

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
April 4, 2019

At 6:00 p.m., President Barbre called to order the Special Meeting of the Municipal Water District of Orange County Board of Directors at the District facilities, 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, California. Director Dick led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

MWDOC DIRECTORS

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

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Hunter, General Manager
Karl Seckel, Assistant General Manager
Maribeth Goldsby, Board Secretary
Harvey De La Torre, Assoc. General Manager
Joe Berg, Dir. of Water Use Eff.
Damon Micalizzi, Dir. of Public Affairs
Heather Baez, Government Affairs Manager

ALSO PRESENT

Larry McKenney
Art Brown
Doug Davert
John Sears
Mark Monin
Jose Vergara
Mike Gaskins
Cheryl Brothers
Patrick Brenden
Steve LaMar
Peer Swan
Paul Weghorst
Marice DePasquale
Richard Fiore
Don Froelich
Kelly Jennings
Joone Lopez
Bill Moorhead
Brian Probolsky
Jose Solorio
Denis Bilodeau
Alicia Dunkin
John Kennedy
Tri Ta
David Rebensdorf
Kathy Ward
Saundra Jacobs
Jim Leach
Justin McKusker
Sandra Massa-Lavitt
Steve Myrter

MWDOC/MET Director
City of Buena Park
East Orange County Water District
East Orange County Water District
El Toro Water District
El Toro 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
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Orange County Water District
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Orange County Water District
OCWD/City of Westminster
City of San Clemente
City of San Clemente
Santa Margarita Water District
Santa Margarita Water District
Santa Margarita Water District
City of Seal Beach
City of Seal Beach

Schelly Sustarsic	City of Seal Beach
Greg Mills	Serrano Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Jerry Vilander	Serrano Water District
Doug Erdman	South Coast Water District
Rick Erkeneff	South Coast Water District
Bill Green	South Coast Water District
Wayne Rayfield	South Coast Water District
Michael Perea	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Mike Safranski	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Allan Bernstein	City of Tustin
Brooke Jones	Yorba Linda Water District
J. Wayne Miller	Yorba Linda Water District
Al Nederhood	Yorba Linda Water District
Kristy Khachigian	Kristy Khachigian Consulting
Megan Couch	San Diego County Water Authority

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 MWDOC BUDGET AND PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2019-20, THE CALIFORNIA WATERFIX, AND THE PROPOSED WATER TAX (AND ALTERNATIVES)

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:

MWDOC's Budget and Activites for FY 2019-20 (Director Thomas)
California WaterFix (Director Dick)
Proposed Water Tax and Alternatives (Director Yoo Schneider)

Director Thomas began the evening with a presentation and overview of MWDOC's FY 2019-20 proposed budget. Discussion was held regarding the additional 2.5 FTE employees included in the budget (several audience members expressed concern with the addition of 2.5 additional employees), the Water Loss Control Program new employee(s) (request was made to move this to Choice), memberships, consultants, and salary pool.

Director Dick then provided an update on the California WaterFix and the importance of the twin-tunnel (full) project (versus the one-tunnel approach preferred by Governor Newsom). Discussion ensued regarding the WaterFix, the importance and preference of the full project, how a one-tunnel approach may affect reliability, and the importance of reliability in the event of a natural disaster.

Director Yoo Schneider completed the evening with an overview of California's proposed Water Tax, as well as alternative proposals to the tax. She encouraged those in attendance to adopt resolutions opposing the tax, and encouraged letters be sent to legislators expressing support for SB 414 (Caballero re The Small System Water Authority Act of 2019) and SB 669 (Caballero re Safe Drinking Water Trust) as alternative options to the tax. Director Yoo Schneider advised that MWDOC had contracted with Brown & Caldwell to conduct a study to develop information relative to small Non-Compliant California Drinking Water Systems; she advised that any agencies interested in partnering with MWDOC to share costs should speak to staff.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Barbre adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary