

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP BOARD MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY (MWDOC)
WITH THE MWDOC MET DIRECTORS**

January 2, 2019

At 8:30 a.m. President Barbre called to order the Workshop Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) 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)
Megan Yoo Schneider (absent)
Sat Tamaribuchi
Jeffery M. Thomas (absent)

MWDOC STAFF

Robert Hunter, General Manager
Karl Seckel, Assistant General Manager
Joe Byrne, Legal Counsel
Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary
Harvey De La Torre, Associate General Manager
Melissa Baum-Haley, Sr. Water Resource Analyst
Kevin Hostert, Water Resources Analyst
Joe Berg, Dir. of Water Use Efficiency
Charles Busslinger, Principal Engineer
Heather Baez, Governmental Affairs Manager
Tiffany Baca, Public Affairs Manager

*Also MWDOC MET Directors

OTHER MWDOC MET DIRECTORS

Larry McKenney

OTHERS PRESENT

Kathryn Freshley
Mark Monin
Michael Gaskins
Mike Dunbar
Steve LaMar
Doug Reinhart
Peer Swan
Paul Weghorst
Jim Fisler
Don Froelich
Kelly Rowe
John Kennedy
Adam Hutchinson
Mike Markus
Chuck Gibson
Dennis Erdman
Rick Shintaku
Brooke Jones
James Barker
Liz Mendelson-Goossens
Kristy Khachigian
Skylar Stephens

El Toro Water District
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Emerald Bay Service District
Irvine Ranch Water District
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Mesa Water
Moulton Niguel Water District
Orange County Water District
Orange County Water District
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Orange County Water District
Santa Margarita Water District
South Coast Water District
South Coast Water District
Yorba Linda Water District

San Diego County Water Authority
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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Barbre inquired whether any members of the public wished to comment on agenda items.

No public comments were received, however President Barbre introduced Jim Barker (MWDOC's federal legislative advocate) and El Toro Water District's new Director Michael Gaskins to the audience.

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED - Determine need and take action to agendize item(s), which arose subsequent to the posting of the Agenda. (ROLL CALL VOTE: Adoption of this recommendation requires a two-thirds vote of the Board members present or, if less than two-thirds of the Board members are present, a unanimous vote.)

No items were presented.

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.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**INPUT OR QUESTIONS ON MET ISSUES FROM THE MEMBER AGENCIES/MET DIRECTOR REPORTS REGARDING MET COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION**

Director Ackerman advised that the changes to the Coordinated Operating Agreement (between the Central Valley Project/State Water Project) were settled. Following a brief discussion, it was suggested that staff report on the details of the changes at an upcoming meeting.

Director McKenney noted that the Foundational Action Grant Program was deferred for a month and that MET adopted its new legislative guidelines.

President Barbre highlighted the upcoming swearing in ceremony for new MET Chair Gloria Gray (January 8th).

WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

MWDOC Water Resources Analyst, Kevin Hostert, provided a presentation on the U.S. drought monitor, climate outlook, local precipitation statistics, northern California Accumulated precipitation, storage level data throughout the state, the State Water Project Table A allocations (currently at 10%), and MET estimated storage levels.

Following the presentation, the Board received and filed the report as presented.

PRESENTATION OF GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS IN THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE AREA

MET Senior Engineer, Matt Hacker, presented an overview of current groundwater conditions within the MET service area. His presentation included an overview of the groundwater basins (they represent one-third of regional supplies and include 88 basins and sub-basins), how groundwater production is tracked, stormwater recharge (declining since 2000), and overall storage conditions

Discussion ensued regarding the recharge areas, climate change impacts, stormwater capture, MET's role in ensuring healthy groundwater basins, and financial and technical challenges (e.g., Quagga mussels) with storing MET water in local basins.

The Board received and filed the report as presented.

CALIFORNIA WATERFIX ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Sr. Water Resources Analyst Melissa Baum-Haley updated the Board on the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) and Delta Conveyance Finance Authority activities, noting that both meetings were held on December 20th and that modifications to the 2018/19 budget were made (reduced by \$61.8 million). Dr. Baum-Haley advised that the next meeting of both boards would be held on January 17, 2019.

Director Tamaribuchi suggested staff prepare a timeline of all actions taken thus far with respect to the California WaterFix.

Discussion then shifted to the issues going on with the Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan, and the Board suggested staff prepare a one-page fact sheet outlining the issues/terms.

The Board received and filed the staff report without any discussion.

MWD ITEMS CRITICAL TO ORANGE COUNTY

- a. MET's Water Supply Conditions
- b. MET's Finance and Rate Issues
- c. Colorado River Issues
- d. Bay Delta/State Water Project Issues
- e. MET's Ocean Desalination Policy and Potential Participation by MET in the Doheny Desalination Project
- f. Orange County Reliability Projects
- g. East Orange County Feeder No. 2
- h. South County Projects

The Board received and filed the information as presented.

METROPOLITAN (MET) BOARD AND COMMITTEE AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Summary regarding December MET Board Meetings
- b. Review items of significance for the upcoming MET Board and Committee Agendas

The Board received and filed the information.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (1 case)

At 9:50 a.m., the Board adjourned to closed session for a conference with Legal Counsel regarding anticipated litigation, pursuant to Government Code 54956.9 (one case).

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened at 10:10 a.m., and Legal Counsel Byrne announced that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Maribeth Goldsby
Board Secretary