At 6:00 p.m., President Osborne called to order the Special Meeting of the Municipal Water District of Orange County Board of Directors Board Room at the District facilities, 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, California. Fountain Valley Councilman John Collins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MWDOC DIRECTORS**
- Brett R. Barbre
- Larry Dick
- Joan Finnegan
- Wayne Osborne
- Megan Yoo Schneider (absent)
- Sat Tamaribuchi
- Jeffery M. Thomas

**STAFF PRESENT**
- Robert Hunter, General Manager
- Karl Seckel, Assistant General Manager
- Maribeth Goldsby, Board Secretary
- Harvey De La Torre, Assoc. General Mgr.
- Jonathan Volzke, Public Affairs Manager
- Kevin Hostert, Water Resources Analyst
- Heather Baez, Government Affairs Manager
- Melissa Baum-Haley, Sr. Water Res. Analyst
- Damon Micalizzi, Dir. Of Public Affairs

**ALSO PRESENT**
- Larry McKenney: MWDOC MET Director
- Cecilia Hupp: City of Brea
- Chris Emeteiro: City of Brea
- Doug Davert: East Orange County Water District
- John Sears: East Orange County Water District
- Lisa Ohlund: East Orange County Water District
- Scott Goldman: El Toro Water District
- Jose Vergara: El Toro Water District
- Mark Monin: El Toro Water District
- Cheryl Brothers: City of Fountain Valley
- John Collins: City of Fountain Valley
- Mark Lewis: City of Fountain Valley
- Brian Ragland: City of Huntington Beach
- Mary Aileen Mathias: Irvine Ranch Water District
- Doug Reinhart: Irvine Ranch Water District
- Peer Swan: Irvine Ranch Water District
- Jim Atkinson: Mesa Water
- Jim Fisler: Mesa Water
- Stacy Taylor: Mesa Water
- Duane Cave: Moulton Niguel Water District
- Scott Colton: Moulton Niguel Water District
- Richard Fiore: Moulton Niguel Water District
- Brian Probolsky: Moulton Niguel Water District
- Don Froelich: Moulton Niguel Water District
- Gary Kurtz: Moulton Niguel Water District
- Jake Vollebregt: Moulton Niguel Water District
- Chuck Gibson: Santa Margarita Water District
- Justin McCusker: Santa Margarita Water District
Dan Ferons  
Santa Margarita Water District  
Schelly Sustarsic  
City of Seal Beach  
Greg Mills  
Serrano Water District  
Jerry Vilander  
Serrano Water District  
Dennis Erdman  
South Coast Water District  
Bill Green  
South Coast Water District  
Rick Erkeneff  
South Coast Water District  
Andy Brunhart  
South Coast Water District  
Glen Acosta  
Trabuco Canyon Water District  
Stephen Dopudja  
Trabuco Canyon Water District  
Chuck Puckett  
City of Tustin  
J. Wayne Miller  
Yorba Linda Water District  
Al Nederhood  
Yorba Linda Water District  
Marc Marcantonio  
Yorba Linda Water District  
Liz Mendelson-Goossens  
San Diego County Water Authority

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

President Osborne opened the meeting with introductions of each MWDOC Board member.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

DISCUSSION WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM MWDOC’S MEMBER AGENCIES REGARDING KEY REGIONAL ISSUES AND KEY ORANGE COUNTY ISSUES, INCLUDING THE GOVERNOR BROWN’S UPDATED DROUGHT REGULATIONS, THE CALIFORNIA WATER FIX, AND WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS AND ISSUES.

President Osborne stated that the evening would consist of three presentations by General Manager Robert Hunter, and that following each presentation there would be time allotted for dialogue/questions between the Board and audience. The following topics were covered:

- MWDOC FY 2017-18 Draft Budget
- Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life
- San Diego County Water Authority Outreach Program

Mr. Hunter provided an overview of the proposed budget for FY 2017-18, including the budget process, review by the Member Agencies, changes between the first and second draft budget documents, Choice MWDOC activities, outside funding (grants, etc.), MET rates, MET and MWDOC total cost amounts (per meter/per month), MWDOC’s proposed rates, key priorities and projects, and staffing levels.

Fountain Valley Mayor, John Collins suggested future presentations include a hard copy of the budget for attendees; it was noted that the draft budget document was posted on MWDOC’s website.

Mr. Hunter then provided an overview of the proposed legislation which was recently introduced as a result of the Governor’s Executive Order B-37-16 (Making Water
Conservation a California Way of Life). He highlighted the fact that the Governor’s trailer bill language (Trailer Bill 810) would allow the SWRCB to set interim standards, allows only one mechanism to achieve these conservation standards, with no oversight from the Legislature and no CEQA review, imposes SWRCB cease and desist order processes and misdemeanor penalties for failure to meet any efficiency planning targets, specifies that state efficiency standards supersede water rights, extends the duration of State mandates during a declared emergency to one year, requires multiple arbitrary stages set by the SWRCB that may not reflect local conditions, and strands and desincentivizes resiliency investments (conservation requirements are applied to all water supplies including recycled water). He then compared AB 1668 and AB 1669 (Friedman) to AB 869, AB 968, and AB 1643 (Rubio), noting that the MWDOC Board adopted oppose positions on the Friedman bills, but supports the Rubio bills in that AB 869 requires recycled water use to be considered a water use efficiency measure and prohibits water retailers from having to reduce the amount of recycled water it produces/uses at any time. In addition, AB 968 allows local agencies to establish long-term goals, targets and standards, and allows for multiple compliance methods. Lastly, AB 1654 allows local suppliers to develop and report annual supply/demand assessments, develop and implement their own water shortage contingency plans, maintains water rights, and keeps the authority with the Legislature to establish or change long-term goals, targets or standards. Mr. Hunter concluded this presentation with an overview of the timing and movement of this legislation and encouraged all in attendance to either join MWDOC’s coalition letters opposing the Friedman legislation and supporting the Rubio legislation, or send individual letters.

Considerable discussion ensued with specific emphasis on the need to engage ACWA in this effort, the potential loss of local control if the trailer bill (or Friedman bills) language is accepted, the need for community outreach on this issue (social media and other avenues), and the need for various groups to be involved and active (building industry, labor organizations, and the agricultural community, etc.).

Government Affairs Manager Heather Baez distributed copies of MWDOC’s coalition letters.

General Manager Hunter then provided an overview of the San Diego County Water Authority’s (SDCWA) Outreach Program which calls for education and public relations campaign to expand into other parts of the MET service area including Orange and Ventura Counties, and Inland Empire area. The SDCWA’s MET public outreach budget was increased to $875,000 and its purpose is to achieve near-term and long-term changes at MET by informing and educating local elected officials on MET rates and fiscal issues. He commented that much of SDCWA’s message is unfounded and contrary to what other MET agencies believe. SDCWA’s message has been focused on how MET is out-of-control on spending, overcharging ratepayers, and not transparent or fiscally accountable. He encouraged those in attendance to ask questions of their MET Directors, to know and understand that there are two sides to every issue; he provided counterpoints to each of the SDCWA issues. Mr. Hunter asked each attendee to notify MWDOC in the event they are contacted by SDCWA.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Mr. John Collins (Fountain Valley) had several line-item questions regarding MWDOC’s budget and was encouraged to contact staff with further questions.
Discussion was again held regarding the Trailer Bill language, the need to oppose this, and a process for the agencies to work collaboratively on this issue; it was noted that Heather Baez would contact each local water agency for input.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Osborne adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary