#### MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY April 29, 2015

At 6:00 p.m., President Dick 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 Larry Dick Joan Finnegan (absent) Susan Hinman Wayne Osborne Sat Tamaribuchi Jeffery M. Thomas

#### STAFF PRESENT

Robert Hunter, General Manager Karl Seckel, Assistant General Manager Maribeth Goldsby, Board Secretary Harvey De La Torre, Prin. Water Res. Planner Joe Berg, Water Use Eff. Programs Mgr. Keith Lyon, Prin. Water Res. Analyst Heather Baez, Governmental Affairs Manager

#### ALSO PRESENT

Larry McKenney Art Brown Lisa Ohlund Scott Goldman **Cheryl Brothers** Mark Lewis **Brian Ragland Doug Reinhart** Peer Swan Paul Cook Rob Zur Schmiede **Renae Hinchey Richard Fiore** Gary Kurtz Scott Colton Brian Probolsky Joone Lopez Ruth Zintzun **Teresa Smith** Joe Diaz **Betty Olson** Saundra Jacobs Charles Gibson Justin McCusker Dan Ferons Sandra Massa-Lavitt Richard Freschi Larry Pharris Woody Rickerl Frank Bryant Jerry Vilander

**MWDOC MET Director** City of Buena Park East Orange County Water District El Toro Water District City of Fountain Valley City of Fountain Valley City of Huntington Beach Irvine Ranch Water District **Irvine Ranch Water District Irvine Ranch Water District** Laguna Beach County Water District Laguna Beach County Water District Moulton Niguel Water District **Moulton Niguel Water District** Moulton Niguel Water District **Moulton Niguel Water District Moulton Niguel Water District** Moulton Niguel Water District City of Orange City of Orange Santa Margarita Water District City of Seal Beach Serrano Water District Serrano Water District Serrano Water District Serrano Water District Serrano Water District

Bill Green Dennis Erdman Wayne Rayfield Rick Erkeneff Andy Brunhart Stephen Dopudja Allan Bernstein Ric Collett Robert Kiley Marc Marcantonio Damon Micalizzi Debbie Espe

South Coast Water District Trabuco Canyon Water District City of Tustin Yorba Linda Water District Yorba Linda Water District Yorba Linda Water District Yorba Linda Water District San Diego County Water Authority

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

DISCUSSION WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM MWDOC'S MEMBER AGENCIES REGARDING KEY REGIONAL ISSUES AND KEY ORANGE COUNTY ISSUES, INCLUDING THE MWDOC BUDGET, DROUGHT ALLOCATIONS, AND GOVERNOR BROWN'S EXECUTIVE ORDER (PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MWDOC AND ITS MEMBER AGENCIES)

President Dick stated that the evening would consist of presentations by General Manager Robert Hunter on the following topics:

MWDOC 2015-16 Budget MET/MWDOC Drought Allocations Governor's Executive Order/SWRCB Regulations Roundtable Discussion

Mr. Hunter's overview of MWDOC's 2015-16 draft budget included information on MWDOC's outside funding (grants and MET assistance), reserves summary, operational variances and budget requirements, MET rates, MWDOC's proposed rates, an overview of Choice programs/budget and activities, and a review of MWDOC's key projects for 2015-16.

Mr. Hunter also reviewed California's water supply status and State Water Project Table "A" allocations (currently at 20%), as well as MET's and MWDOC's processes for declaring and implementing their Water Supply Allocation Plans (currently implemented at Stage Level 3).

Lastly, Mr. Hunter reviewed the terms of the Governor's Executive Order and how it relates with MWDOC's Water Supply Allocation Plan, as well as an overview of how it will impact each retail agency. Mr. Hunter highlighted the key components of the Executive Order, including the fact that the percent reductions are for a nine-month period, there will be no credit for indirect potable reuse, fire zone requirements will not be considered, and there is proposed enforcement legislation in the works. He encouraged all to pursue a plan to

reduce water use, and for all Orange County water agencies to work together on messaging, enforcement issues, and compliance pooling.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding the Governor's Executive Order, how it will impact each agency, whether the proposed reductions are achievable, the need for immediate public education by the retailers, the potential messaging to consumers, and enforcement issues by the retailers.

# **REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

The following topics were requested for the November meeting:

- Update on Governor's Executive Order
- Overview of MET'storage (location and levels)
- Update on OC Reliability Study

The Board thanked all for attending the forum and received and filed the reports as presented.

President Dick announced that Felicia Marcus would be the featured speaker at the July 29, 2015 Water Policy Dinner.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Dick adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

## Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary