

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
August 12, 2008

At 5:30 p.m., Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) President Clark called to order the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of MWDOC at District facilities, 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, California. OCWD General Manager Mike Markus led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll. This meeting was held jointly as a workshop with the Orange County Water District Board of Directors.

MWDOC DIRECTORS

Ergun "Eric" Bakall
Brett R. Barbre
Wayne A. Clark
Ed Royce, Sr.
Larry Dick
Joan Finnegan
Susan Hinman (absent)

STAFF PRESENT

Kevin Hunt, General Manager
Karl Seckel, Assistant Manager
Dan Payne, Legal Counsel
Maribeth Goldsby, Board Secretary
Matt Stone, Associate General Manager
David Cordero, Dir. of Governmental Affairs
Darcy Burke, Dir. of Public Affairs

OCWD DIRECTORS

Claudia Alvarez
Philip Anthony
Wes Bannister
Kathryn Barr
Jan Debay
Irv Pickler

OCWD STAFF

Michael Markus, General Manager
Joel Kuperberg, General Counsel
Janice Durant, Board Secretary
Shivaji Deshmukh
John Kennedy
Eleanor Torres

OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Hill
Heather Dion
Chris Townsend
Richard Gardner
Bob Moore
Mike Dunbar
Howard Johnson
Paul Jones
Linda Ackerman
Frank Heldman
Mike Whipple

El Toro Water District
Townsend Public Affairs
Townsend Public Affairs
South Coast Water District
South Coast Water District
South Coast Water District
City of Huntington Beach
Irvine Ranch Water District
MWDOC MET Director
Golden State Water Company
City of Laguna Niguel

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was announced that members of the public wishing to comment on agenda items could do so after the item has been discussed by the Board and requested that members of the public identify themselves when called on.

No comments were made.

WORKSHOP TO REVIEW THE SAFE, CLEAN, RELIABLE, DRINKING WATER SUPPLY ACT OF 2008 (BOND)

President Clark announced that the meeting was held as a special joint workshop with the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District to review the proposed "Safe, Clean, Reliable, Drinking Water Supply Act of 2008" (Bond).

Director of Governmental Affairs David Cordero described the proposed Bond and reviewed its benefits and funding opportunities to Orange County. It was noted that the Bond totals \$9.285 billion and, among other things, includes funding for local and regional water supply projects. The District's legislative advocate, Townsend Public Affairs, distributed a memorandum outlining the Bond and presented their recommended changes to the requested funding for the Orange County projects.

A lengthy discussion ensued in which the Boards requested certain funding changes. Much of the discussion focused on storage (surface v. groundwater), and increases in funding to desalination and water recycling, as well as the need to push for conveyance authorization and to separate surface and groundwater storage projects for specific funding.

The Board believed it prudent to establish an ad hoc committee to work with the legislative advocate, Townsend Public Affairs, in developing appropriate language on the bond consistent with any Board recommendation. President Clark appointed MET Director Linda Ackerman, along with MWDOC Directors Barbre and Dick.

Following discussion, and upon MOTION by Director Barbre, seconded by Finnegan, and carried (5-0), the Board recommended requesting changes to the bond language to include (1) an increase in desalination funding to \$1 billion, (2) an increase in water recycling funding to \$1 billion, (3) push for a conveyance authorization, (4) bifurcate surface and groundwater storage projects; and (5) reaffirm the Burns-Porter Act. Directors Hinman and Bakall were absent. It was noted that the ad hoc committee would work with Townsend Public Affairs to develop the appropriate language.

It was noted that Orange County Water District would be considering a similar action at the on Thursday, August 14, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

APPROVED:

Wayne A. Clark., President

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary