

**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 5, 2018

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

**MWDOC DIRECTORS**

Brett R. Barbre\*  
Larry Dick\*  
Joan Finnegan  
Wayne Osborne (absent)  
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, Secretary  
Harvey De La Torre, Associate General Manager  
Melissa Baum-Haley, Sr. Water Resource Analyst  
Kevin Hostert, Water Resources Analyst  
Joe Berg, Dir. of Water Use Efficiency  
Charles Busslinger, Principal Engineer

\*Also MWDOC MET Directors

**OTHER MWDOC MET DIRECTORS**

Larry McKenney

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mark Monin  
Jose Vergara  
Mike Dunbar  
Ken Vecchiarelli  
Doug Reinhart  
Paul Weghorst  
Jim Atkinson  
Jim Fisler  
Mike Markus  
John Kennedy  
Kelly Rowe  
Rick Erkeneff  
Dennis Erdman  
Bill Green  
Brooke Jones  
Liz Mendelson-Goossens  
Ed Means

El Toro Water District  
El Toro Water District  
Emerald Bay Service District  
Golden State Water Company  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Mesa Water  
Mesa Water  
Orange County Water District  
Orange County Water District  
Orange County Water District  
South Coast Water District  
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Yorba Linda Water District  
San Diego County Water Authority  
Means Consulting

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

No public comments were received.

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

No items were distributed.

## **PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

Director Ackerman advised that November was a fairly light month at MET, but that the continuing major issues include the California WaterFix and the Drought Contingency Plan.

Director McKenney highlighted MET's Conservation & Local Resources Committee's discussion regarding high technology tools (aerial imagery) for irrigation.

Director Dick noted that the Board elected its Board Secretary, Leticia Vasquez-Wilson (Central Basin Municipal Water District).

President Barbre highlighted activities relating to the California WaterFix and the Delta Stewardship Council.

### **WATER SUPPLY UPDATE**

MWDOC Water Resources Analyst, Kevin Hostert, provided a presentation on the U.S. drought monitor, climate outlook, Santa Ana precipitation statistics, northern California Accumulated precipitation, storage level data throughout the state, the State Water Project Table A allocations (currently at 10%), and MET estimated storage levels.

Following the presentation, the Board received and filed the report as presented.

## **DISCUSSION OF A METROPOLITAN IN-LIEU DELIVERY PROGRAM**

Associate General Manager Harvey De La Torre provided an overview on MET's potential In-Lieu Delivery Program, noting such a program would provide operational flexibility to maximize storage during surplus conditions, provide opportunities to enhance groundwater basin levels, and add to MET's multiple storage programs.

Mr. De La Torre's presentation included information on the Cyclic Storage Program (including a summary of water deliveries), an overview of the 2017 water year, and an overview of the 2017-18 Limited-Term In-Lieu Program. He highlighted the main terms of proposed In-Lieu Deliver Program which include (1) provides the General Manager the authority to enter into agreements, (2) member agencies would accept supplies in addition to base deliveries, (3) supplies would be purchased within five years at full service untreated rate on an agreed upon schedule, and (4) would include certifications/reconciliations. Mr. De La Torre concluded his presentation with an overview of the financial terms (credit up to \$225/af, member agency would be billed treatment surcharge, credit and reconciliation terms, and member agency pays full service rate on a defined schedule).

Discussion ensued following the presentation, with specific emphasis on surface storage (in addition to groundwater storage), the importance of such a program, and how the MET member agencies feel about the program (positive feedback)

The Board received and filed the report as presented.

## **CALIFORNIA WATERFIX ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

Sr. Water Resources Analyst Melissa Baum-Haley updated the Board on the status of the State Resources Control Board and Delta Stewardship Council activities, noting that Governor-Elect Newsom, along with Governor Brown requested a postponement of the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan (to December 12<sup>th</sup>).

The Board received and filed the staff report without any discussion.

## **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 Meetings
- b. Review items of significance for the upcoming MET Board and Committee Agendas

The Board received and filed the information.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

District Designated Representatives: Joseph Byrne, Legal Counsel

Unrepresented Employee: General Manager

At 9:34 a.m., the Board adjourned to closed session to confer with Legal Counsel regarding labor negotiations with respect to the General Manager.

**RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened at 10:09 a.m., and Legal Counsel Byrne announced that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

**CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL MANAGER CONTRACT**

Upon MOTION by Director Dick, seconded by Director Tamaribuchi, and carried (5-0), the Board awarded the General Manager a 4.5% salary increase, authorized technical changes to the General Manager's contract, as well as changes to align with the Administrative Code, as presented by Legal Counsel, and authorized the General Manager's vacation accrual/implementation to mirror the employee's vacation accrual (with the General Manager's maximum vacation cap remaining at 300 hours, and the contract term remaining through September 8, 2021). Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, Tamaribuchi, and Yoo Schneider voted in favor. Directors Osborne and Thomas were absent.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

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Maribeth Goldsby  
Board Secretary