

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
April 5, 2018

At 6:00 p.m., President Barbre 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. Director Yoo Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MWDOC DIRECTORS**

Brett R. Barbre  
Larry Dick  
Joan Finnegan (absent)  
Wayne Osborne (absent)  
Megan Yoo Schneider  
Sat Tamaribuchi  
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  
Melissa Baum-Haley, Sr. Water Res. Analyst

**ALSO PRESENT**

Linda Ackerman  
John Sears  
Doug Davert  
Mark Monin  
Jose Vergara  
Scott Goldman  
Cheryl Brothers  
John Collins  
Brian Ragland  
Mary Aileen Matheis  
Peer Swan  
Paul Weghorst  
Jim Fisler  
Marice DePasquale  
Duane Cave  
Richard Fiore  
Scott Colton  
Brian Probolsky  
Don Froelich  
Gary Kurtz  
John Kennedy  
Kathy Ward  
Dave Rebensdorf  
Saundra Jacobs  
Dan Ferons  
Brad Reese  
Jerry Vilander  
Wayne Rayfield  
Dennis Erdman  
Doug Erdman

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

Rick Erkeneff	South Coast Water District
Rick Shintaku	South Coast Water District
Mike Safranski	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Don Chadd	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Glen Acosta	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Brooke Jones	Yorba Linda Water District
Al Nederhood	Yorba Linda Water District
J. Wayne Miller	Yorba Linda Water District
Marc Marcantonio	Yorba Linda Water District
Joseph Velasco	Orchard Dale Water District
Liz Mendelson-Goossens	San Diego County Water Authority
Dick Ackerman	Ackerman Consulting
Jefferson Cha	U.S. Rep. Mimi Walters

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were received.

Following introductions by the Board, President Barbre invited introductions around the room.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**DISCUSSION WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM MWDOC’S MEMBER AGENCIES REGARDING KEY REGIONAL ISSUES AND KEY ORANGE COUNTY ISSUES, INCLUDING THE CALIFORNIA WATERFIX, MET’S BIENNIAL BUDGET, MWDOC’S BUDGET AND RATES FOR 2018-19, STATE LEGISLATIVE ISSUES, AND MWDOC’S SCHOOL PROGRAM**

President Barbre stated that the evening would consist of short presentations by members of the Board, with the remainder of the meeting consisting of open dialogue/questions between the Board and audience. The following topics were covered:

- California WaterFix (Director Dick)
- MET’s Biennial Budget (Director Barbre)
- MWDOC’s Budget and Rates for 2018-19 (Director Thomas)
- State Legislative Issues (Director Tamaribuchi)
- MWDOC’s School Program (Director Yoo Schneider)

Director Dick began the evening with a presentation and overview of the California WaterFix and discussion ensued regarding the two-tunnel (full project) versus the recently introduced staged approach. Discussion was held regarding the importance of the full project to the region, and Mr. Dick advised that the MET Board would consider financing the second tunnel in addition to funding its share of the staged project at the April 10 Board meeting.

President Barbre then provided an overview of MET’s Biennial Budget noting projected rate increases of 3% for each of the next two years.

Director Thomas reviewed MWDOC’s proposed budget and rates for fiscal year 2018-19, and discussion was held regarding MWDOC’s federal advocacy efforts and budgeted trips to Washington, DC.

Director Tamaribuchi provided an overview of the Governor's Executive Order which directs state agencies to transition to permanent, long-term improvement in water use. His presentation covered AB 1668 (Friedman), SB 606 (Skinner/Hertzberg), SB 623 (Monning) and budget trailing bill language, as well as AB 2050 (Caballero, which is sponsored by Eastern Municipal Water District and the CMUA). Considerable discussion ensued regarding the unintended consequences of AB 1668 and SB 606.

Director Yoo Schneider completed the evening with an overview of MWDOC's School Program (a member agency choice program), including information on MWDOC's Elementary School Program MWDOC (in partnership with the Discovery Science Center), and the High School Program (in partnership with the Orange County Department of Education-Inside the Outdoors).

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Barbre adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary