MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP BOARD MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY (MWDOC)
WITH THE MWDOC MET DIRECTORS
December 7, 2016

At 8:30 a.m. 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 Yoo Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

**MWDOC DIRECTORS**
Brett R. Barbre*
Larry Dick*
Joan Finnegan
Megan Yoo Schneider
Wayne Osborne
Sat Tamaribuchi
Jeffrey M. Thomas

**MWDOC STAFF**
Robert Hunter, General Manager
Karl Seckel, Assistant General Manager
Joe Byrne, Legal Counsel
Maribeth Goldsby, Board Secretary
Harvey De La Torre, Associate General Mgr.
Melissa Baum-Haley, Sr. Water Resource Analyst
Kevin Hostert, Water Resources Analyst
Charles Busslinger, Principal Engineer

*Also MWDOC MET Directors

**OTHER MWDOC MET DIRECTORS**
Larry McKenney
Linda Ackerman

**OTHERS PRESENT**
Mark Monin
William Kahn
Mike Dunbar
Brian Ragland
Peer Swan
Steve LaMar
Paul Cook
Adam Hutchinson
Bill Hunt
Jake Vollebregt
Jim Leach
Rick Erkeneff
Bill Green
Andy Brunhart
Kelly Rowe
Dick Ackerman
Ed Means
Richard Eglash
Catherine Glick
Amy Omae
Lee Yoo
Tokshin Lee
Chung Lee & Amelia Lee

El Toro Water District
El Toro Water District
Emerald Bay Service District
Huntington Beach
Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Orange County Water District
Orange County Water District
Moulton Niguel Water District
Santa Margarita Water District
South Coast Water District
South Coast Water District
South Coast Water District
Water Resources Consultant
Ackerman Consulting
Means Consulting
Brady & Associates
HDR
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 Osborne inquired as to whether there were any items distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to the meeting with General Manager Hunter responding no items were distributed.

No items were presented.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS
President Osborne inquired whether any members of the public wished to comment on agenda items.

No comments were received.

OATHS OF OFFICE
Legal Counsel Byrne administered the Oaths of Office for the recently re-elected Directors Osborne, Finnegan, and Thomas.

Mr. Lee Yoo, OCWD’s Laboratory Director and father of newly elected Director Megan Yoo Schneider, administered her Oath of Office.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

INPUT OR QUESTIONS ON MET ISSUES FROM THE MEMBER AGENCIES/MET DIRECTOR REPORTS

President Osborne requested reports from the MET Directors and comments, questions, or input from the audience.

MET Director McKenney reported on MET activities with respect to the Finance & Insurance Committee, including a presentation they received regarding the Fixed Treatment Surcharge.

Director Barbre highlighted MET’s efforts with respect to reducing MET’s unfunded liability (through an irrevocable trust) with respect to OPEB costs. He also reported on his legislative activities, including updates on the WRDA and WIFIA legislation.

MET Director Ackerman reported on the Fixed Treatment Charge, a new communications platform “Water Tomorrow”, and the California WaterFix (information on both is included on MET’s website).

Director Dick reported on MET’s Real Property Committee activities.
President Osborne reminded the audience that the purpose of this item is to provide the opportunity for MWDOC’s Member Agencies to ask questions and communicate with the MWDOC MET Directors and he encouraged those in attendance to do so.

Discussion ensued regarding possible changes in the MET Board due to the recent elections, MET’s desalination activities (including land acquisition), the California WaterFix, reliability planning, and the focus of the IRP. It was mentioned that Dennis Majors should be invited to speak at an upcoming meeting regarding Delta issues.

**ORANGE COUNTY’S WATER SUPPLY AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2016**

Water Resources Analyst Kevin Hostert reported on Orange County’s water supply conditions and conservation performance for September 2016, noting that for the month of September Orange County saved 16.75%, far exceeding the MWDOC Countywide saving goal of 10%. He also reviewed supply conditions, reservoir storage, snowpack levels, and the “Table A” State Water Project Allocations for 2017 (initially set at 20% for 2017).

The Board received and filed the report.

**PROPOSED LOWER COLORADO RIVER BASIN DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN**

Associate General Manager Harvey De La Torre updated the Board with respect to the proposed Lower Colorado River Basin Drought Contingency Plan. He noted that it includes increasing, but manageable, reductions in water deliveries to each state within the Lower Basin in the event that Lake Mead continues to decline. He advised that it also includes provisions to help MET fill its Colorado River Aqueduct when needed, to meet demands in its service area.

The Board received and filed the report as presented.

**ADOPT SUPPORT POSITION ON THE CALIFORNIA WATER FIX AND CALIFORNIA ECO RESTORE**

President Osborne advised that the proposed Resolution supporting the California WaterFix and Eco Restore was before the Board for consideration.

The Board discussed the Resolution and suggested revisions to page 1, paragraph 2 reflecting that the Delta was never intended to be a conveyance facility, and page 2, paragraph 5 (clarifying that there were two tunnels, totaling 9,000 cfs). Following this discussion, and upon MOTION by Director Dick, seconded by Director Thomas, and carried (7-0), RESOLUTION NO. 2039, supporting the California WaterFix and California Eco Restore, was adopted (as amended above) by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, Osborne, Tamaribuchi, Thomas & Yoo Schneider

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

The Board asked staff to issue a press release regarding this Resolution.
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  
h. South County Projects

The Board received and filed the information as presented.

METROPOLITAN (MET) BOARD AND COMMITTEE AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

No new information was presented; the information was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

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Maribeth Goldsby
Board Secretary