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
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
El Toro Water District
City of Fountain Valley
City of Huntington Beach
Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Mesa Water
Moulton Niguel Water District
Moulton Niguel Water District
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Moulton Niguel Water District
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
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Minutes

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-Gossens  San Diego County Water Authority
Dick Ackerman  Ackerman Consulting

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