

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
January 16, 2019**

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 Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

MWDOC DIRECTORS

Brett R. Barbre
Larry Dick
Joan Finnegan (absent)
Wayne Osborne
Sat Tamaribuchi (absent)
Jeffery M. Thomas
Megan Yoo Schneider

STAFF

Robert Hunter, General Manager
Karl Seckel, Assistant General Manager
Megan Garibaldi, Legal Counsel
Maribeth Goldsby, Board Secretary
Harvey De La Torre, Associate General Manager
Cathy Harris, Admin. Services Manager
Melissa Baum-Haley, Sr. Water Resources Analyst
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency
Tiffany Baca, Public Affairs Manager

ALSO PRESENT

Linda Ackerman
Larry McKenney
Kathryn Freshley
Mike Gaskins
Peer Swan
Paul Weghorst
Jim Atkinson
Kelly Rowe
John Kennedy
Dennis Erdman
Rick Erkeneff
Rick Shintaku
Brooke Jones

MWDOC MET Director
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El Toro Water District
El Toro Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Mesa Water
Orange County Water District
Orange County Water District
South Coast Water District
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South Coast 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 public 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.

It was noted that staff distributed (and posted) revised staff write-ups outlining the Committee recommendations for both Item 7-3 (OCWD Proposed Groundwater Storage Agreement Study with MNWD) and Item No. 7-4 (Receive and File Final Report: 2018 Orange County Water Reliability Study).

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

President Barbre advised that he would present Employee Service awards later in the agenda.

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 Osborne, and carried (4-0), the Board approved the Consent Calendar items as follows. Directors Barbre, Dick, Osborne, and Thomas voted in favor; Directors Finnegan, Yoo Schneider, and Tamaribuchi were absent.

MINUTES

The following minutes were approved.

- December 5, 2018 Workshop Board Meeting
- December 19, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
- December 6, 2018 Special Board Meeting

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

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

- Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: December 3, 2018
- Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: December 12, 2018
- Public Affairs & Legislation Committee Meeting: December 17, 2018
- Executive Committee Meeting: December 20, 2018

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

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

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 November 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 November 30, 2018

**STANDING COMMITTEE AND AD HOC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2019;
SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR 2019**

The Board ratified the list of Standing Committee and Ad Hoc Committee Appointments as presented by the President of the Board; and ratified the Committee meeting dates/times for 2019.

PRUDENT COMPANION POLICY

The Board approved eliminating the Prudent Companion Policy. The General Manager was directed to prepare a written statement as to how this new practice would be implemented so as to plan and coordinate travel and meetings between Directors, and the General Manager and staff, and report the outcomes of said meetings.

- END CONSENT CALENDAR -

ACTION CALENDAR

ASSOCIATION AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS FOR 2019

President Barbre announced that the proposed appointments to the Associations and Commissions for 2019 were before the Board for consideration.

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Osborne, and carried (4-0), the Board ratified the appointment of Representatives and Alternates to Associations, as recommended by the President of the Board; and adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2079 approving the appointment of Jeffery Thomas as Representative, and Karl Seckel as Alternate to the Santiago Aqueduct Commission (SAC), for submission to SAC. Said RESOLUTION NO. 2079 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

CONTINUATION OF WATER LOSS CONTROL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Osborne, and carried (4-0), the Board (1) authorized the General Manager to extend the professional services contract with Water Systems Optimization, Inc. for two additional years in order to provide Choice-funded one-on-one Technical Assistance to member agencies for water loss control program development as described in staff write up, and support the Orange County Water Loss Control Work Group and the development of recommendations for water loss standards setting as a Core-funded effort at an annual cost not to exceed \$55,000, and (2) authorized the General Manager to extend Choice-based Technical Assistance agreements with agencies for two additional years. Directors Barbre, Dick, Osborne, and Thomas voted in favor; Directors Finnegan, Yoo Schneider, and Tamaribuchi were absent.

(Director Yoo Schneider arrived at 8:35 a.m.)

OCWD PROPOSED GROUNDWATER STORAGE AGREEMENT STUDY WITH MNWD

The Board discussed the proposed Groundwater Storage Agreement Study between OCWD and MNWD, as well as the Planning & Operations Committee recommendation that staff continue to work with all involved to provide input and analysis on items from a comprehensive perspective in a manner similar to the OC Water Reliability Study; that any Storage Agreement should involve all agencies in South Orange County and not be centered with just a single agency; and that this item be agendaized for discussion between the MWDOC and OCWD Boards at the upcoming January 23 Joint Planning Committee.

The Board expressed general support for the concept, but agreed that such an arrangement should include all of the South County agencies and as well as MWDOC in the discussions.

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Yoo Schneider, and carried (5-0), the Board received and filed the report and Planning & Operations Committee recommendation. Directors Barbre, Dick, Osborne, Yoo Schneider and Thomas voted in favor; Directors Finnegan and Tamaribuchi were absent.

RECEIVE AND FILE FINAL REPORT: 2018 ORANGE COUNTY WATER RELIABILITY STUDY

Upon MOTION by Director Dick, seconded by Director Yoo Schneider, and carried (5-0), the Board received and filed the final report for the 2018 Orange County Water Reliability Study. Directors Barbre, Dick, Osborne, Yoo Schneider and Thomas voted in favor; Directors Finnegan and Tamaribuchi were absent.

INFORMATION CALENDAR**EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS**

The Board, along with General Manager Hunter and Assistant General Manager Seckel, presented awards to Beth Fahl for 15 years of service to the District, and Maribeth Goldsby for 25 years of service to the District.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, JANUARY 2019

General Manager Hunter advised that the General Manager's report was included in the Board packet. Mr. Hunter highlighted the upcoming Water Policy Forum dinner scheduled for February 21, 2019 (at the Westin South Coast Plaza), featuring Curt Schmutte as keynote speaker.

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 Administration & Finance and Planning & Operations Committee meetings, and the Board and Special Board meetings, as well as a meeting with representatives from South Coast Water District, a meeting with representatives from Moulton Niguel Water District, the O.C. Board of Supervisors Swearing-In Ceremony, the SOCWA board meeting (Kelly Hubbard spoke), the Coffee Chat with San Juan Capistrano, a meeting with representatives from Santa Margarita Water District, and she served as guest lecturer at UC Riverside.

Director Thomas noted his attendance at the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), as well as the OC Water Summit Planning meetings.

Director Osborne advised that he attended the Special Board meeting and the Administration & Finance Committee meeting, as well as the MWDOC Board meeting.

Director Dick reported on attending the following meetings: the Administration & Finance and Planning & Operations Committee meetings, the Special Board meeting, the MET Board meeting, a meeting with Serrano Water District, the WACO Planning Committee meeting, and the Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee meeting.

Director Barbre advised that he submitted a written report to Secretary Goldsby. He noted that the written report included the following meetings in his capacity as MET Director: a meeting with Al Mendez (inspection trip issues), the MWDOC MET Director Caucus (early), the MWDOC Inland Empire Caucus, the MET Board meeting, and a meeting with John Watts (Senator Feinstein). In his capacity as MWDOC Director he attended the following meetings: the Workshop and Regular Board meetings, the Special Board meeting, the Administration & Finance Committee meeting, a meeting with Yorba Linda Councilman Carlos Rodriguez, a meeting with Paul Hernandez (OC Political/Water Issues), and his legislative trip to Washington, DC.

B. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

No future agenda topics were requested.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Barbre adjourned the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary