

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
March 21, 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 Joan 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

STAFF

Robert Hunter, General Manager
Karl Seckel, Assistant General Manager
Alisha Winterswyk, Legal Counsel
Maribeth Goldsby, Board Secretary
Harvey De La Torre, Associate General Manager
Melissa Baum-Haley, Sr. Water Resources Analyst
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency
Cathy Harris, Admin. Services Manager
Chris Lingad, Water Resources Analyst
Pat Meszaros, Sr. Executive Assistant

ALSO PRESENT

Larry McKenney
Doug Davert
Doug Reinhart
Jim Fisler
John Kennedy
Don Chadd
Brooke Jones

MWDOC MET Director
East Orange County Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Mesa Water
Orange County Water District
Trabuco Canyon 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.

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.

President Barbre advised that minor revisions were made to Item No. 1(a) (Minutes from the 2/7/18 Workshop Board meeting) and were included in this action. He also advised that he would not be attending the National Water Resources Association Federal Water Issues conference in April (Item No. 8) as originally thought.

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

MINUTES

The following minutes were approved.

- February 7, 2018 Workshop Board Meeting (as revised)
- February 21, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
- February 10, 2018 Special Board Meeting

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

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

- Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: February 5, 2018
- Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: February 14, 2018
- Public Affairs & Legislation Committee Meeting: February 20, 2018
- Executive Committee Meeting: February 22, 2018

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

- MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of February 28, 2018
- MWDOC Disbursement Registers (February/March)

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 January 31, 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 January 31, 2018

Quarterly Budget Report

ORANGE COUNTY QUALIFIED WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPER TRAINING PROGRAM

The Board authorized a one-time payment of \$10,000 to become a Professional Certifying Organization through the Sonoma-Marín Saving Water Partnership, and authorized the General Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with Blue Watchdog Conservation, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for program coordination and classroom instruction.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER COALITION WATERFIX OUTREACH – PHASE 2

The Board authorized a bridge funding contribution to the Southern California Water Coalition WaterFix Outreach-Phase 2 of \$10,000 to help cover costs over the next several months during fiscal year 2017-18, and asked staff to include an additional \$30,000 in funding towards future WaterFix outreach in the 2018-19 budget.

ATTENDANCE AT THE NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION (NWRA) FEDERAL WATER ISSUES CONFERENCE, APRIL 9-11, 2018, WASHINGTON, DC

The Board authorized attendance at the NWRA Federal Water Issues Conference to be held April 9-11, 2018 in Washington, DC.

ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA) – “NO DRINKING WATER TAX” EDUCATION AND OUTREACH CAMPAIGN

The Board authorized a contribution of \$5,000 to ACWA’s statewide outreach campaign.

GRANT TRACKING AND ACQUISITION SERVICES

Upon MOTION by Director Finnegan, seconded by Director Thomas, and carried (5-1), the Board approved the following Consent Calendar item:

The Board authorized the General Manager to enter into a 3-year professional services contract with Soto Resources to provide grant tracking, writing (upon request) and acquisition. The award would be not to exceed \$20,000 in fiscal year 2017-2018, and not to exceed \$36,000 in fiscal year 2018-2019, and not to exceed \$36,000 in fiscal year 2019-2020; total authorization of this contract is \$92,000 over three years. Directors Dick, Finnegan, Yoo Schneider, Thomas, and Tamaribuchi voted in favor; Director Barbre voted no and Director Osborne was absent

END CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION CALENDAR

APPOINTMENT TO THE SANTIAGO AQUEDUCT COMMISSION

Upon MOTION by Director Yoo Schneider, seconded by Director Finnegan, and carried (6-0), the Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2066 approving the appointment of Jeffery M. Thomas as Representative, and Karl Seckel as Alternate to the Santiago Aqueduct Commission, by the following roll call vote:

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

AB 2283 (HOLDEN) – INCOME TAXES; TURF REMOVAL WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Upon MOTION by Director Dick, seconded by Director Finnegan, and carried (6-0), the Board adopted a support position on AB 2283 (Holden). Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, Yoo Schneider, Tamaribuchi & Thomas voted in favor; Director Osborne was absent.

ELECTION OF OC LAFCO SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER AND ALTERNATE

President Barbre advised that the item dealing with the nominations, candidates, and voting in the election of OC LAFCO Special District Member and Alternate was before the Board for consideration. He encouraged any candidates to address the Board.

