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. MWDOC MET Director Linda Ackerman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

MWDOC DIRECTORS
Brett R. Barbre
Larry Dick (absent)
Joan Finnegan (absent)
Bob McVicker
Sat Tamaribuchi
Jeffery M. Thomas
Megan Yoo Schneider

*Also MWDOC MET Directors

STAFF
Robert Hunter, General Manager (absent)
Karl Seckel, Assistant General Manager
Alisha Winterswyk, Legal Counsel
Maribeth Goldsby, Board Secretary
Harvey De La Torre, Associate General Manager
Melissa Baum-Haley, Sr. Water Resources Analyst
Kevin Hostert, Water Resources Analyst
Chris Lingad, Water Resources Analyst
Sarah Wilson, Public Affairs Specialist

OTHER MWDOC MET DIRECTORS
Larry McKenney
Linda Ackerman

OTHERS PRESENT
Adan Ortega MET Director, Fullerton
Jose Vergara El Toro Water District
Mark Monin El Toro Water District
Mike Dunbar Emerald Bay Service District
Paul Weghorst Irvine Ranch Water District
Doug Reinhart Irvine Ranch Water District
Peer Swan Irvine Ranch Water District
Jim Atkinson Mesa Water
Don Froelich Moulton Niguel Water District
Kelly Rowe Orange County Water District
John Kennedy Orange County Water District
Chuck Gibson Santa Margarita Water District
Dan Ferons Santa Margarita Water District
Greg Mills Serrano Water District
Bill Green South Coast Water District
Brooke Jones Yorba Linda Water District
Adrian Hightower Metropolitan Water District of So. California
Ed Means Means Consulting
Kristy Khachigian Kristy Khachigian Consulting
Laer Pearce Laer Pearce & Associates
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

OCWD Director Kelly Rowe commented that it would be prudent for MWDOC to send a letter to the State Water Resources Control Board and the Governor regarding PFAS.

Mr. Laer Pearce updated the Board on SB 307 regarding the Cadiz Project and thanked the Board for their support.

Director Bill Green (South Coast Water District) noted that SCWD has introduced a bill (AB 1752) sponsored by Assemblymembers Petrie-Norris and Bill Brough regarding the Doheny Desalination Project. Mr. Green also noted that the Doheny Project EIR was approved.

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.

No items were presented.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

PRESENTATION BY ADRIAN HIGHTOWER REGARDING MET’S OUTREACH, EDUCATION, AND SOLAR CUP PROGRAMS

Mr. Adrian Hightower (MET) provided an overview regarding MET’s Water Education Programs and member agency educational outreach efforts. The presentation included information regarding the types of collaborations MET has with its member agencies, an analysis of MET’s Education Program (strengths and challenges), strategic opportunities for improving programs (technology, educational pipeline to jobs, collaborations), overviews of MET’s education services, virtual reality tour of the Colorado River Aqueduct, and Solar Cup.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding the strengths/challenges of building an education program from Pre-K through college, the need to put more focus on educating students on outdoor water use, and the need to tie the program to careers within the water industry.

The Board thanked Mr. Hightower and received and filed the report.
INPUT OR QUESTIONS ON MET ISSUES FROM THE MEMBER AGENCIES/MET DIRECTOR REPORTS REGARDING MET COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Director Ackerman highlighted the Colorado River activities, and the fact that MET hired a new Ethics Officer.

Director McKenney highlighted the Regional Recycling Water Project (Carson), and his activities on the Legal & Claims Committee.

Director Barbre highlighted the PFAS issue, as well as MET’s current water storage levels.

WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS UPDATE

Associate General Manager Harvey De La Torre, noted that the Table A allocation was increased to 75%. The Board received and filed the report.

DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT ACTIVITIES UPDATE (formerly known as California WaterFix)

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 information was received and filed.

METROPOLITAN (MET) BOARD AND COMMITTEE AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Summary regarding June MET Board Meetings  
b. Review items of significance for the upcoming MET Board and Committee Agendas

The information was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

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Maribeth Goldsby  
Board Secretary