

RESOLUTION NO. 2020.05

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT PROCLAIMING A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS, COVID-19

WHEREAS, the governing body of the East Valley Water District (District) has the authority to proclaim a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 3100 states that all public employees are declared to be disaster service workers subject to such disaster service activities as may be assigned to them by their superiors or by law, and the District needs to provide potable water and sewer services deemed as an essential public service; and

WHEREAS, conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the health and safety of persons and property have arisen both internationally and within the United States as a result of the introduction of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), a novel communicable disease, which was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019; and

WHEREAS, a Novel Coronavirus, COVID-19, which causes infectious disease resulting in symptoms of fever, coughing and shortness of breath with outcomes ranging from mild to severe illness and in some cases death, has arisen in China and spread to numerous other countries including the United States and there are reported cases in California; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has determined the virus to be a very serious public health threat, yet the method and efficacy of transmission of the virus is not yet fully understood and no vaccine currently exists; and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2020, the CDC confirmed the first case of local person-to-person transmission of COVID-19 in the United States, raising the possibility of community transmission occurring in the general public, and the Health Officer of San Bernardino County Public Health and the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors have determined that there is an imminent threat to the public health from the introduction of COVID-19 and have declared a Local Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the District's ability to mobilize local resources, coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and seek future reimbursement by the State and Federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the District declare the existence of a local emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of East Valley Water District hereby proclaim the existence of a local emergency and directs District staff to take the necessary steps for the protection of life, health and safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the District shall be those prescribed by state law and by ordinances and resolutions of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND DIRECTED that all Departments of the District shall review and revise their Department emergency and contingency plans to address the risks COVID-19 poses to their critical functions in coordination with the Emergency Response Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND DIRECTED that all Departments shall track costs for staffing, supplies, and equipment related to COVID-19 preparation and prevention and forward that information to the Finance & Administration Department.

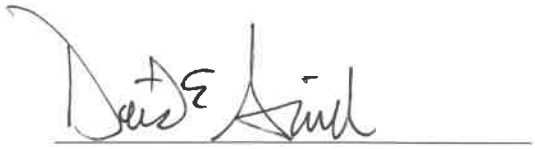
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND DIRECTED, that the Public Affairs Department shall coordinate Districtwide planning, preparedness and response efforts regarding COVID-19 with the San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services (OES).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately and that widespread publicity and notice shall be given said Declaration through the most feasible and adequate means of disseminating such notice throughout the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services, requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that the Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that the response and recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State of California expedite access to state and federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

ADOPTED this 25th day of March 2020.


Ayes: Directors: Carrillo, Coats, Goodrich, Morales, Smith
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None



David E. Smith
Board President

March 25, 2020

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution 2020.05 adopted by the Board of Directors of East Valley Water District at its regular meeting held March 25, 2020.



John Mura
Board Secretary