

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
April 3, 2014

At 6:00 p.m., Vice 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.

MWDOC DIRECTORS

Brett R. Barbre
Wayne A. Clark
Larry Dick (absent)
Joan Finnegan
Susan Hinman (absent)
Wayne Osborne
Jeffery M. Thomas

ALSO PRESENT

Bill VanDerWerff
Doug Davert
Sy Everett
Scott Goldman
Jose Vergara
Bob Hill
Mike Dunbar
Steve LaMar
Doug Reinhart
Peer Swan
John Withers
Mary Aileen Matheis
Paul Cook
Larry McKenney
Richard Fiore
Gary Kurtz
Don Froelich
Brian Probolsky
Scott Colton
Joone Lopez
Kelly Winsor
Phil Anthony
Bob Baker
Dave Rebensdorf
Roy Byrnes
Chuck Gibson
Saundra Jacobs
Dan Ferons
Wayne Rayfield
Bob Moore
Rick Erkeneff
Andrew Brunhart

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Hunter, General Manager
Karl Seckel, Assistant General Manager (absent)
Maribeth Goldsby, Board Secretary
Harvey De La Torre, Prin. Water Res. Planner
Darcy Burke, Dir. of Public Affairs
Keith Lyon, Prin. Water Res. Analyst
Joe Berg, Water Use Efficiency Prog. Mgr.
Jake Vollebregt, Legal Counsel

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El Toro Water District
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Emerald Bay Services District
Irvine Ranch Water District
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Orange County Water District
City of San Clemente
City of San Clemente
City of San Juan Capistrano
Santa Margarita Water District
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South Coast Water District
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Glenn Acosta	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Stephen Dopudja	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Mike Safranski	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Hector Ruiz	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Doug Stack	City of Tustin
Gary Melton	Yorba Linda Water District
Robert Kiley	Yorba Linda Water District
Liz Mendelson	San Diego County Water Authority
Betsy Eglash	Brady & Associates
Laer Pearce	Laer Pearce & Associates

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

Vice President Osborne announced that the memorial service for MET Director Jack Foley would be held on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 11:00 a.m., at the El Niguel Country Club; he advised that flyers were available.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

DISCUSSION WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM MWDOC’S MEMBER AGENCIES REGARDING KEY REGIONAL ISSUES AND KEY ORANGE COUNTY ISSUES, INCLUDING THE MWDOC BUDGET, DROUGHT RESPONSE, BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN, AND AN UPDATE ON THE SDCWA V. MET LAWSUIT (PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MWDOC AND ITS MEMBER AGENCIES)

Following introductions, Vice President Osborne stated that the evening would consist of several presentations. The following speakers presented information on various topics:

Brett Barbre	Tribute to Jack Foley
Robert Hunter	MWDOC’s 2014-15 Draft Budget

Considerable discussion ensued regarding the budget, with requests made for MWDOC to fund the Finance Manager position, and review memberships in the various Chambers of Commerce and possibly eliminate those with the least value. Discussion was also held regarding Core/Choice activities and the reclassification of the Doheny Desalination Project to “Core” for the 2014/15 fiscal year. It was noted that due to the slow-down of activity surrounding the Doheny Desalination Project, MWDOC staff was recommending this Project be classified as “Core”, with the possibility of moving the Project to “Choice” if activity levels increase.

Ms. Sandra Jacobs (Santa Margarita Water District) asked the MWDOC Board to consider the issues outlined in the letter sent by SMWD regarding the MWDOC Budget.

Harvey De La Torre	Water Supply Update
Darcy Burke	Drought Response/Bay Delta Conservation Plan Update
Harvey De La Torre	SDCWA v. MET Lawsuit

A discussion period followed the presentations and attendees had an opportunity to comment on the information presented.

ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 6TH MEETING

Mr. Phil Anthony (OCWD) suggested MWDOC provide an overview of Colorado River issues.

Ms. Saudra Jacobs (SMWD) commented that in the event MWDOC does not incorporate the changes to its budget as outlined in a letter from SMWD, an update on the budget be made in November. She also suggested that an overview of alternative water initiatives, such as the Cadiz Project, be highlighted in November.

Mr. Peer Swan (IRWD) asked that in the future, MWDOC allow enough time to talk about the main issues; he believed the meeting schedule was too tight.

(Director Osborne departed the meeting at 7:00 p.m.; Director Finnegan assumed the position as Chair).

Discussion ensued regarding the logistics of the meeting (time, location, etc.), with Ms. Burke noting that a survey would be sent following the meeting.

Other issues requested for the November meeting included an update on the Water Bond, and an overall review and assessment of Core v. Choice in MWDOC's budget.

ADJOURNMENT

On behalf of the Board, Director Finnegan thanked all in attendance for the information presented and discussion held. At 7:30 p.m., President Finnegan adjourned the special meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary