

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

March 6, 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  
Megan Yoo Schneider  
Sat Tamaribuchi  
Jeffery M. Thomas

**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  
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs  
Chris Lingad, Water Resources Analyst

\*Also MWDOC MET Directors

**OTHER MWDOC MET DIRECTORS**

Larry McKenney  
Linda Ackerman

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mark Monin  
Kathryn Freshley  
Jose Vergara  
Mike Dunbar  
Doug Reinhart  
Peer Swan  
Paul Weghorst  
Jim Atkinson  
Kelly Rowe  
Mike Markus  
John Kennedy  
Adam Hutchinson  
Dan Ferons  
Rick Shintaku  
Brooke Jones  
Ed Means  
Deven Upadhyay  
Kristy Khachigian

El Toro Water District  
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Emerald Bay Service District  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Mesa Water  
Orange County Water District  
Orange County Water District  
Orange County Water District  
Orange County Water District  
Santa Margarita Water District  
South Coast Water District  
Yorba Linda Water District  
Means Consulting  
Metropolitan Water District of So. Calif.  
Kristy Khachigian Consulting

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

No public comments were received.

**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.

It was noted that the presentation materials were distributed to the Board and made available to the public.

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

Director McKenney highlighted MET's \$21 million contract regarding the Greg Avenue Pump Station, changes to the Landscape Transformation Program rebate (\$2/square foot), the authorized purchase of 732 acres in Palo Verde, and the induction of three new MET Directors. Director McKenney also reported on California WaterFix activities and the Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan.

Director Ackerman reported on the authorization to participate in the Sites Reservoir Work Plan.

Director Dick commented on the WaterFix (good) and the proposed water tax (bad).

Director Barbre highlighted the California WaterFix and the need to continue to support the two-tunnel construction. Responding to Director Barbre, representatives from Mesa Water, Yorba Linda Water District, Orange County Water District, El Toro Water District, and Irvine Ranch Water District all expressed support for the twin tunnel project.

Mr. Deven Upadhyay (MET) advised that upon review of the environmental analysis, the twin tunnels make the most sense.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding the WaterFix, the differences between a single and two-tunnel system, and the importance of the WaterFix and its effect on California's water reliability.

## **PRESENTATION REGARDING THE REGIONAL RECYCLED WATER PROGRAM BY METROPOLITAN STAFF**

Mr. Deven Upadhyay of MET provided an overview of the Regional Recycled Water Program, noting that it is a collaboration between MET and the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, it is the development of a new water resource which will allow up to 150 mgd in deliveries to MET's member agencies, it will allow recharge and storage into groundwater basins, and will increase regional storage reserves and reliability. Mr. Upadhyay also reviewed the work that has been authorized/completed to date, the site location, an overview of the conceptual planning studies, the importance of a phased implementation, and program costs. He advised that the MET Board will hold workshops this summer, and that staff will be asking for Board approval to start the environmental process and engineering support, and that work will continue on the Demonstration Plant testing.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding Direct Potable Reuse, and associated costs.

Following discussion, the Board received and filed the report.

## **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 35%), and MET estimated storage levels.

The Board received and filed the report as presented.

## **CALIFORNIA WATERFIX ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

No additional information was discussed; the Board received and filed the staff report.

## **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 February MET Board Meetings
- b. Review items of significance for the upcoming MET Board and Committee Agendas

The Board received and filed the information.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Maribeth Goldsby  
Board Secretary