

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
March 15, 2017**

At 8:30 a.m., President Osborne called to order the Regular Meeting of the Municipal Water District of Orange County in the Board Room 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  
Joan Finnegan  
Wayne Osborne  
Sat Tamaribuchi  
Jeffery M. Thomas  
Megan Yoo Schneider

**STAFF**

Robert Hunter, General Manager  
Karl Seckel, Assistant General Manager  
Joe Byrne, Legal Counsel  
Maribeth Goldsby, Board Secretary  
Harvey De La Torre, Associate General Manager  
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs  
Jonathan Volzke, Public Affairs Manager  
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency

**ALSO PRESENT**

Larry McKenney  
Brian Ragland  
Jim Atkinson  
Ray Miller  
Rick Erkeneff  
Dennis Erdman  
Andy Brunhart  
Al Nederhood  
Brooke Jones  
Richard Eglash  
Kelly Rowe  
Andy Sells  
Peter Kuchinsky

MWDOC MET Director  
City of Huntington Beach  
Mesa Water  
City of San Juan Capistrano  
South Coast Water District  
South Coast Water District  
South Coast Water District  
Yorba Linda Water District  
Yorba Linda Water District  
Brady & Associates  
Water Resources Consultant  
ACWA/JPIA  
ACWA/JPIA

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES**

Director of Water Use Efficiency Joe Berg introduced new employees Matthew Conway, Water Use Efficiency Program Coordinator, and Rachel Waite, Water Use Efficiency Analyst, to the Board.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Osborne announced members of the public wishing to comment on agenda items could do so after the item has been discussed by the Board and requested members of the public identify themselves when called on. Mr. Osborne asked whether there were any comments on other items which would be heard at this time.

Mr. Brian Ragland (City of Huntington Beach) thanked the MWDOC staff for attending the City's Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting, as well as presenting information to the

Huntington Beach City Council regarding the WaterFix, noting that the Council voted to support the WaterFix.

**ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED**

No items were received.

**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.

It was noted that a letter from Mr. Fred Adjarian (El Toro Water District) requesting MWDOC's support for his candidacy on the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee was distributed to the Board and made available to the public.

**PRESENTATION BY ANDY SELLS OF ACWA/JPIA**

Mr. Andy Sells, along with Mr. Peter Kuchinsky, from ACWA/JPIA, presented a check for \$47,771 to the District which represented a refund on MWDOC's liability and property insurance premiums.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

President Osborne stated all matters under the Consent Calendar would be approved by one MOTION unless a Director wished to consider an item separately.

Director Barbre pulled Item No. 6 (Additional Authorization of Work for the OC Water Reliability Study 2017 Update) from the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Finnegan, and carried (7-0), the Board approved the balance of the Consent Calendar items as follows. Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, Osborne, Tamaribuchi, Thomas and Yoo Schneider all voted in favor.

**MINUTES**

The following minutes were approved.

- November 16, 2016 Regular Board Meeting (revised)
- February 1, 2017 Workshop Board Meeting
- February 15, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

The following Committee Meeting reports were received and filed as presented.

- Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: February 6, 2017
- Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: February 8, 2017

Executive Committee Meeting: February 16, 2017

**TREASURER'S REPORTS**

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of February 28, 2017  
MWDOC Disbursement Registers (February/March)

The following items were received and filed as presented.

MWDOC Summary of Cash and Investment and Portfolio Master Summary Report (Cash and Investment report) as of January 31, 2017

PARS Monthly Statement (OPEB Trust)

Water Use Efficiency Projects Cash Flow

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The following item was received and filed as presented.

Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the period ending January 31, 2017

**LANDSCAPE DESIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The Board authorized the General Manager to enter into professional services agreements with both DeLorenzo International and EcoTech Services, Inc. to provide landscape design assistance in an amount not to exceed \$140,000. Should other firms (to be determined) demonstrate they are qualified to do the work and agree to a competitive fee structure, staff is authorized to contract with them as well.

**WEROC RADIO SYSTEM REPLACEMENT EVALUATION**

The Board directed staff to explore the best radio replacement solutions for the WEROC radio including holding discussions with the WEROC funding agencies and the MWDOC member agencies; authorized WEROC to submit a formal request for permission to join the Orange County Sheriff's Department 800 MHz Radio Program as a Participating Agency. Staff will return to the Board with final proposed solutions and costs for approval.

**APPROVE PARTICIPATION IN THE CENTER FOR DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH**

The Board approved participation in the Center for Demographic Research for fiscal years 2017-18 (\$43,802.57), 2018-19 (\$47,044.26), and 2019-20 (\$50,155.80). These amounts will be included in the budgets for each of the aforementioned fiscal years.

**MULTI-FAMILY TOILET REBATE PROGRAM**

The Board authorized staff to administer a Multi-Family Toilet Rebate Program utilizing MWDOC's allocation of Metropolitan's Member Agency administered funding.

**TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, DC TO COVER FEDERAL INITIATIVES**

The Board received and filed the report.

**TRAVEL TO SACRAMENTO TO COVER STATE INITIATIVES**

The Board received and filed the report.

**H.R. 23 (VALADAO, R-CA) – GAINING RESPONSIBILITY ON WTAER ACT OF 2017**

The Board adopted a support position on H.R. 23 and directed staff to send a letter to the bill's author and members of the Orange County Congressional delegation.

**AUTHORIZE THE HIRING OF TEMPORARY HELP TO ASSIST WITH RECORDS MANAGEMENT SCANNING**

The Board authorized the services of Staffing Network and Matrix Imaging to assist with Records Management scanning of District records.

**AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT THE CALIFORNIA WATER POLICY 26, SAN DIEGO, CA, APRIL 6-7, 2017**

The Board authorized attendance for Directors and such members of District staff as approved by the General Manager at the California Water Policy 26 conference.

**END CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF WORK FOR THE OC WATER RELIABILITY STUDY 2017 UPDATE**

Responding to an inquiry by Director Barbre, Assistant General Manager Karl Seckel advised that the Poseidon Desalination Project was not earmarked as a potential project in the OC Water Reliability Study, as the Study included projects that had a greater likelihood of success in the short-term. He also noted that two issues identified with the Poseidon Project are (1) it provides more reliability than needed in Orange County; and (2) decreasing demands on the Diemer Plant would create unintended consequences, such as issues with water quality. Director Barbre expressed his belief that the Poseidon Project should be included, noting his belief that it has a greater likelihood of success than the Carson Project. Mr. Seckel advised that the additional update to the Study would include an analysis on when, or at what point, the Poseidon Project

would make sense. Following this clarification/discussion, and upon MOTION by Director Barbre, seconded by Director Thomas, and carried (7-0), the Board increased the authorization to CDM-Smith by \$44,013 to complete \$81,590 in additional work on updating various aspects of the 2016 OC Water Reliability Study, using \$37,577 that was remaining from the prior authorization. The work is expected to take about 4 to 5 months to complete. Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, Osborne, Yoo Schneider, Tamaribuchi & Thomas voted in favor.

## **ACTION CALENDAR**

### **ACWA/JPIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – REQUEST FOR CONCURRING RESOLUTIONS**

Director Finnegan recommended the District concur in the nominations of all four candidates, namely, Fred Adjarian (El Toro Water District), Paul Dorey (Vista Irrigation District), Kathleen Tieg (Cucamonga Valley Water District), and Melody Henriques- McDonald (San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District). Several Board members concurred, expressing priority support for Fred Adjarian.

Upon MOTION by Director Finnegan, seconded by Director Barbre, and carried (7-0), the Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2044, concurring in the nomination of Fred Adjarian to the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee, RESOLUTION NO. 2045, concurring in the nomination of Paul Dorey to the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee, RESOLUTION NO. 2046, concurring in the nomination of Kathleen Tieg to the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee, and RESOLUTION NO. 2047, concurring in the nomination of Melody Henriques-McDonald to the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee. Said RESOLUTIONS were adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, Osborne, Yoo Schneider, Tamaribuchi & Thomas  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: None  
 ABSTAIN: None

## **INFORMATION CALENDAR**

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, MARCH 2017**

General Manager Hunter advised that the General Manager's report was included in the Board packet.

President Osborne commented that due to drought conditions last year, the Colorado River supplies were at 100% pumping capacity (in an effort to save or reduce deliveries from the State Water Project) and he inquired as to whether that would change as a result of the current above-average rainfall/snow pack. Director Barbre advised that MET is pumping 100% State Water Project Water through its treatment plants, storage facilities are being filled (Diamond Valley Lake is at 80%), and that it is anticipated that Lake Powell supplies will increase approximately 60 feet. Mr. Barbre also noted that currently MET's Table A Allocation is currently set at 60%, but may increase to 80%; MET will know more in April.

General Manager Hunter advised that staff is seeking input on the fiscal year 2017-18 budget, that MWDOC will host its Water Policy Dinner at the Great Wolf Lodge on March 30 (with Jeff Kightlinger as main speaker, and will include a segment honoring Legal Counsel Russ Behrens). He also advised that MWDOC will host its Elected Officials Forum on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Hunter noted that the new WEROC Emergency Program Coordinator will begin employment soon, and, as a result, MWDOC will be fully staffed.

The Board received and filed the report as presented.

## **MWDOC GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board members each reported on their attendance at the regular (and special) MWDOC Board and Committee meetings. In addition to these meetings, the following reports were made on conferences and meetings attended on behalf of the District.

Director Dick reported that he attended the Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop Board and Regular Board meetings, and the Special Board Meeting. He also reported on attending the MWDOC MET Director meetings, the MET Committee and Board meetings, the ISDOC workshop and ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, a meeting with Dick Ackerman, the Rancho California Agricultural Conference, the OC Taxpayers Association meeting, and the Urban Water Institute Conference.

Director Finnegan advised that she attended the Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and the Public Affairs & Legislation Committee meetings, as well as the Special Board meeting (regarding the General Manager's performance evaluation), and the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting.

Director Yoo Schneider reported on attending all MWDOC Board and Committee meetings, the South Coast Water District Board meeting, a legislative trip to Washington, DC, a MET inspection trip of the San Jacinto Tunnel, a meeting with Emerald Bay, a meeting with Orange County Water District, and a meeting with Santa Margarita Water District. She also reported on upcoming meetings, including a CSDA Governance Training, a meeting with Inside the Outdoors regarding the Education Program, and an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) meeting.

Director Thomas stated that he attended the MWDOC Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Board meetings, Water Summit planning meeting(s), a meeting with Trabuco Canyon Water District, a meeting with the South County agencies, and advised that he will be attending the Santa Margarita Water District Committee meeting later in the week. He encouraged all to register and attend the Water Summit which will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Californian Hotel in Anaheim.

Director Tamaribuchi noted his attendance at all of the MWDOC Board and Committee meetings (except the Administration & Finance Committee), the meeting with South County agencies, the ACWA Legislative Conference in Washington, DC, the ACWA Legislative Symposium in Sacramento, and the OCBC Legislative trip to Sacramento.

Director Barbre reported that he attended the following meetings in his capacity as a MWDOC Director: the Board meeting, the Executive, Public Affairs & Legislation, Planning & Operations, and Administration & Finance Committee meetings, the Trabuco Canyon Water District Board meeting, a meeting with Phil Hawkins, the ACWA Legislative conference in Washington, DC, and the WACO meeting. In his capacity as a MET Director, he attended: a planning meeting for an upcoming Colorado River Aqueduct inspection trip, the Steve Anderson Dedication Ceremony at the City of La Habra treatment reservoir, he hosted a State Water Project inspection trip, he attended the MET Board and Committee days (second Monday/Tuesday), the MET Committees (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday), a hearing of the Natural Resources Committee (in DC), a Committee meeting and met with legislative staff while in Washington, DC, the MWDOC/MET Directors meeting, the Inland Empire Caucus meeting, a meeting with Pat Scanlon and Bill Gedney (Golden State Water Company), noting that Mr. Gedney has been appointed as a MET Director from Central Basin Municipal Water District.

Director Finnegan noted her attendance at the ISDOC Workshop, the MWDOC Board meetings, the Planning & Operations, Public Affairs & Legislation, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, and the WACO Planning Committee meeting. She announced that the next ISDOC luncheon would be held on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Director Dick reported on attending the following meetings: the MWDOC Workshop Board meeting, the Executive, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Planning & Operations Committee meetings, a planning meeting for the MET Local Resources Program (LRP), a meeting with MET legal counsel regarding the San Diego litigation, the OC Taxpayers Association meeting, the MWDOC/MET Directors meeting, the MET Board and Committee meetings. He commended Mr. Hunter for his presentation regarding the California WaterFix at a recent meeting with the City of Garden Grove while he was out of town.

Director Osborne stated that he attended the MWDOC Board and Committee meetings, the OC Water Summit planning meeting (February 27), the WACO meeting (March 3), and the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting.

Responding to an inquiry by President Osborne, Director Barbre gave a brief overview of the recent ACWA Legislative trip to DC, noting the luncheon was well attended by the legislators and was a worthwhile effort.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Osborne adjourned the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary