

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
February 20, 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
Wayne Osborne
Sat Tamaribuchi
Jeffery M. Thomas
Megan Yoo Schneider (arr. at 8:50 am)

STAFF

Robert Hunter, General Manager
Karl Seckel, Assistant General Manager
Megan Garibaldi, Legal Counsel
Maribeth Goldsby, Board Secretary
Melissa Baum-Haley, Sr. Water Resources Analyst
Cathy Harris, Admin. Services Manager
Melissa Baum-Haley, Sr. Water Resources Analyst
Harvey De La Torre, Associate General Manager

ALSO PRESENT

Linda Ackerman
Larry McKenney
Kathryn Freshley
Peer Swan
Jim Atkinson
Kelly Rowe
Dennis Erdman

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

No items were distributed.

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.

Director Tamaribuchi noted that his name was not listed as an attendee in the PAL meeting minutes for January, but that he attended; it was agreed that the minutes would be revised to reflect his attendance.

Upon MOTION by Director Dick, seconded by Director Thomas, and carried (6-0), the Board approved the Consent Calendar items as follows. Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, Osborne, Tamaribuchi, and Thomas voted in favor; Director Yoo Schneider was absent.

MINUTES

The following minutes were approved.

- January 2, 2019 Workshop Board Meeting
- January 16, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
- January 5, 2019 Special Board Meeting

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

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

- Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: January 14, 2019
- Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: January 9, 2019
- Public Affairs & Legislation Committee Meeting: January 21, 2019 (as revised)
- Executive Committee Meeting: January 17, 2019
- MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee Meeting: January 23, 2019

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

- MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of January 31, 2019
- MWDOC Disbursement Registers (January/February)

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 December 31, 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 December 31, 2018

Quarterly Budget Review

WATER USE EFFICIENCY RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Board approved implementation of research projects as outlined in the write up, including: (1) a contribution of \$15,000 to the California Water Efficiency Partnership for the development of Water Use Efficiency Standards Compliance and Water Conservation Tracking Tools; and (2) a professional services contract with Water Systems Optimization, Inc. to conduct Water Balance Validation Research and staff training in an amount not to exceed \$56,000 and conduct Leak Detection Research and staff training in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

AUTHORIZATION OF TELEPHONE SERVER UPGRADE

The Board authorized the General Manager to enter into a contract with Resilient Communications for the telephone server upgrade for a total cost of \$18,537.72.

TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, DC TO COVER FEDERAL ADVOCACY INITIATIVES

The Board ratified the travel expenses as reported.

TRAVEL TO SACRAMENTO TO COVER STATE ADVOCACY INITIATIVES

The Board ratified the travel expenses as reported.

- END CONSENT CALENDAR -

ACTION CALENDAR

SB 134 (HERTZBERG) – WATER LOSS PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Osborne, and carried (6-0), the Board adopted a support position on SB 134 (Hertzberg). Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, Osborne, Tamaribuchi, and Thomas voted in favor; Director Yoo Schneider was absent.

SB 204 (DODD) – STATE WATER PROJECT: CONTRACTS

Upon MOTION by Director Osborne, seconded by Director Finnegan, and carried (6-0), the Board adopted an oppose position on SB 204 (Dodd). Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, Osborne, Tamaribuchi, and Thomas voted in favor; Director Yoo Schneider was absent.

SUPPORT FOR DIRECTOR BOCKMILLER – ACWA/JPIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Upon MOTION by Director Dick, seconded by Director Finnegan, and carried (6-0), the Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2080 concurring in the nomination of Fred Bockmiller from Mesa Water District to the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee, and recommended staff send a letter to MWDOC member agencies encouraging them to support Director Bockmiller’s candidacy. RESOLUTION NO. 2080 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES/CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES ASSOCIATION SAFE DRINKING WATER TRUST PROPOSAL

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Dick, and carried (6-0), the Board adopted a “support in concept” position on the Association of California Water Agencies/California Municipal Utilities Association Safe Drinking Water Trust proposal. Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, Osborne, Tamaribuchi, and Thomas voted in favor; Director Yoo Schneider was absent.

THE SMALL SYSTEM WATER AUTHORITY ACT OF 2019

Upon MOTION by Director Osborne, seconded by Director Finnegan, and carried (6-0), the Board adopted a “support in concept” position on the Small System Water Authority Act of 2019. Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, Osborne, Tamaribuchi, and Thomas voted in favor; Director Yoo Schneider was 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, FEBRUARY 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 and Kathy Cole as keynote speakers. He also noted that San Juan Capistrano City Council voted unanimously to work with Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD) regarding transferring the City’s water services to SMWD.

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 Thomas noted his attendance at the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings, except the Executive Committee, (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Public Affairs & Legislation Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings). He also attended the Ad Hoc Committee meeting re Desalination, the OC Water Summit Planning meeting(s), the WACO meeting, the ISDOC luncheon, and a meeting with Mesa Water Director Shawn Dewane.

Director Tamaribuchi reported on meetings he's attended since December 19, 2018. These meetings included: all regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings, except the Regular Board Meeting. He also attended the Southern California Water Coalition quarterly meeting, the ACC-OC conference in Washington, DC, the WACO meetings (January 4 and February 1), and a seminar at Chapman University wherein he was a guest speaker.

Director Dick advised that he attended the Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation (January and February), Executive, and the MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings. Director Dick also reported on attending the following meetings: a meeting with the City of Orange's Water Manager, the Urban Water Institute planning meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee re Desalination, the MWDOC/MET Directors pre-Executive Committee meeting, the MET Executive Committee, the South Orange County Economic Coalition, the Southern California Water Coalition meeting, the ACC-OC conference in Washington, DC, a meeting with Deven Upadhyay, a meeting with Brian Thomas, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, the MWDOC/MET Directors caucus, the MET Caucus, the Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee meeting, the OCBC Infrastructure Committee meeting, the MET Committee and Board meetings, the OC Taxpayers Association meeting, and the WACO Planning Committee meeting.

Director Osborne advised that he attended the Workshop Board Meeting, the Administration & Finance Committee, and Public Affairs & Legislation Committee meetings.

Director Finnegan noted her attendance at the Planning & Operations Committee and Public Affairs & Legislation Committee meetings, the Workshop and Regular Board meetings, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, and the ISDOC luncheon.

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 Mike Dunbar regarding OC and MET issues, the MWDOC/MET Director Caucus (early), the MET Caucus (Inland Empire), the MWDOC/MET Director pre-MET Executive Committee meeting (late), the MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meeting, the MWDOC/YLWD/OCWD joint meeting, a MET legislative trip to Washington, DC, the ISDOC luncheon, the downtown San Diego Partnership meeting, the MET Committee and Board meetings, and a meeting with MET

Director Adan Ortega. In his capacity as MWDOC Director he attended the following meetings: the Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation Committee (January and February), and the Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop Board meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee re Desalination, and the ACC-OC conference in Washington, DC.

B. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

President Barbre requested an update on the regulations for repair of asbestos pipe be made to an upcoming Committee meeting (as well as any impacts to member agencies).

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

At 8:41 a.m., Legal Counsel Garibaldi announced that the Board would adjourn to closed session for a conference with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation and significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (one case)

(Director Yoo Schneider joined the closed session at 8:50 a.m.)

At 9:20 a.m., Legal Counsel Garibaldi departed the closed session and announced that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

At 9:21 a.m., it was noted that the Board would continue to meet in closed session regarding the Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Title: General Manager), pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.

RECONVENE

At 9:29 a.m., the Board reconvened and President Barbre announced that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Barbre adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary