

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

June 3, 2015

At 8:30 a.m. President Dick 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*
Larry Dick*
Joan Finnegan
Susan Hinman (via teleconference)
Wayne Osborne (absent)
Sat Tamaribuchi
Jeffrey M. Thomas

MWDOC STAFF

Robert Hunter, General Manager
Karl Seckel, Assistant General Manager
Joe Byrne, Legal Counsel
Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary
Harvey De La Torre, Prin. Water Resources Planner
Heather Baez, Director of Governmental Affairs
Kevin Hostert, Assoc. Water Resources Analyst
Joe Berg, Water Use Efficiency Prog. Mgr.

*Also MWDOC MET Directors

OTHER MWDOC MET DIRECTORS

Larry McKenney

OTHERS PRESENT

William Kahn
Mark Monin
Brian Ragland
Paul Weghorst
Peer Swan
John Kennedy
Charles Gibson
Rick Erkeneff
Dennis Erdman
Bill Green
Andy Brunhart
Gary Melton
Ed Means
Elizabeth Mendelson
Merle Moshiri
Dave Hamilton
Joe Geever
Jeanine Micklin

El Toro Water District
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City of Huntington Beach
Irvine Ranch Water District
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Orange County Water District
Santa Margarita Water District
South Coast Water District
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Yorba Linda Water District
Means Consulting
San Diego County Water Authority
R4RD
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Surfrider Foundation
Public Interest

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

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

It was noted that MET Board Summary report for May (5a) was distributed to the Board and made available to the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

No comments were received.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**METROPOLITAN'S CONSERVATION BUDGET INCREASE AND TURF REMOVAL PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS**

Principal Water Resources Planner Harvey De La Torre provided an overview of MET's Water Conservation Program funding increase. His presentation included background information on MET's Board action to (1) approve a \$350 million increase to its Water Conservation budget, and (2) approve program modifications to the Turf Removal Program in order to reach as many residents and businesses as possible. Mr. De La Torre explained the changes to both the budget and Turf Removal Program, provided a comparison between the old and the new programs, reviewed the budget options that the MET Board considered (ultimately approving the \$350 million increase), and he provided an overview of where the funds will come from in MET reserves. Mr. De La Torre advised that additional changes may be needed in the future, but due to the severity of the drought, the MET Board took these actions to encourage water conservation by extending the Turf Removal Program.

Considerable discussion ensued, with specific emphasis on ways to measure the results of the Turf Removal Program, the need for cost benefit calculations, and how the \$350 million can be tracked to determine what area receives the largest segment of the money.

The Board received and filed the report.

METROPOLITAN'S 2015 UPDATED INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLAN (IRP)

Mr. De La Torre provided a status report on MET's 2015 Updated IRP. His presentation included an overview of the MET IRP subcommittee meetings, the member agency workgroup

process, and the issues that both groups are reviewing. Mr. De La Torre then provided a brief detail on MET's Member Agency Technical Workgroup meetings topics of discussion.

Discussion ensued regarding the Technical Workgroup meetings, with specific discussion on the "Planning for Uncertainty" forecasts, the need for increased storage and capacity, recycling as a factor in supply augmentation, and groundwater forecasts and assumptions.

The Board received and filed the 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
- g. East Orange County Feeder No. 2

The Board received and filed the reports as presented.

OTHER INPUT OR QUESTIONS ON MET ISSUES FROM MEMBER AGENCIES

Director Tamaribuchi highlighted the need for building the barriers in the Bay-Delta (formerly the "two gates"), noting MET should look at creating an operable barrier that can be taken out when no longer needed. Mr. Seckel advised that MET was unsuccessful in obtaining permits for this project. It was noted that a discussion regarding the "two gates" would be agendized at an upcoming meeting.

METROPOLITAN (MET) BOARD AND COMMITTEE AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

President Dick commented on MET Agenda Item No. 8-7 (support for AB 888, Waste Management: Plastic Microbeads), noting that MET may consider this item prematurely, noting that the Federal government may release their own regulations. Director Rick Erkeneff (South Coast Water District) suggested support for the legislation, noting that alternatives to microbeads should be evaluated. The Board received and filed the reports as presented.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

At 9:46 a.m., Legal Counsel Byrne announced that the Board would adjourn to closed session on the following matters:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Consider Initiation of Litigation pursuant to Paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (Two Cases).

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Consideration of initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (One Case).

RECONVENE

At 10:57 a.m., the Board reconvened and Legal Counsel Byrne announced that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby
Board Secretary