Director Doug Davert (East Orange County Water District) advised that he is seeking a seat on the OC LAFCO board/commission. He outlined his qualifications and asked the Board to both nominate him for this position and support his candidacy.

Director Jim Fisler (Mesa Water) stated that he is seeking re-election for the Alternate seat on the OC LAFCO board/commission. He also reviewed his qualifications and requested the Board’s support in his candidacy.

Following discussion regarding the LAFCO process, etc., Director Dick noted he would support the committee recommendation.

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Dick, and carried (6-0), the Board nominated Doug Davert as OC LAFCO Special District Member, and Jim Fisler as OC LAFCO Special District Alternate, authorized President Barbre (or alternate Joan Finnegan) to cast the District’s ballot in the election, and directed staff to submit the appropriate forms to OC LAFCO by the deadlines outlined. Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, Yoo Schneider, Tamaribuchi & Thomas voted in favor; Director Osborne was absent.

AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT THE P3 WATER SUMMIT, SAN DIEGO, APRIL 3-4, 2018

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Finnegan, and carried (6-0), the Board approved attendance at the P3 Water Summit to be held April 3-4, 2018 in San Diego. Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, Yoo Schneider, Tamaribuchi & Thomas voted in favor; Director Osborne was absent

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

President Barbre, along with General Manager Hunter and Assistant General Manager Karl Seckel, acknowledged, showed a brief presentation and presented flowers to retiring employee, Pat Meszaros.

INFORMATION CALENDAR

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, MARCH 2018

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

General Manager Hunter highlighted the Elected Officials Forum to be held April 5, 2018 at 6:00 pm, and the Water Policy dinner scheduled for April 19, 2018.

In response to an inquiry by Director Barbre, Mr. Seckel advised that the internal policy has been changed so that in the future all agencies will be notified of an AMP shutdown (no matter where it is).

President Barbre then requested an update on the upcoming LAFCO Municipal Services Review at an upcoming Committee meeting.

Discussion was held regarding an OCCOG event held in Anaheim this month. It was recommended that OCCOG inform MWDOC's representative to OCCOG on any water related issues, and ask whether MWDOC or a MWDOC MET Director are available to speak.

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 Yoo Schneider reported on attending the MWDOC Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive Committee meetings, the Workshop Board meeting, the Utility Management Conference, the ACWA DC conference, the ACC-OC conference in Sacramento, a meeting with

Denah Hoard (OC Ethics Officer), the Women in Water event, the OCBC legislative conference in Sacramento, the Southern California News Group, and the Santa Margarita Water District Strategic Planning meeting.

Director Thomas noted his attendance at the MWDOC Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and the Public Affairs & Legislation, Committee meetings, the Board meeting, the OC Water Summit planning meeting, a meeting with representatives from Santa Margarita Water District and Karl Seckel, the Santiago Aqueduct Commission meeting, the Ethics Training, and the South Orange County Economic Coalition meeting.

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 ACWA DC conference, the UCI Water Quality seminar, and a conference call with MET staff regarding the Delta restoration.

Director Finnegan advised that she attended the Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, and the Ethics Training. She highlighted the upcoming ISDOC quarterly luncheon and encouraged all to attend.

Director Dick reported on attending the following meetings: the Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive Committee meetings, the Workshop Board meeting, a meeting with Garry Brown, a meeting with Sat Tamaribuchi, the Pre-MET Executive Committee meeting, the MET Executive Committee meeting, the WACO meeting, a MET Business outreach event, the MET Caucus, the MET Committee and Board meetings, and the WACO Planning Committee meeting.

Director Barbre reported on attending the following meetings in his capacity as MET Director: a meeting with Scott Maloni (Poseidon), the MWDOC MET Directors' strategy luncheon, the fourth Tuesday Committee day, a State Water Project inspection trip, the MWDOC MET Director caucus meeting, the MET Board and Committee meetings, and the MET Caucus (Inland Empire). He reported on attending the following meetings in his capacity as a MWDOC Director: the Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive Committee meetings, the Workshop Board meeting, the ACWA DC conference, and two meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee regarding the Water Summit.

B. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

No new items were requested.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Barbre adjourned the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Minutes

March 21, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary