

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
June 20, 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 Finnegan 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 (absent)

**STAFF**

Robert Hunter, General Manager  
Karl Seckel, Assistant General Manager  
Joe Byrne, Legal Counsel  
Maribeth Goldsby, Board Secretary  
Harvey De La Torre, Associate General Manager  
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency  
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs  
Chris Lingad, Water Resources Analyst  
Traci Muldoon, Public Affairs Assistant  
Heather Baez, Governmental Affairs Manager  
Francisco Soto, WEROC Emerg. Programs Coord.  
Bryce Roberto, Public Affairs Coordinator

**ALSO PRESENT**

Larry McKenney  
Jose Vergara  
Dennis Erdman  
Rick Shintaku  
Al Nederhood  
Brooke Jones  
Marc Marcantonio  
Samuel Norman

MWDOC MET Director  
El Toro Water District  
South Coast Water District  
South Coast Water District  
Yorba Linda Water District  
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**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.

General Manager Hunter advised that a letter from Inland Empire Waterkeeper and Orange County CoastKeeper opposing the California WaterFix Rider (Item 9-3/Department of Interior Appropriations Language – California Water Infrastructure) was distributed to the Board and made available to the public.

**MWDOC POSTER CONTEST**

President Barbre, along with Director Tamaribuchi, and Public Affairs Assistant Traci Muldoon, presented Samuel Norman, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader from Sierra Vista Middle School with an award for his creative poster, stating that Samuel Norman was one of the top 40 winners in Orange County. (It was noted that he was not able to attend the Poster Contest Award Ceremony held earlier in the month.)

**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.

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Finnegan, and carried (5-0), the Board approved the Consent Calendar items as follows. Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, Tamaribuchi, and Thomas voted in favor; Directors Osborne and Yoo Schneider were absent.

**MINUTES**

The following minutes were approved.

- May 2, 2018 Workshop Board Meeting
- May 16, 2018 Regular Board Meeting

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

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

- Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: May 14, 2018
- Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: May 9, 2018
- Public Affairs & Legislation Committee Meeting: May 21, 2018
- Executive Committee Meeting: May 17, 2018

**TREASURER'S REPORTS**

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

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

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 April 30, 2018

PARS Monthly Statement (OPEB Trust)

Water Use Efficiency Projects Cash Flow

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The following items were received and filed as presented.

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

**TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, DC TO COVER FEDERAL INITIATIVES**

The Board approved the travel report and expenditures.

**TRAVEL TO SACRAMENTO TO COVER STATE INITIATIVES**

The Board approved the travel report and expenditures.

**2018 CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE – BIENNIAL REVIEW**

The Board approved the changes to the District’s Conflict of Interest Code and authorized staff to submit the 2018 Biennial Review Code changes to the Orange County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, and revise the Administrative Code accordingly.

**AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL DISTRICT CREDIT CARD AND AMENDMENT TO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 2205**

The Board authorized staff to (1) order a credit card for the Public Affairs department with a credit limit of \$5,000; and (2) approved the changes to the Administrative Code Section 2205 regarding credit card authorizations.

**- END CONSENT CALENDAR -**

**ACTION CALENDAR**

**ADOPT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE EMPLOYER PAID MEMBER CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT TO CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CALPERS)**

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Finnegan, and carried (5-0), the Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2073 Establishing the employer (MWD) paid member contribution amount of 0% to CalPERS, effective July 1, 2018; and authorize submission of the Resolution to CalPERS for its records. Said RESOLUTION NO. 2073 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, Tamaribuchi & Thomas

NOES: None  
 ABSENT: Directors Osborne and Yoo Schneider  
 ABSTAIN: None

**SB 998 (DODD) – WATER SHUTOFFS: URBAN AND COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS**

Upon MOTION by Director Finnegan, seconded by Director Thomas, and carried (5-0), the Board voted to change MWDOC’s adopted position of “oppose unless amended” on SB 998 (Dodd) to “oppose”. Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, Tamaribuchi and Thomas voted in favor. Directors Osborne and Yoo Schneider were absent.

**DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS LANGUAGE – CALIFORNIA WATER INFRASTRUCTURE**

President Barbre stated that the proposal to adopt a support position on the Department of Interior’s appropriations language regarding California water infrastructure was before the Board for consideration; he invited public comments.

Representatives from Social Eco Education, Martha Camacho-Rodriguez, Sara Patricia Huzo, and Gerald Cerda, each spoke in opposition to the Department of Interior’s Appropriations Language – California Water Infrastructure, urging the Board to oppose the proposed language.

In response to some of the comments made regarding contaminated water at the retail level, Director Dick highlighted the fact that the same clean water is sold to all of MET’s member agencies.

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Dick, and carried (5-0), the Board adopted a support position on Congressman Ken Calvert’s draft language in the U.S. Department of Interior’s Appropriation Bill related to California Water Infrastructure, and authorized a letter be sent to Congressman Calvert expressing MWDOC’s position. Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, Tamaribuchi and Thomas voted in favor. Directors Osborne and Yoo Schneider were absent.

**SELECTION OF A FIRM TO PROVIDE LEGAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES**

President Barbre stated that the proposal to enter into a contract with Ackerman Consulting for legal and regulatory services was before the Board for consideration. He requested this item be referred to the Executive Committee (on June 21, 2018) for further discussion. The Board generally concurred.

**INFORMATION CALENDAR**

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, JUNE 2018**

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

President Barbre highlighted a Legislative Joint Oversight Hearing on the California WaterFix wherein Heather Baez provided testimony, suggesting that in the future, either Director Tamaribuchi or Barbre should be contacted to provide testimony.

General Manager Hunter thanked the Board and staff for their efforts in hosting a highly successful OC Water Summit (held June 1<sup>st</sup>).

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 Thomas noted his attendance at most of MWDOC's regularly scheduled Committee/Board meetings (Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive Committee meetings, and the Regular Board meeting), several OC Water Summit planning meetings, and the OC Water Summit.

Director Tamaribuchi stated that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive Committee meetings, along with the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), as well as the Ad Hoc Committee meeting regarding Desalination, the Delta Habitat Restoration Committee meeting (OC CoastKeepers), the OC Water Summit, and the Ad Hoc Committee meeting on Basin Member Agency Relations (regarding Emergency Services).

Director Dick advised that he submitted a written report to Secretary Goldsby. The written report included the following meetings: Urban Water Institute meetings, City Planning Commission meeting, the Planning & Operations, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive Committee meetings, the Workshop Board meeting, a meeting with Deven Upadhyay (MET's Chief Operating Officer), the Ad Hoc Committee meeting re Desalination, the MWDOC MET Directors planning meeting, the MET Executive Committee meeting, the OC Taxpayers Association meeting, the OC Water Summit speakers dinner, the OC Water Summit, a meeting with Shane Chapman (MET), the MWDOC MET Directors meeting, the North Meets South Water Tour and conference, and the MET Caucus.

Director Finnegan advised that she attended the Planning & Operations, Public Affairs & Legislation, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings, the OC Water Summit, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, and the Mesa Water Board meeting. She advised that the next ISDOC quarterly luncheon would be held June 28<sup>th</sup>, and encouraged all to attend.

Director Barbre advised that he submitted a written report to Secretary Goldsby. The written report included the following meetings in his capacity as MET Director: a meeting with MET Director Steve Blois, a meeting with Brad Hiltcher (MET), the MWDOC/YLWD/OCWD joint meeting, a meeting with Rick Rios (Brea Treasurer) re MET water rates, a meeting with Scott Maloni (Poseidon), the MWDOC MET Directors caucus (first Wednesday), the MET Caucus (Inland Empire), the MET Board meeting, and the Mesa Water Solar Cup awards. The written report included the following meetings he attended in his capacity as MWDOC Director: the

Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive Committee meetings, the Workshop Board meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee meeting re Desalination, the OCBC legislative trip, the OC Water Summit speakers dinner, the OC Water Summit, the Children's Water Poster awards ceremony, and the Ad Hoc Committee on Basin Member Agency Relations re Emergency Services.

## **B. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

President Barbre highlighted a recent article in the *Los Angeles Times* regarding a community forum held by Congresswoman Nanette Barragan regarding Sativa Los Angeles County Water District distributing dirty (brown) water to its constituents. He suggested that the Sativa Los Angeles County Water District would benefit from AB 2050 and asked that staff agendaize a discussion at an upcoming Public Affairs & Legislation Committee regarding whether any districts in Orange County would benefit from AB 2050.

President Barbre then commented that every member of the MWDOC Board is elected to ensure a safe and reliable water supply, and every MET Director representing Orange County voted in favor of the California WaterFix – also to ensure a safe and reliable water supply to the region.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Barbre adjourned the meeting at 8:56 a.m. in memory of El Toro Water District Bill Kahn who recently passed away.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary