

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
August 15, 2018**

At 8:30 a.m., President Barbre 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 (absent)
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
Damon Micalizzi, Dir. of Public Affairs
Hilary Chumpitazi, Accounting Manager
Lina Gunawan, Sr. Accountant

ALSO PRESENT

Larry McKenney
Linda Ackerman
Jose Vergara
Jim Atkinson
Jim Fidler
Dennis Erdman
Al Nederhood
Brooke Jones

MWDOC MET Director
MWDOC MET Director
El Toro Water District
Mesa Water
Mesa Water
South Coast Water District
Yorba Linda Water District
Yorba Linda Water District

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENT

President Barbre 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. Barbre asked whether there were any comments on other items which would be heard at this time.

No comments were received.

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

No items were received.

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.

No items were distributed.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD

President Barbre, along with General Manager Hunter, presented Sr. Accountant, Lina Gunawan with an award for ten-years of service to the District.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Director Yoo Schneider pulled Item No. 5 (Authorize Extension of Agreement for Social Media Consulting Services for up to Six Months) from the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

President Barbre advised that due to a typo, revised Minutes to the July 18, 2018 Board meeting (Item No. 1b) will replace the Minutes in the Board packet.

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Finnegan, and carried (6-0), the Board approved the balance of Consent Calendar items as follows. Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, Yoo Schneider, Tamaribuchi, and Thomas voted in favor; Directors Osborne was absent.

MINUTES

The following minutes were approved.

- July 3, 2018 Workshop Board Meeting
- July 18, 2018 Regular Board Meeting (as revised)

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

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

- Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: July 2, 2018
- Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: July 11, 2018
- Public Affairs & Legislation Committee Meeting: July 16, 2018
- Executive Committee Meeting: July 19, 2018
- MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee Meeting: July 25, 2018

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

- MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of July 31, 2018
- MWDOC Disbursement Registers (July/August)

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 June 30, 2018

PARS Monthly Statement (OPEB Trust)

Water Use Efficiency Projects Cash Flow

FINANCIAL REPORT

The following items were received and filed as presented.

Draft Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the period ending June 30, 2018

Quarterly Budget Review (deferred to FY 2017-18 Audited Annual Financials)

REVISION TO MWDOC ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 8000

The Board approved the revision to MWDOC Administrative Code Section 8000.

TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, DC TO COVER FEDERAL ADVOCACY INITIATIVES

The Board approved the travel expenses as reported.

TRAVEL TO SACRAMENTO TO COVER STATE ADVOCACY ISSUES

The Board ratified the travel expenses as reported.

- END CONSENT CALENDAR -

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT FOR SOCIAL MEDIA CONSULTING SERVICES FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS

Director Yoo Schneider stated that she pulled this item from the Consent Calendar because of her intention to vote no.

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Finnegan, and carried (5-1), the Board authorized the General Manager to extend the agreement with HashtagPinpoint Corporation (#P) to provide Social Media Consulting Services to the District. This agreement secures services currently provided by #P on a month to month basis for a period of up to six months, or until the District's current Request For Proposals (RFP) process for Strategic Digital Communications Services - No. PA0618-001 - has concluded. Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, Tamaribuchi, and Thomas voted in favor; Director Yoo Schneider opposed.

ACTION CALENDAR**AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT THE WEFTEC CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 3, 2018, NEW ORLEANS, LA**

Director Yoo Schneider noted that the Committee (by a 2-1 vote) recommended the Board authorize attendance by one Director only. Director Yoo Schneider made MOTION for the Board to approve the staff recommendation (to authorize attendance by one Director and one staff member), or authorize attendance by staff only. Director Tamaribuchi seconded the MOTION.

Discussion ensued regarding the benefits derived from the conference and the need to appropriately budget for such conferences.

Directors Dick and Barbre commented that they support authorizing attendance at such conferences by Directors, but that they hesitate to authorize staff attendance due to the fact that the organization was not included in the budget and MWDOC is not a member. Director Finnegan concurred, noting her support for the Committee recommendation.

Director Thomas indicated his support for Director Yoo Schneider's MOTION.

Director Yoo Schneider commented that attendance would provide staff the opportunity to showcase MWDOC's Programs (e.g., water use efficiency, school program, etc.), and she asked for the Board's support of her MOTION.

The MOTION failed by a vote of 3-3, with Directors Yoo Schneider, Tamaribuchi, and Thomas voting in favor, and Directors Barbre, Dick, and Finnegan opposed.

Director Thomas then made a MOTION, which was seconded by Director Finnegan, and carried (6-0), to authorize attendance by one Director only (no staff) at the WEFTEC Conference to be held September 29-October 3, 2018 in New Orleans, LA. Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, Yoo Schneider, Tamaribuchi, and Thomas voted in favor. Director Osborne was absent.

H.R. 6147 – DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Director Thomas made a MOTION, which was seconded by Director Finnegan, for the Board to adopt a support position on language in Section 441 of H.R. 6147 (Calvert-CA), the House Appropriations bill for the Department of Interior, and send a letter to Congressman Valadao expressing MWDOC's position.

Discussion ensued, with Directors Tamaribuchi and Yoo Schneider expressing opposition to the language, noting it may dilute MWDOC's position on the California WaterFix. Director Tamaribuchi noted he did not see any benefit for supporting this language and Director Yoo Schneider expressed the importance of the environmental review process.

Director Dick requested further information regarding the pros/cons of a support position on the language (as he was not present during the Board and Committee's prior discussions).

Director Barbre expressed support for the language.

Following further discussion regarding the pros and cons of the language, Director Dick commented that he would like to hear MET’s opinion on the language prior to the MWDOC Board vote and he requested that the item return to the Public Affairs & Legislation Committee in September. The Board generally concurred, and Director Thomas withdrew his MOTION. This item will return to Committee in September.

ISDOC CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

President Barbre reported that Director Finnegan expressed interested in serving another term as ISDOC Treasurer.

Upon MOTION by Director Tamaribuchi, seconded by Director Dick, and carried (6-0), the Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2074, nominating Joan C. Finnegan as ISDOC Treasurer, by the following roll call vote:

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

INFORMATION CALENDAR

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, AUGUST 2018

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

Mr. Hunter highlighted the Strand Ranch Project, noting that he has given presentations/updates to various member agencies on the Project; he advised that presentations/updates were available to all of MWDOC’s Member Agencies.

The Board received and filed the report as presented.

MWDOC GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

a. 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 on attending the following meetings: the MWDOC MET Director caucus, the MET Executive Committee meeting, the MWDO/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meeting, the Urban Water Institute conference, the South Orange County Economic Coalition meeting, the OCBC meeting, a meeting with Feedy Mares, the Mimi Walters breakfast event, the Planning & Operations Committee meeting, the Planning & Operations Committee meeting, and the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting.

Director Finnegan reported on attending all of MWDOC’s regularly scheduled meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive Committee

meetings, the MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meeting, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), as well as the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting. She announced that Hank Panion's Celebration of Life would be held on August 17, 2018, and Phil Anthony's Celebration of Life would be held on August 19, 2018.

Director Tamaribuchi advised that he attended all of MWDOC's regularly scheduled meetings, except the Public Affairs & Legislation and Executive Committee meetings, (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the CCEEB Summer Issues Seminar, the CCEEB Plenary meeting, the Mimi Walters breakfast event, and the WACO meeting.

Director Thomas stated that he attended all of MWDOC's regularly scheduled meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meeting, a meeting regarding the Cadiz Project, and a meeting regarding the Poseidon Desalination Project.

Director Yoo Schneider advised that she attended the following meetings: the Executive Committee meeting, the Women In Water meeting, the MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meeting, the CCEEB Summer Issues Seminar, the Workshop Board meeting, the Southern California OC Watershed Management Executive Committee meeting, the Planning & Operations Committee meeting, a meeting with EOCWD, a meeting with MET staff, the San Juan Basin Authority meeting, and the Mimi Walters breakfast event.

Director Barbre advised that he submitted a written report to Secretary Goldsby. He noted that the written report included the following meetings in his capacity as MET Director: the MWDOC MET Director caucus luncheon, the MWDOC MET Director caucus (first Wednesday) meeting, the MET Board and Committee meetings, the MET fourth Tuesday Committee meetings, a meeting with Ken Khachigian regarding the Cadiz Project, and a meeting with Scott Maloni regarding Poseidon. In his capacity as MWDOC Director he attended the following meetings: the Workshop and Regular Board meetings, the Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, Executive, and MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meetings, a meeting with Senator Herzberg, the YLWD/MWDO/OCWD bi-monthly meeting, and a meeting with Rob Hunter, Karl Seckel and Scott Maloni.

B. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

Director Dick requested that due to the high cost of elections, the issue of requiring special district candidates to gather signatures to qualify for the ballot be agendized for a future Public Affairs & Legislation Committee meeting. It was noted that staff would confer with legal counsel.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Barbre adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m. in memory of ETWD Director Scott Colton.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary