

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP BOARD MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY (MWDOC)
WITH THE MWDOC MET DIRECTORS
February 4, 2015**

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 Tamaribuchi led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

MWDOC DIRECTORS

Brett R. Barbre*
Larry Dick* (absent)
Joan Finnegan
Susan Hinman
Wayne Osborne
Sat Tamaribuchi
Jeffrey M. Thomas

MWDOC STAFF

Robert Hunter, General Manager
Karl Seckel, Assistant General Manager
Russ Behrens, Legal Counsel
Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary
Harvey De La Torre, Prin. Water Resources Planner
Darcy Burke, Director of Public Affairs
Kevin Hostert, Assoc. Water Resources Analyst
Joe Berg, Water Use Efficiency Prog. Mgr.
Richard Bell, Principal Engineer

*Also MWDOC MET Directors

OTHER MWDOC MET DIRECTORS

Linda Ackerman
Larry McKenney

OTHERS PRESENT

Joe Byrne
Fred Adjarian
William Kahn
Ken Vecchiarelli
Doug Reinhart
Peer Swan
Paul Shoenberger
John Kennedy
Ray Miller
Rick Erkeneff
Andy Brunhart
Gary Melton
Randall Neudeck
Elizabeth Mendelson
Laer Pearce
Ed Means
Kelly Rowe
Betsy Eglash

Best, Best & Krieger
El Toro Water District
El Toro Water District
Golden State Water Company
Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Mesa Water District
Orange County Water District
City of San Juan Capistrano
South Coast Water District
South Coast Water District
Yorba Linda Water District
MET Manager, Bay Delta Issues Program
San Diego County Water Authority
Laer Pearce & Associates
Means Consulting
WR Consultant
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.

It was noted that the January MET Agenda was distributed to the Board at the meeting and made available to the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Legal Counsel Behrens introduced and provided background information on Mr. Joe Byrne, attorney at Best, Best & Krieger,

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN (BDCP) UPDATE ON FISH AND WILDLIFE REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

Mr. Randy Neudeck (MET's Manager of Bay Delta Issues Program) presented information on the Bay Delta. Mr. Neudeck's presentation included information regarding Delta regulatory restrictions and drought year balancing, an update on the Delta Smelt lawsuit and court decision, an overview of the California Treasurer's Report and key findings, the status of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (including revisions), and an update on Delta emergency planning (earthquake protection).

Considerable discussion ensued regarding the Bay Delta Conservation Plan conveyance facilities, refinements, and continued optimization, as well as the 2009 proposal to build two gates at the Delta pumps, in an effort to control the fish movement, with Mr. Neudeck advising that this proposal was deemed not feasible. Director Tamaribuchi asked whether the gates would work if they were built lower (or more southern) on the Delta; Mr. Neudeck advised he would research this question and report back.

The Board received and filed the report.

2015 WATER SUPPLY REPORT

Mr. De La Torre reported that although conditions are dry and the levels of key State reservoirs are significantly low, California's precipitation levels have slightly increased, thereby allowing DWR to increase the Table A State Water Project allocation to 15%. He reviewed

the snow pack conditions, the statewide reservoir conditions, Lake Mead elevation, and MET's dry-year storage amounts.

Mr. De La Torre advised that MET will evaluate conditions and storage levels in February, and if there are no significant changes in levels, the MET Board may consider implementing its Allocation Plan; it is anticipated the MET Board will discuss this item in March.

Discussion ensued regarding the dry-year outlook, its impact on both imported and groundwater supplies, MET's storage portfolio, and the potential for water allocations.

The Board received and filed Mr. De La Torre's report.

MWD ITEMS CRITICAL TO ORANGE COUNTY

- a. MET's Water Supply Conditions
- b. MET's Finance and Rate Issues
- c. Colorado River Issues
- d. Bay Delta/State Water Project Issues
- e. MET's Ocean Desalination Policy and Potential Participation by MET in the Doheny Desalination Project
- f. Orange County Reliability Projects

The Board received and filed the reports 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 January MET Board Meeting
- b. Review Items of significance for the Upcoming MET Board and Committee Agendas

The Board received and filed the reports as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby
Board Secretary