

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

October 4, 2017

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. Mr. Steve LaMar led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

**MWDOC DIRECTORS**

Brett R. Barbre\*  
Larry Dick\* (absent)  
Joan Finnegan  
Wayne Osborne  
Megan Yoo Schneider (absent)  
Sat Tamaribuchi  
Jeffery 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  
Damon Micalizzi, Dir. Of Public Affairs  
Chris Lingad, Water Resources Analyst

\*Also MWDOC MET Directors

**OTHER MWDOC MET DIRECTORS**

Larry McKenney  
Linda Ackerman

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Brent Yamasaki  
Fred Adjarian  
Mark Monin  
Jose Vergara  
Mike Dunbar  
Steve LaMar  
Paul Cook  
Paul Weghorst  
Jim Atkinson  
Don Froelich  
John Kennedy  
Rick Erkeneff  
Andy Brunhart  
Brooke Jones  
Al Nederhood  
Marc Marcantonio  
Ed Means  
Liz Mendelson-Goossens

Metropolitan Water District of Southern Cal.  
El Toro Water District  
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El Toro Water District  
Emerald Bay Service District  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
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Irvine Ranch Water District  
Mesa Water  
Moulton Niguel Water District  
Orange County Water District  
South Coast Water District  
South Coast Water District  
Yorba Linda Water District  
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Yorba Linda Water District  
Means Consulting  
San Diego County Water Authority

**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.

No items were distributed.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

President Osborne 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**

Director McKenney noted that the main topic at MET continues to be the CA WaterFix and he provided a brief overview of MET's Workshop on the WaterFix. Mr. McKenney also noted MET's issues with its Ethics office.

Director Barbre noted that the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) litigation was denied by the California Supreme Court and that MWDOC sent a letter to SDCWA/MET Directors (copying all of the SDCWA agencies) encouraging a more collaborative working relationship going forward (rather than litigious). He voiced concern that it might not be well-received by SDCWA. If that is the case, he suggested that the MWDOC Board consider adopting a Resolution for submission to MET Chairman Record suggesting that MET convene a negotiating committee between MET and SDCWA to discuss and begin the process for SDCWA to leave MET.

Director Ackerman highlighted the recent MET Workshop on the CA WaterFix, expressing disappointment in some MET agencies who are not stronger in their support for the WaterFix.

Discussion ensued regarding the California WaterFix, when the MET Board will consider the vote to support the WaterFix (October 10), the SDCWA litigation and need for collaboration between SDCWA and MET (and its agencies), and how the Westlands Water District vote to oppose the WaterFix may or may not affect the project.

**PRESENTATION BY BRENT YAMASAKI OF METROPOLITAN REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE OROVILLE DAM SPILLWAY REPAIR**

Mr. Brent Yamasaki provided a status update on the Oroville spillway emergency recovery project. His report included an overview of the background on Lake Oroville, the spillway incident and associated damages (along with potential factors to the incident), the response and cleanup, the Oroville Spillways Emergency Recovery Project (Project), the forensic evaluation, potential supply impacts, and an update on costs. Mr. Yamasaki spent considerable time explaining the Project, which includes a phased-in construction strategy (over a two-year period), an interim 100,000 cfs design flow objective, and will address erosion concerns. Mr. Yamasaki advised that lessons learned will be incorporated into the new spillway (drainage and underdrain lines), that impacts depend on hydrology, that the cleanup costs are estimated at \$250 million, and that the Project cost estimate is \$275 million (with unknown costs to be added later – change orders, additional contracts or staff time, FEMA reimbursements, and other potential federal/state funding). He stated that work is progressing quickly, that there has been extensive collaboration and coordination, and that MET will continue to monitor the progress and adapt to future conditions.

A question/answer period followed the presentation with specific emphasis on costs, maintenance issues, public confidence in the State's ability to maintain the infrastructure, and the need to inspect all of the dams and spillways. Mr. Hunter stated that although there were issues with the spillway, the dam and spillway functioned properly.

The Board thanked Mr. Yamasaki for his presentation and 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 received and filed the information as presented.

**METROPOLITAN (MET) BOARD AND COMMITTEE AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. Summary regarding August 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 9:55 a.m.

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Maribeth Goldsby  
Board Secretary