

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

August 2, 2017

At 8:30 a.m. Vice President Barbre 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. MET General Manager Jeff Kightlinger led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll. Mr. Barbre advised that President Osborne asked him to Chair the meeting, due to President Osborne's need to leave the meeting early.

MWDOC DIRECTORS

Brett R. Barbre*
Larry Dick*
Joan Finnegan
Wayne Osborne
Megan Yoo Schneider
Sat Tamaribuchi
Jeffery M. Thomas (absent)

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
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency
Damon Micalizzi, Dir. Of Public Affairs
Jonathan Volzke, Public Affairs Manager
Chris Lingad, Water Resources Analyst
Bryce Roberto, Public Affairs Assistant

*Also MWDOC MET Directors

OTHER MWDOC MET DIRECTORS

Larry McKenney
Linda Ackerman

OTHERS PRESENT

Jeff Kightlinger
Richard Bell
Fred Adjarian
Mark Monin
Jose Vergara
Mike Dunbar
Mark Lewis
Ken Vecchiarelli
Steve LaMar
Doug Reinhart
Peer Swan
Paul Cook
Paul Weghorst
Debbie Neev
Rena Hinchey
Jim Atkinson
Jim Fisler

Metropolitan Water District of So. Cal.
East Orange County Water District
El Toro Water District
El Toro Water District
El Toro Water District
Emerald Bay Service District
City of Fountain Valley/LBCWD
Golden State Water Company
Irvine Ranch Water District
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Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Laguna Beach County Water District
Laguna Beach County Water District
Mesa Water
Mesa Water

Richard Fiore	Moulton Niguel Water District
Don Froelich	Moulton Niguel Water District
Mike Markus	Orange County Water District
Dennis Erdman	South Coast Water District
Rick Erkeneff	South Coast Water District
Bill Green	South Coast Water District
Andy Brunhart	South Coast Water District
Brooke Jones	Yorba Linda Water District
Al Nederhood	Yorba Linda Water District
Marc Marcantonio	Yorba Linda Water District
Ed Means	Means Consulting
Kelly Rowe	Water Resources Consultant
Kathryn Freshley	LWV
Fred O'Callaghan	CalTech
Stephanie Pacheco	R4RD

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

No comments were received.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

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

No comments were received and no reports were given.

SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS ON THE CALIFORNIA WATERFIX – PRESENTATION BY METROPOLITAN GENERAL MANAGER JEFF KIGHTLINGER

MET General Manager Jeff Kightlinger provided information and an overview of modernizing the State’s water delivery system (California WaterFix). He advised that the existing facilities have faced regulatory pumping restrictions which have reduced flexibility and exporting capabilities, and that the California WaterFix will provide a more flexible intake system, and will add approximately one-half million acre feet capability (in comparison to losing approximately

one-half million acre feet of capability without the WaterFix). Mr. Kightlinger also provided information on the benefits of the WaterFix which included less water flowing to the ocean during very wet seasons, as well as enhanced water quality benefits, flow protection, improvements to the fish habitats, reduced seismic risk, and will assist with sea level rise adaptation. Mr. Kightlinger highlighted the fact that the WaterFix was reconfigured to lessen impacts to Delta communities including reduced visual impacts, increased use of state-owned property, eliminating pumping plant facilities at new intakes, eliminating powerlines and reducing power requirements, and eliminating facilities on Staten Island to protect wildlife habitats and bird-watching activities.

Considerable discussion ensued, with specific emphasis on permitting issues, MET's cost analysis and potential bond issuances, water quality, political issues the WaterFix may face with a new Governor, beneficiaries of the WaterFix, seismic improvements, and how this project is beneficial to the environment. It was noted that MET Assistant General Manager/Treasurer, Gary Breaux, would present MET's cost analysis at the September 6, 2017 Workshop Board meeting, and that the MET Board will consider taking action in support of the WaterFix on September 26, 2017.

MET Directors Ackerman, Barbre, Dick, and McKenney all voiced support for the WaterFix. Director Barbre advised that Mr. Roger Patterson would be the featured speaker (on the WaterFix) at MWDOC's Water Policy Forum on August 30, 2017 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Garden Grove.

The Board thanked Mr. Kightlinger for his presentation and received and filed the report.

CALIFORNIA WATERFIX – MWDOC MEMBER AGENCY UPDATE

Director of Public Affairs, Damon Micalizzi, reported that 22 of MWDOC's member agencies have adopted support positions on the WaterFix, as well as the Orange County Business Council, Association of California Cities Orange County, and various Chambers of Commerce.

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
- h. South County Projects

The Board highlighted the MET's Cyclic Storage Program and its benefits to Orange County, received and filed the information as presented.

METROPOLITAN (MET) BOARD AND COMMITTEE AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Summary regarding July MET Board Meetings
- 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 9:56 a.m.

Maribeth Goldsby
Board Secretary