At 8:30 a.m. Vice President Osborne called to order the Workshop Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) at the District facilities located in Fountain Valley. Director Finnegan led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

**MWDOC DIRECTORS**
Brett R. Barbre*  
Wayne A. Clark  
Larry Dick* (absent)  
Susan Hinman  
Wayne Osborne  
Jeffery M. Thomas (arr. at 9:20 am)  
Joan Finnegan

**MWDOC STAFF**
Robert Hunter, General Manager  
Karl Seckel, Assistant General Manager  
Russ Behrens, Legal Counsel  
Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary  
Harvey De La Torre, Principal Water Res. Planner  
Joe Berg, Water Use Efficiency Prog. Mgr.  
Darcy Burke, Director of Public Affairs  
Heather Baez, Governmental Affairs Manager  
Keith Lyon, Principal Water Res. Analyst  
Richard Bell, Principal Engineer

*Also MWDOC MET Directors

**OTHER MWDOC MET DIRECTORS**
Linda Ackerman

**OTHERS PRESENT**
Brian Ragland  
City of Huntington Beach  
William Kahn  
El Toro Water District  
Ken Vecchiarelli  
Golden State Water Company  
Steve Lamar  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Peer Swan  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Paul Cook  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Paul Weghorst  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Larry Mckenney  
Moulton Niguel Water District  
Don Froelich  
Moulton Niguel Water District  
Jim Leach  
Santa Margarita Water District  
Bob Moore  
South Coast Water District  
Rick Erkeneff  
South Coast Water District  
Richard Gardner  
Dana Point Resident  
Fred Adjarian  
Adjarian Consulting Services  
Laer Pearce  
Laer Pearce & Associates  
Elizabeth Mendelson  
San Diego County Water Authority  
Ed Means  
Means Consulting  
Betsy Eglash  
Brady & Associates
ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

Determine need and take action to agendize item(s), which arose subsequent to the posting of the Agenda.  (ROLL CALL VOTE: Adoption of this recommendation requires a two-thirds vote of the Board members present or, if less than two-thirds of the Board members are present, a unanimous vote.)

No items were presented.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD LESS THAN 72 HOURS PRIOR TO MEETING

Vice President Osborne inquired as to whether there were any items distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

No items were distributed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice President Osborne inquired whether any members of the public wished to comment on agenda items.

No comments were received.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

MWD’S LOCAL RESOURCE PROGRAM PROPOSED REFINEMENTS

Mr. Harvey De La Torre updated the Board regarding potential changes to MET’s Local Resource Program (LRP).  His presentation included an overview of the purpose and role of the LRP, an overview of the incentives (since 1982) and the need for additional local supplies, as well as MET observations of the current LRP (not at capacity and cost remains a predominant constraint).

Mr. De La Torre highlighted potential improvements to the LRP that are being considered; namely (1) update the incentive amount and payment structure; (2) include recycled water on-site retrofits; (3) include other water resources (seawater desalination, storm water regional benefits); and (4) provide reimbursable services.

Mr. De La Torre concluded his presentation with an overview of the next steps, which include (1) MET continuing to seek input from its member agencies and Board; (2) MET providing information to the Water Planning and Stewardship Committee; and (3) potential Board action in October.

Director Osborne highlighted the fact that the $250/af incentive was implemented some time ago, noting it may not be applicable to today’s costs and incentive amounts (thereby necessitating an increase).

Considerable discussion ensued with specific emphasis on the $250/af incentive, it’s history, recycled water on-site retrofit costs, and MET’s IRP target (20% by 2020) and the LRP acre-foot goal of 174,000 af.
The Board received and filed the report as presented.

**METROPOLITAN’S AND ORANGE COUNTY’S EFFORTS IN RESPONSE TO THE STATE WATER RESOURCE CONTROL BOARD’S EMERGENCY WATER CONSERVATION REGULATIONS**

Mr. De La Torre provided information on MET’s and Orange County’s efforts in response to the State Water Resource Control Board’s (SWRCB) emergency water conservation regulations. His presentation included background on MET’s actions over the past 25 years (resulting in a 24% reduction in service area’s per capita potable demands, cumulative investments in reliable local supplies exceeding $1 billion, and doubling of surface water storage capacity). Mr. De La Torre also provided information on recent precipitation levels, water use trends for Orange County, and urban water use and SBx7-7 targets.

Water Use Efficiency Programs Manager Joe Berg then highlighted Orange County’s conservation activities, including the Turf Removal Program, MWDOC’s outreach success, and upcoming events (community events, public drought updates, drought specific trainings, allocation discussions with MET, and water use reporting by retail agencies to the SWRCB).

The Board received and filed the report as presented.

**STATUS UPDATE REGARDING THE MET DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT PROCESS**

Director Barbre, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee regarding the MET Director appointment, advised that the ad hoc committee would be meeting with candidate Larry McKenney on September 4th, after which a report would be made to President Dick, and then to the full Board.

**MWD ITEMS CRITICAL TO ORANGE COUNTY**

- MET’s Water Supply Conditions
- MET’s Finance and Rate Issues
- Colorado River Issues
- Bay Delta/State Water Project Issues
- MET’s Ocean Desalination Policy and Potential Participation by MET in the Doheny Desalination Project
- Orange County Reliability Projects

General Manager Hunter highlighted a letter from the U.S. EPA which outlined the EPA’s position on the BDCP as well as a number of issues that may have a significant impact on the BDCP.

The Board received and filed the report as presented.

**OTHER INPUT OR QUESTIONS ON MET ISSUES FROM MEMBER AGENCIES**

No new information was presented.
METROPOLITAN (MET) BOARD AND COMMITTEE AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Summary regarding August MET Board Meeting
b. Review Items of significance for the Upcoming MET Board and Committee Agendas

The Board received and filed the report as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary