, education, and engagement that enhance the visibility, value, and professional growth of District employees and within the communities served by the District. APEA also supports the District's mission and commitment to public service. In honor of AAPI Heritage Month in May, APEA will host events each week which will kick off on Wednesday, May 6, to celebrate and highlight the rich diversity and cultural contributions of the Asian and Pacific Islander diaspora. On behalf of the Board of Directors, Director Chan encourages all employees to join in recognizing and celebrating AAPI Heritage Month and the APEA Affinity Group.

EBMUD Service Award Recipients for the period January through March 2026

Senior Human Resources Analyst Siobhan M. Tuvo delivered the presentation highlighting 80 employees who reached service award milestones ranging from five to 35 years of service. These employees were also recognized by their organizational leadership through the Employee Recognition and Service Award Program and received a service award on behalf of the District. The Board congratulated the employees and acknowledged the employees in attendance.

- Director Chan left the meeting at 1:29 p.m. and returned at 1:31 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Addressing the Board was Yorgo Alexandrou who commented on impacts to his business due to last year's lake closures, including the closure of Lake Camanche to boating due to the golden mussel. He noted that current rules do not allow equipment rented from his business to be launched on the lakes. Mr. Alexandrou was advised to email his contact information to the Secretary's Office for follow-up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Filed with the Board were the Minutes for the April 14, 2026 Planning and Legislative/Human Resources Committee Meetings.
- Director Oddie reported The Finance/Administration Committee met this morning and received updates on the Quarterly Payroll, Disbursement and Real Estate Summary Reports for the Water and Wastewater Systems for Quarter Ended March 31, 2026 and the Quarterly Investment Report – March 31, 2026; Monthly Investment Transaction Report; Revisions to Policy 4.07 – Investments; Proposed Changes to Board Meeting Frequency and Change in the General Manager's Authority; Board Governance Manual Updates and Consideration of Governance Policies; and Electronic Bill Presentment and Payment and Payment Processing Update. Due to time constraints, the update on Digital Accessibility at EBMUD was deferred to a future meeting.
- Director Young reported the Sustainability Committee met this morning and received an update on the District's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Options.

- Director Oddie reported the FRWA Board met on April 9 and received water supply updates from EBMUD and Sacramento County Water Agency; an update on the Freeport Regional Water Project; an update on the golden mussel; and adopted the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget.
- Director Smith reported the UMRWA Board met on April 24 and received the Treasurer's Report and approved the Phase 1 - Forest Projects Plan Implementation Report; Phase 2 - MAC Forest Health and Resilience Project Report; Amador Aspen Restoration Project; Fiscal Year 2027 Budget; Procurement Policy; CPUD Substitute IRWM Project; and Audited Financials - FY 2025 and FY 2024; and received an update on legislative issues.
- President Gómez reported the DERWA Board met on April 27 and approved the February 2, 2026 Regular Board meeting minutes; Treasurer's Reports for January 31, and February 28, 2026; Quarterly Investment Report for March 31, 2026; and Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating and Capital Budget. The Board authorized the Authority Manager to execute an agreement with California Sanitation Risk Management Authority for property insurance.
- Director Oddie left the meeting at 1:33 p.m. and returned at 1:34 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Items 9.1-9.2 and 11 were pulled from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.
 - Motion by Director Smith, seconded by Director Young to approve Items 1-8, 10, and 12-13, 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. 059-26** – Approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2026.
 2. The following correspondence was filed with the Board: 1) Presentation entitled, "Service Award Recipients (Jan-Mar 2026)," dated April 28, 2026; 2) Presentation entitled, "2026 Water Supply Availability and Deficiency Report," dated April 28, 2026; and 3) Speakers' Bureau and Outreach Record CY26, dated April 28, 2026.
 3. **Motion No. 060-26** – Awarded a contract beginning on or after April 28, 2026 to the lowest responsive/responsible bidder, Pape' Material Handling, Inc., for supplying one heavy equipment forklift for the District's Oakport Storage Center, for a total cost after addition of taxes, not to exceed \$375,000 under Request for Quotation No. 2608.
 4. **Motion No. 061-26** – Awarded a contract beginning on or after April 28, 2026 to the lowest responsive/responsible bidder Golden Gate Freightliner, Inc. dba Golden Gate Truck Center, for supplying medium and heavy-duty trucks for three years, with two options to renew for additional one-year periods for a total cost, after the addition of taxes, including option years, not to exceed \$16,100,000 under Request for Quotation No. 2615.
 5. **Motion No. 062-26** – Awarded a sole source contract beginning on or after April 28, 2026, to Continental Carbon Group, Inc., for supplying activated carbon canisters for the Main Wastewater Treatment Plant for a total cost, after the addition of taxes, not to exceed \$135,000.

