

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
July 17, 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 Finnegan led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

**MWDOC DIRECTORS**

Brett R. Barbre  
Larry Dick  
Joan Finnegan  
Bob McVicker  
Sat Tamaribuchi  
Jeffery M. Thomas  
Meghan Yoo Schneider

**STAFF**

Robert Hunter, General Manager  
Karl Seckel, Assistant General Manager  
Joe Byrne, Legal Counsel  
Maribeth Goldsby, Board Secretary  
Damon Micalizzi, Dir. of Public Affairs  
Heather Baez, Governmental Affairs Manager  
Melissa Baum-Haley, Sr. Water Resources Analyst  
Charles Busslinger, Principal Engineer  
Kelly Hubbard, Director of Emergency Mgmt.  
Kevin Hostert, Water Resources Analyst  
Tiffany Baca, Public Affairs Manager  
Sarah Wilson, Public Affairs Specialist

**ALSO PRESENT**

Doug Reinhart  
Paul Weghorst  
Jim Atkinson  
Stacy Taylor  
Don Froelich  
John Kennedy  
Mike Markus  
Kelly Rowe  
Chuck Gibson  
Dennis Erdman  
Brooke Jones

Irvine Ranch Water District  
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Mesa Water District  
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Moulton Niguel Water District  
Orange County Water District  
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Santa Margarita Water District  
South Coast Water District  
Yorba Linda 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 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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Director of Emergency Management, Kelly Hubbard, introduced WEROC's newest employee, Daniel Harrison, to the Board.

Director of Public Affairs, Damon Micalizzi, advised that the Public Affairs Department received an award for Social Media (Gold Video Strategy).

**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.

As a result of two "Request to Speak" forms, Director Barbre pulled Item Nos. 7 (Award of Consulting Contract for Member Agencies Compliance with the America's Water Infrastructure Act) and 8 (Mesa Water District's Request for Contribution Towards Technical Consulting and Advisory Assistance for the Buried Utilities Coalition to Respond to Potential New SCAQMD Regulations) from the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Dick, and carried (7-0), the Board approved the balance of the Consent Calendar items as follows. Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, McVicker, Yoo Schneider, Tamaribuchi, and Thomas and voted in favor.

**MINUTES**

The following minutes were approved.

- June 3, 2019 Special Board Meeting
- June 5, 2019 Workshop Board Meeting
- June 5, 2019 Special Board Meeting
- June 19, 2019 Regular Board Meeting

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

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

- Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: June 3, 2019
- Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: June 12, 2019

Public Affairs & Legislation Committee Meeting: June 17, 2019  
Executive Committee Meeting: June 20, 2019

**TREASURER'S REPORTS**

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of June 30, 2019  
MWDOC Disbursement Registers (June/July)

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 May 31, 2019

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 May 31, 2019

**PRESSURE REGULATING VALVE REPLACEMENT PILOT PROGRAM**

The Board authorized the General Manager to enter into professional services agreements with EcoTech Services, Inc. and Large Plumbing to provide pressure regulating valve testing and replacement services at a cost not to exceed \$249,850.

**AWARD CONTRACT FOR COMPUTER ROOM AIR CONDITIONER REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

The Board approved entering into the subject agreement for replacement of the MWDOC administration building computer room air conditioner: (1) Make a CEQA finding that the project is categorically exempt under: Class 1-Existing Facilities; and (2) Award ACCO Engineered Systems "MWDOC Computer Room Air Conditioner Replacement Project" contract in the amount of \$75,818.00 (including providing and installing dedicated VAV Zone box with ALC controls for computer room) plus 10% contingency.

**- END CONSENT CALENDAR -**

**ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

**AWARD OF CONSULTING CONTRACT FOR MEMBER AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICA’S WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ACT (AWIA)**

Santa Margarita Water District Director Chuck Gibson commended MWDOC and WEROC for their efforts on this proposal.

Ms. Hubbard advised that she has received confirmation that at least 21 member agencies will participate in Phase 1 (more likely 26 agencies) and that the contracts include enough flexibility for agencies to opt out of Phases 2 and 3 (costs would be redistributed to those agencies that do not opt out).

Upon MOTION by Director Yoo Schneider, seconded by Director Thomas, and carried (7-0), the Board authorized the General Manager to: (1) Enter into a consulting contract with Herndon Solutions Group (HSG) in the estimated amount of, and not to exceed \$4.4 million (costs are contingent upon final Participating Agency commitments and include a 10% contingency for Phases 2 & 3): a) Phase 1 - \$412,000; b) Phase 2 - \$2,289,000; and c) Phase 3 - \$1,685,000; (2) Enter into Letter Agreements or Contracts with up to 28 of our participating agencies (including two of the three cities) for cost recovery of the expenditures; (3) Authorize MWDOC’s commitment to the AWIA process at an estimated cost of \$131,000 (includes the 10% contingency), with combined funds from engineering, WEROC and finance to be provided; and (4) Hire a part-time temporary position within WEROC to coordinate the consultant’s efforts with Participating Agencies. Position will be charged back to participating agencies. Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, McVicker, Yoo Schneider, Tamaribuchi, and Thomas all voted in favor

**MESA WATER DISTRICT’S REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS TECHNICAL CONSULTING AND ADVISORY ASSISTANCE FOR THE BURIED UTILITIES COALITION (BUC) TO RESPOND TO POTENTIAL NEW SCAQMD REGULATIONS**

Mesa Water District Director Jim Atkinson thanked the Board for their assistance.

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Yoo Schneider, and carried (7-0), the Board authorized a contribution of \$20,000 to Mesa Water towards funding efforts related to the BUC for advocacy pertaining to the South Coast Air Quality Management District’s (SCAQMD) Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 1403 regarding asbestos. Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, McVicker, Yoo Schneider, Tamaribuchi, and Thomas and voted in favor

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**POLICY DISCUSSION REGARDING CONDUCTING INVOCATIONS AT BOARD MEETINGS**

President Barbre advised that the Administration & Finance Committee referred this item to the full Board for discussion.

Director Dick commented that he would prefer a “moment of silence” be held at Board meetings

(in lieu of an Invocation). The Board held discussion and generally concurred, with Director Yoo Schneider stating she hoped that no commentary would accompany the moment of silence.

Upon MOTION by Director Dick, seconded by Director Finnegan, and carried (7-0), the Board recommended a “moment of silence” be agendized at each Board meeting (third Wednesday). Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, McVicker, Yoo Schneider, Tamaribuchi, and Thomas and voted in favor.

## **ACTION CALENDAR**

### **LEGISLATION BEING DRAFTED BY CONGRESSMAN MIKE LEVIN ON FUNDING SUPPORT FOR BRACKISH AND OCEAN DESALINATION PROJECTS**

Upon MOTION by Director Tamaribuchi, seconded by Director Yoo Schneider, and carried (6-1), the Board adopted a “support in concept” position for Congressman Levin’s legislative language for funding support for brackish and ocean desalination projects while waiting to see the final wording outcome of any legislation that moves forward, particularly on the use of renewable energy. Directors Dick, Finnegan, McVicker, Yoo Schneider, Tamaribuchi, and Thomas and voted in favor; Director Barbre opposed, noting that he does not like the idea of supporting/opposing legislation prior to the bill being written.

## **INFORMATION CALENDAR**

### **GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT, JULY 2019**

General Manager Hunter advised that the General Manager’s report was included in the Board packet.

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 Yoo Schneider advised that she attended the Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Public Affairs & Legislation Committee meetings, the Workshop Board meeting, the South Coast Water District (SCWD) EIR hearing, a SCWD Board meeting, a meeting with SMWD staff, a meeting with Laurel Firestone (SWRCB), a meeting with Karl Seckel, the Break-through career day event, a meeting with Felicia Marcus, the Women in Water Event, and a meeting with Betty Olson.

Director Dick reported he attended the Public Affairs & Legislation and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the WACO meeting, a MET Inspection Trip planning meeting, the Serrano Water District Board meeting, and a meeting with Steve Franks (Villa Park City Manager).

Director Thomas noted his attendance at MWDOC's regular meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), as well as the ISDOC meeting, the OC Water Summit planning meeting, the South Orange County Economic Coalition meeting, and the Santa Margarita Water District Board meeting.

Director McVicker advised that he attended all of MWDOC's regularly scheduled meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), as well as the ISDOC meeting, the ACC-OC summer reception held at the Duck Club in Irvine, and the WACO meeting.

Director Tamaribuchi reported on attending 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), the WACO meeting, and the OCBC Infrastructure Committee meeting.

Director Finnegan stated that she attended the Administration & Finance and Public Affairs & Legislation Committee meetings, as well as the Board meeting.

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 Paul Jones (EMWD and MET issues), the MWDOC/MET Director caucus (late), the MET Committee day (late), the AWWA Cal-Nevada staff tour of Diemer, the MWDOC MET Director caucus (early), the MET Board and Committee days, and a MET Inspection Trip planning meeting. In his capacity as MWDOC Director he attended the following meetings: the Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive Committee meetings, the Workshop Board meeting, the OC Water Summit planning meeting, a meeting with Doug Davert, and the ISDOC luncheon.

**b. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

President Barbre stated that he would like to attend an upcoming California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance (CCEEB) meeting; it was noted that staff would follow up with Director Barbre.

**CLOSED SESSION ITEM**

At 9:07 a.m., Legal Counsel Byrne announced that the Board would adjourn to closed session, for a conference with Legal Counsel on the following matter:

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Title: General Manager

Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened at 10:16 a.m., 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 10:17 a.m. in memory of Bill Dannemeyer.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary