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
- 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
- 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
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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 Erkenneff  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 Activities 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,

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Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary