

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

March 4, 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. Mr. Howard Johnson (Brady & Associates) led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

MWDOC DIRECTORS

Brett R. Barbre*
Larry Dick*
Joan Finnegan
Susan Hinman
Wayne Osborne
Sat Tamaribuchi (absent)
Jeffrey M. Thomas (arr. at 9:00 am)

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
Darcy Burke, Director of Public Affairs
Kevin Hostert, Assoc. Water Resources Analyst
Joe Berg, Water Use Efficiency Prog. Mgr.

*Also MWDOC MET Directors

OTHER MWDOC MET DIRECTORS

Linda Ackerman
Larry McKenney

OTHERS PRESENT

William Kahn
Mike Dunbar
Ken Vecchiarelli
Brian Ragland
Steve LaMar
Paul Weghorst
Don Froelich
John Kennedy
Elizabeth Mendelson
Ray Miller
Gary Melton
Howard Johnson
Ed Means
Kelly Rowe
Scott Maloni

El Toro Water District
Emerald Bay Service District
Golden State Water Company
City of Huntington Beach
Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Moulton Niguel Water District
Orange County Water District
San Diego County Water Authority
City of San Juan Capistrano
Yorba Linda Water District
Brady & Associates
Means Consulting
WR Consultant
Poseidon Resources

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.

No items were presented.

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

2015 WATER SUPPLY REPORT

Associate Water Resources Analyst, Kevin Hostert reported that State conditions are dry and the levels of key State reservoirs are significantly low, however local precipitation levels have slightly increased to 7.10 inches thus far (which is still below the average of 9.60 inches). Mr. Hostert provided a rainfall comparison over the past five years, the rainfall outlook, the snow pack conditions, the statewide reservoir conditions, Lake Mead elevation, and MET's dry-year storage amounts. Mr. Hostert also highlighted the State Water Table A allocations (currently at 15%), a historical view of Table A allocations, and the overall current drought conditions.

Principal Water Resources Planner, Harvey De La Torre, then provided an overview of the chances of MET implementing allocations in 2015, as well as the various allocation scenarios currently under consideration by MET.

(Director Thomas arrived at 9:00 a.m.)

Considerable discussion ensued regarding the deliveries from the Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA), and the fact that the majority of MET water is currently being delivered by the CRA. Responding to a question by Moulton Niguel Water District Director Don Froelich, the MET Directors indicated that more information is needed from MET staff before they can decide which allocation scenario they will support.

The Board received and filed the reports.

VALUE OF WATER COMMUNICATIONS PLAN UPDATE

Director of Public Affairs, Darcy Burke, provided an overview of the Value of Water Communications Plan currently underway. She advised that MWDOC staff has been working with the participating agencies and Fraser Communications to develop and distribute creative materials for the Value of Water Communications Plan. She reported that these creative materials include: short video, consumer confidence report template (electronic format), social media posts/tweets, newsletter articles, and field-crew support materials.

Discussion ensued regarding how the effectiveness of the Plan could be determined, and how flyers provided to field crews would be an effective method for consistent messages; Ms. Burke agreed to discuss the flyer at an upcoming Value of Water coordination meeting.

The Board received and filed the report.

(Director Dick departed the meeting at 9:30 a.m.)

METROPOLITAN'S 2015 UPDATED INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLAN (IRP) SCHEDULE

Water Use Efficiency Programs Manager, Joe Berg presented information regarding MET's 2015 updated Integrated Resources Plan (IRP) schedule, noting that the key drivers for the new IRP will be to incorporate the recent changed water/supply conditions impacting regional and local supplies and demands, responding to new challenges, refining a long-term storage management strategy, incorporating recent policies changes, and overcoming barriers to implementation. He advised that the update will be split into a two part process, namely a technical update process and resource policy issues.

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

Following a brief discussion regarding Santa Barbara's desalination facility (being activated), the Board received and filed the reports as presented.

OTHER INPUT OR QUESTIONS ON MET ISSUES FROM MEMBER AGENCIES

A brief discussion was held regarding whether it would be prudent to purchase more water now, at a lower cost than in summer, and if so, how aggressive should we be in making such purchases.

Director Barbre commented that the region is in a better position than most due to MET's storage facilities, namely, Diamond Valley Lake. He expressed frustration with delays associated with the Bay Delta Conservation Plan, and highlighted the importance of building an additional storage facility within MET's service area.

METROPOLITAN (MET) BOARD AND COMMITTEE AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Summary regarding February 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 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby
Board Secretary