

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
November 2, 2017

At 6:00 p.m., President Osborne called to order the Special Meeting of the Municipal Water District of Orange County Board of Directors Board Room at the District facilities, 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, California. Mr. Mark Lewis (representing both Fountain Valley and Laguna Beach County Water District) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MWDOC DIRECTORS

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

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Hunter, General Manager
Karl Seckel, Assistant General Manager
Maribeth Goldsby, Board Secretary
Harvey De La Torre, Prin. Water Res. Planner
Joe Berg, Water Use Eff. Programs Mgr.
Damon Micalizzi, Dir. of Public Affairs
Heather Baez, Government Affairs Manager

ALSO PRESENT

Larry McKenney
Linda Ackerman
Doug Davert
John Sears
Lisa Ohlund
Cheryl Brothers
Scott Goldman
Jose Vergara
Brian Ragland
Doug Reinhart
Paul Weghorst
Mark Lewis
Jim Atkinson
Duane Cave
Matt Collings
Scott Colton
Richard Fiore
Don Froelich
Gary Kurtz
Brian Probolsky
Drew Atwater
Bruce Whittaker
John Kennedy
Chuck Gibson
Saundra Jacobs
Robert Grantham
Schelly Sustarsic
Greg Mills
Brad Reese
Jerry Vilander
Dennis Erdman

MWDOC MET Director
MWDOC/MET Director
East Orange County Water District
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East Orange County Water District
City of Fountain Valley
El Toro Water District
El Toro Water District
City of Huntington Beach
Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Laguna Beach CWD/City of Fountain Valley
Mesa Water
Moulton Niguel Water District
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Orange County Water District
Orange County Water District
Santa Margarita Water District
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Santa Margarita Water District
City of Seal Beach
Serrano Water District
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Serrano Water District
South Coast Water District

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| Rick Erkeneff | South Coast Water District |
| Bill Green | South Coast Water District |
| Stephen Dopudja | Trabuco Canyon Water District |
| Mike Safranski | Trabuco Canyon Water District |
| Hector Ruiz | Trabuco Canyon Water District |
| Al Nederhood | Yorba Linda Water District |
| J. Wayne Miller | Yorba Linda Water District |
| Marc Marcantonio | Yorba Linda Water District |
| Linda Whittaker | |
| Dick Ackerman | Ackerman Consulting |
| Brian Lochrie | |
| Liz Mendelson-Goossens | San Diego County Water Authority |
| Chris Palmer | California Special Districts Association |

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

Following a brief introduction, President Osborne invited introductions around the room.

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL DISTRICT LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION’S DISTRICT OF DISTINCTION AWARD

Mr. Chris Palmer of California Special Districts Association presented the Board with the Special District Leadership Foundation’s District of Distinction award.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

DISCUSSION WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM MWDOC’S MEMBER AGENCIES REGARDING KEY REGIONAL ISSUES AND KEY ORANGE COUNTY ISSUES, INCLUDING THE CALIFORNIA WATERFIX, THE MET/SDCWA LITIGATION (APPEAL), CHANGES TO MWDOC’S BUDGET PROCESS, AND REGIONAL AND LOCAL STORAGE

President Osborne stated that the evening would consist of a short presentation by General Manager Robert Hunter, and the remainder of the meeting would consist of open dialogue/questions between the Board and audience. The following topics were covered:

- California WaterFix
- Regional and Local Storage.
- San Diego County Water Authority/MET Litigation Status
- MWDOC’s Budget Process

Mr. Hunter began the evening with a presentation and overview of the California WaterFix (Fix) and discussion ensued regarding the current percentage of agencies supporting/opposing the Fix, the importance of the Fix to State’s water supply and infrastructure, and next steps toward approval of the Fix.

Mr. Hunter then provided an overview of the regional water supply, including MET storage levels, and an update on the Oroville Spillway repairs. Discussion was held regarding the

importance of local projects (desalination, recycling, and conservation) as well as Governor Brown's Conservation is a Way of Life legislation, its effects on Orange County, and again, the importance of the WaterFix to improve the region's water supplies.

An overview of the five lawsuits filed against MET by SDCWA was presented by Mr. Hunter. He advised that the Supreme Court recently denied the SDCWA appeal on the Capacity and RTS charges and that MWDOC sent a letter to the SDCWA Board and member agencies highlighting the opportunity for a more collaborative working relationship with SDCWA, and that although MWDOC has not received a response, representatives from both MET and SDCWA will meet in an attempt to resolve some issues.

Mr. Hunter concluded his presentations with an overview of MWDOC's budget process, noting that as a result of discussions last year, MWDOC has opted to start the budget process one month earlier (December rather than January) and anticipates adopting a final budget in April (rather than May). He advised that those in attendance would have the opportunity to comment/review the budget at the Administration & Finance Committee meetings, and that the draft final budget will be presented at the April 2018 Elected Officials Forum.

SMWD Director Chuck Gibson referenced a letter he submitted to General Manager Hunter regarding a legislative policy statement on water conservation and efficiency; President Osborne advised it would be addressed at the next Public Affairs & Legislation Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Osborne adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary