

### EID Rejects Transparency of Board Meetings

**From:** Greg Prada  
**To:** undisclosed recipients  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 10, 2013 4:30 PM  
**Subject:** EID rejects transparency of Board meetings

El Dorado Irrigation District ratepayers should wonder why EID Communications Director Mary Lynn Carlton, speaking on behalf of General Manager Jim Abercrombie, has unequivocally rejected letting the sun shine in on EID's Board proceedings. Instead, her below e-mail response adds credence to "Only self-serving propaganda on the EID website".

<http://inedc.com/1-3327>

Just why is EID afraid to provide substantially enhanced access to what REALLY goes on in EID Board meetings...vs. the self-serving, distorted version they put on their website, and in their "news" releases?

And why does Ms. Carlton make diversionary protests about putting the audio or supplemental slides on EID's website as not being a "wise use of resources"? EID records each Board meeting and has the slides anyway. And with three people in their PR Department taking one paid day off for each four worked, there certainly is ample staff time to add the recording and slides to their lavishly self-extolled new EID website.

It also is most suspicious that EID reportedly expunges their copy of each meeting's audio recording immediately after the written minutes of the meeting are Board approved in the next Board meeting.

Refusal to add EID Board meeting audios and presentation slides materials to the EID website and permanent record smacks of a cover up...effectively a modern day ongoing "Watergate" right here in El Dorado County. Most certainly, this refusal is not consistent with good government or unfettered transparency.

EID ratepayers will have a chance to weigh in on EID's performance on November 5, 2013 when two EID Board seats are up for election.

From: Carlton, Mary Lynn  
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2013 4:42 PM  
To: Greg Prada  
Subject: RE: Website availability of EID Board meeting audios and supplemental slides

Dear Mr. Prada,

In response to your question below, the District does not plan on posting audio recordings of Board meetings on our website. Our current practice allows for a copy to be provided to any member of the public, upon request, for a nominal fee. In the last year we have only had one customer request for audio recordings, therefore, at this time we do not feel that it would be a wise use of resources to make this change. Regarding your question about posting power point slides with the Board Agenda packages, currently we do not post any power point slides with the Board Agenda package, supplemental slides or

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not, and have no plans to start doing so. Those slides may be obtained by making a request for information.

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From: Greg Prada  
Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2013 6:57 PM  
To: Carlton, Mary Lynn  
Subject: Website availability of EID Board meeting audios and supplemental slides

Dear Ms. Carlton,

As per the final sentence in the below, please note that GDPUD apparently has started providing audio recordings of all its Board meetings on the GDPUD website.

"The recording of the Board meeting is also available on the website by the Friday after the meeting or the following Friday."

Since few ratepayers attend EID's daytime meetings, and since EID's meeting minutes provide a most selective and abbreviated summary of meeting happenstances, please advise if EID will emulate GDPUD's new transparency enhancement and commence posting audio recordings of all EID Board meetings to the EID website.

In addition, General Manager Abercrombie regularly presents supplemental slides to the Board that are not included in EID's Board Packet or meeting minutes. Mr. Abercrombie's many customer satisfaction slides and his verbal interpretation of that data presented in the December meeting are but one recent example. Please advise if henceforth all such supplemental slides also will be posted to EID's website...ideally no later than 48 hours after each Board meeting.

On behalf of EID's 38,000 regular ratepayers, thank you for your consideration and response.

Kindly,

Greg Prada