

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

July 3, 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. 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

**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

\*Also MWDOC MET Directors

**OTHER MWDOC MET DIRECTORS**

Larry McKenney  
Linda Ackerman

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Adan Ortega  
Jose Vergara  
Mark Monin  
Mike Dunbar  
Paul Weghorst  
Doug Reinhart  
Peer Swan  
Jim Atkinson  
Don Froelich  
Kelly Rowe  
John Kennedy  
Chuck Gibson  
Dan Ferons  
Greg Mills  
Bill Green  
Brooke Jones  
Adrian Hightower  
Ed Means  
Kristy Khachigian  
Laer Pearce

MET Director, Fullerton  
El Toro Water District  
El Toro Water District  
Emerald Bay Service District  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Mesa Water  
Moulton Niguel Water District  
Orange County Water District  
Orange County Water District  
Santa Margarita Water District  
Santa Margarita Water District  
Serrano Water District  
South Coast Water District  
Yorba Linda Water District  
Metropolitan Water District of So. California  
Means Consulting  
Kristy Khachigian Consulting  
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