6. **Motion No. 063-26** – Authorized an agreement beginning on or after April 28, 2026, with Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District in an amount not to exceed \$310,000 for the San Lorenzo Creek concrete channel pipeline investigation and removal services.
7. **Motion No. 064-26** – Authorized an agreement beginning on or after April 28, 2026 with Brown and Caldwell in an amount not to exceed \$5,899,843 for owner advisor consulting services for the Main Wastewater Treatment Plant Dewatering Improvements Project.
8. **Motion No. 065-26** – Authorized an agreement beginning on or after April 28, 2026, with Sequoyah Country Club in an amount not to exceed \$353,893 for the installation of a private irrigation pipeline.
- 9.1. – **Authorize amendments to the agreements originally authorized under Board Motion No. 087-24 with Auto Glass Techs; Autohaus Automotive Inc.; Chino’s Customs; Got Power Inc. dba CD & Power; Doc Bailey Construction Equipment, Inc.; Cummins Inc.; Falcon Collision Repair, Inc.; FH Dailey Chevrolet; Fleetworks, Inc.; Gold CountryAuto Body; Golden Gate Truck Center; Grand Collision Center, Inc.; HK Small Engine, Inc.; Jack Doheny Companies Inc.; Kelly’s Truck Repair; Safeshields dba Maz Glass; Mission Valley Ford Truck Sales Inc. dba Mission Valley Ford & Kubota Equip; Nixon Egli Equipment Co., Inc.; Owen Equipment Sales; Pape Machinery, Inc.; Peterson Power Systems, Inc.; Stewart’s Body Shop, Inc.; United Transmission; Unlimited Tool Repair & Fabrication, Inc.; and Western Truck Fabrication, Inc., for one year to increase the aggregate amount of those agreements by \$900,000 to a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,930,000 and extend the terms of the agreements to April 27, 2027 for vehicle and equipment repair and other related services; and authorize additional agreements for vehicle and equipment repair and other related services, on an as-needed basis and subject to the total aggregate amount authorized by the Board for such services on April 28, 2026, with service providers that meet District standards and offer pricing at or below the range in the propose agreements with the service providers above to increase flexibility and ensure service provider availability. The Board of Directors will be notified of additional qualified service providers by means of the General Manager’s monthly report.**
 - Addressing the Board was Eric Larsen, President AFSCME Local 444 who commented on management’s collaboration with Local 444 to reduce contract costs for these services and acknowledged Manager of Operations and Maintenance/Water Operations Crystal J. Yezman. He also acknowledged General Manager Clifford C. Chan for the discussions regarding the proposal to increase the General Manager’s approval authority for professional and general services agreements.
- 9.2. • **Motion by Director Oddie, seconded by Director Young to approve Items 9.1. – 9.2. 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).**

Motion No. 068-26 – Authorized amendments to the agreements originally authorized under Board Motion No. 087-24 with Auto Glass Techs; Autohaus Automotive Inc.; Chino’s Customs; Got Power Inc. dba CD & Power; Doc Bailey Construction Equipment, Inc.; Cummins Inc.; Falcon Collision Repair, Inc.; FH Dailey Chevrolet; Fleetworks, Inc.; Gold Country Auto Body;

Golden Gate Truck Center; Grand Collision Center, Inc.; HK Small Engine, Inc.; Jack Doheny Companies Inc.; Kelly's Truck Repair; Safeshields dba Maz Glass; Mission Valley Ford Truck Sales Inc. dba Mission Valley Ford & Kubota Equip; Nixon Egli Equipment Co., Inc.; Owen Equipment Sales; Pape Machinery, Inc.; Peterson Power Systems, Inc.; Stewart's Body Shop, Inc.; United Transmission; Unlimited Tool Repair & Fabrication, Inc.; and Western Truck Fabrication, Inc., for one year to increase the aggregate amount of those agreements by \$900,000 to a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,930,000 and extend the terms of the agreements to April 27, 2027 for vehicle and equipment repair and other related services; and authorized additional agreements for vehicle and equipment repair and other related services, on an as-needed basis and subject to the total aggregate amount authorized by the Board for such services on April 28, 2026, with service providers that meet District standards and offer pricing at or below the range in the proposed agreements with the service providers above to increase flexibility and ensure service provider availability. The Board of Directors will be notified of additional qualified service providers by means of the General Manager's monthly report.

10. **Motion No. 066-26** – Authorized the purchase of laboratory supplies and chemicals beginning on or after April 28, 2026 from VWR International, LLC and Fisher Scientific Company, LLC, for the District Laboratory at the Main Wastewater Treatment Plant, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,800,000. This purchase will be made under State of California contracts available for use by local governments.

11. **Approve the March 2026 Monthly Investment Transactions Report.**

- Addressing the Board was Eric Larsen, President, AFSCME Local 444 who commented he meant to pull Agenda Item 12 to express the union's objection to contracting with the law firm of Meyers Nave.
- Motion by Director Chan, seconded by Director Smith to approve Item 11 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. 069-26 – Approved the March 2026 Monthly Investment Transactions Report.

12. **Motion No. 067-26** – Authorized the Office of General Counsel to continue the employment of the law firm of Meyers Nave for specialized legal services related to labor and employment matters in an additional amount not to exceed \$100,000.

13. **Resolution No. 35485-26** – Adopting Revised Policy 4.07, Investments; And Renewing Existing Delegation Of Authority For The Management Of Investments On Adopting Revised Policy 4.07, Investments; And Renewing Existing Delegation Of Authority For The Management Of Investments On Behalf Of The East Bay Municipal Utility District And Its Joint Powers Authorities To The Director Of Finance As The Treasurer Of The District.

DETERMINATION AND DISCUSSION

14. **Adopt a resolution to appoint Vasanth Shetty as a Standby Officer in Ward No. 2 for the East Bay Municipal Utility District Board of Directors as outlined in the Directors' Emergency Succession Plan.**

President Gómez highlighted Vasanth Shetty's background and thanked him for being willing to serve as a Standby Officer.

- Motion by Director Gómez, seconded by Director Chan to approve Item 14 carried (7-0) by the following voice vote: AYES (Chan, Katz, Lewis, Oddie, Smith, Young, and Gómez); NOES (None); ABSTAIN (None); ABSENT (None).

Mr. Shetty addressed the Board via Zoom and provided additional information regarding his background. He said he was honored to serve as a Board Standby Office and thanked the Board for the opportunity.

Resolution No. 35486-26 – Confirming Appointment Of Standby Officer For The East Bay Municipal Utility District Board Of Directors For Ward No. 2 Under The Emergency Succession Plan For The Board Of Directors.

15. **File the 2026 Water Supply Availability and Deficiency Report in conformance with District Policy 9.03 – Water Supply Availability and Deficiency and declare the District's water supply is sufficient for meeting customer demands in 2026.**

Manager of Water Resources Bradley M. Ledesma provided the presentation and an overview of water supply conditions, demand trends, and projected obligations for the current water year. Mr. Ledesma reviewed gross water production and the following as of April 15, 2026: precipitation in the Mokelumne (40.4 inches; 94 percent of average); and East Bay (19.3 inches; 77 percent of average); snowpack and snow water equivalent in the Sierras and Caples Lake snow depth; and total system storage (TSS) of approximately 684 thousand acre-feet (TAF), with projections of approximately 630 TAF by September 30, 2026. He noted that the projected TSS level remains above the District's drought trigger threshold of 500 TAF. The California Department of Water Resources' April 1 Bulletin 120 forecast estimates unimpaired runoff on the Mokelumne River at 546 TAF, classifying Water Year 2026 as "Below Normal" under the District's Joint Settlement Agreement which governs EBMUD's obligation to release flows for instream uses. Woodbridge Irrigation District will receive its full regulated base supply of 60,000 AF as provided by the parties' agreement; Jackson Valley Irrigation District will receive up to its maximum entitlement of 3,850 AF, but direct diversion may not be available in all months; and North San Joaquin Water Conservation District, a junior water right holder that receives water if it is available, will not receive the scheduled amount of 20,000 AF requested on February 25, 2026. There is no surplus water anticipated under current projections. Mr. Ledesma reported the District's water supply is sufficient to meet customer demands after all required downstream obligations are met.

- Motion by Director Young, seconded by Director Chan, to approve the actions for Item 15 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. 070-26 – Filed the 2026 Water Supply Availability and Deficiency Report in conformance with District Policy 9.03 – Water Supply Availability and Deficiency and declared the District’s water supply is sufficient for meeting customer demands in 2026.

16. **General Manager’s Report.**

EBMUD and Alphabet Rockers with Gina Madrid Song Release of “H₂Flow en Español”

Senior Community Affairs Representative Kathryn A. Horn highlighted the District’s collaboration with Oakland-based artists Alphabet Rockers and lyricist Gina Madrid on the release of the Spanish-language song and music video, “*H₂Flow en Español*.” The song was released on April 21, 2026, as a continuation of the original “*H₂Flow*” project launched in March 2025. The English version has generated more than 183,000 views on YouTube and received recognition from the California Association of Public Information Officials and the Association of California Water Agencies. The Spanish-language version was developed to expand outreach to Spanish-speaking communities, which represent approximately 17 percent of the East Bay population. Emphasizing the importance of clean, reliable water, the updated version reflects a focus on inclusivity and community engagement. The District collaborated with multiple community partners, including graffiti muralists Vanessa “DJ Agana” Espinoza and Norman “Vogue” Chuck, to create a mural, located at Oakland’s Highland Community School, that traces the path of water from the Mokelumne watershed to the East Bay and ultimately to the San Francisco Bay. The message “Agua es de todos” (“Water is for all of us”) reinforces the District’s commitment to delivering high-quality water to all customers. The Alphabet Rockers performed the song live at the Lawrence Hall of Science Earth Day event on April 26, 2026. The song and video are available online, promoted across District communication channels, and have reached a global audience. General Manager Clifford C. Chan announced that at this time, the video had over 550,000 views. The video was played in the Boardroom. Board members expressed appreciation and shared how the song and video impacted and inspired them.

General Manager Clifford C. Chan announced the Speakers’ Bureau and Outreach Record CY26 had been provided at Board places.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

17. **Other Items for Future Consideration.**

- None.

18. **Director Comments.**


- Director Katz reported attending the Accelerating the Transition 2026 Conference, organized in conjunction with Earth Week at UC Law in San Francisco April 18-20.
- Director Lewis reported attending the FRWA Board meeting in Oakland on April 9; the Oakland Zoo Earth Day event at Arroyo Viejo Creek in Oakland on April 22; and Ad Hoc Committee meetings with Directors Oddie and Smith regarding renaming the Boardroom in honor of former Director William Patterson.

- Director Oddie reported attending the Community Water Academy session at the Main Wastewater Treatment Plant in Oakland on April 15.
- Director Smith reported attending the UMRWA Board meeting on April 24; City of Richmond Park Rx Day in Richmond on April 26; and plans for upcountry tours.
- Director Young reported attending the Community Water Academy session to Pardee on April 10; speaking at the EBMUD employee Sustainability Committee Earth Day fair at the Administration Building on April 23; attending the Friends of the River's 28th Annual California River Awards with President Gómez in San Francisco on April 24; attending the Siesta Valley Board Meeting on April 24; and plans to attend the Ward 3 briefing event at the Siesta Valley Bowl Recreation Area in Orinda on April 29. Director Young thanked Director of Water and Natural Resources Alice E. Towey and the employee Sustainability Committee for coordinating the event.
- President Gómez reported attending the Ward 2 briefing event in Lafayette on April 22 and thanked staff for their assistance; Friends of the River event along with Director Young in San Francisco on April 24; Sustainable Lafayette Earth Day Festival in Lafayette on April 26; and the DERWA Board meeting in Dublin on April 27.
- Director Chan had no report.

ADJOURNMENT


President Gómez adjourned the Regular Meeting at 2:19 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:



Rischa S. Cole, Secretary of the District

APPROVED: May 12, 2026



Luz Gómez, President of the Board