

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY**

June 3, 2019

At 9:00 a.m., President Barbre called to order the Special Meeting of the Municipal Water District of Orange County Board of Directors of MWDOC at District facilities, 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, California. Director Dick led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Davanaugh called the roll.

MWDOC DIRECTORS

Brett R. Barbre
Larry Dick
Vacant, Division 3
Joan Finnegan (absent)
Sat Tamaribuchi
Jeffery M. Thomas
Megan Yoo Schneider

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Hunter, General Manager
Karl Seckel, Assistant General Manager (absent)
Joe Byrne, Legal Counsel
Maribeth Goldsby, Board Secretary
Harvey De La Torre, Associate General Manager
Melissa Baum Haley, Sr. Water Resources Analyst
Tina Dubuque, Executive Assistant
Heather Baez, Governmental Affairs Manager
Tiffany Baca, Public Affairs Manager
Sarah Wilson, Public Affairs Specialist
Hilary Chumpitazi, Accounting Manager

OTHERS PRESENT

Jose Vergara	El Toro Water District
Peer Swan	Irvine Ranch Water District
Jim Atkinson	Mesa Water
Stacy Taylor	Mesa Water
Mike Markus	Orange County Water District
Mathew Forester	Candidate, Division 3
Robert McVicker	Candidate, Division 3
Larry Crandall	Candidate, Division 3

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Bob McVicker, Candidate the Division 3 vacancy, addressed the Board, highlighting his passion for the water industry and his positive rapport with MWDOC's member agencies. He advised that he would embrace the opportunity to visit the agencies within Division 3, and would consider the option of filling the vacancy on a limited-term basis. The Board thanked Mr. McVicker for his comments.

General Manager Hunter announced that Mr. Khanh Nguyen had removed his name from the candidacy pool for Division 3.

**APPOINT A DIRECTOR TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM IN DIVISION 3 OR
CALL AN ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY**

President Barbre raised the issue of possibly holding a special election to fill the unexpired term for Division 3 (in lieu of an appointment); the Board generally concurred to proceed with the appointment process.

Director Thomas made a MOTION, which was seconded by Director Dick, to appoint Larry Crandall as Director, Division 3. The MOTION failed by a vote of 3-2. Directors Barbre, Dick, and Thomas voted in favor; Directors Yoo Schneider and Tamaribuchi opposed.

Director Tamaribuchi made a MOTION, which was seconded by Director Yoo Schneider to appoint Bob McVicker as Director, Division 3.

The Board then discussed Candidate Bob McVicker, including his qualifications and possible conflicts of interest (if any) due to his work as a consultant in the water industry. Legal Counsel Byrne advised that he was not aware of any conflicts of interest.

Director Yoo Schneider advised she would be supporting Mr. McVicker's candidacy. Director Dick commented that although he originally supported a different candidate, he would prefer that the choice for appointment remain with the MWDOC Board, rather than being referred to the Board of Supervisors (in the event the MWDOC Board is not able to make an appointment). As a result, he would be supporting Mr. McVicker's candidacy as well.

The MOTION to appoint Bob McVicker as Director, Division 3 failed by a vote of 3-2. With Directors Dick, Yoo Schneider, and Tamaribuchi in favor, and Directors Barbre and Thomas opposed.

Director Barbre made a MOTION, which was seconded by Director Thomas, to appoint Mathew Forester as Director, Division 3. The MOTION failed by a vote of 2-3. Directors Barbre and Thomas were in favor, and Directors Dick, Yoo Schneider, and Tamaribuchi were opposed.

Director Barbre made a MOTION to appoint Janet Nguyen as Director, Division 3. Said MOTION failed for lack of a second.

Director Dick suggested this matter be deferred and that the Board continue to work toward a solution so that this issue is not forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

President Barbre, with the Board's concurrence, recommended the Board hold a special meeting on June 5, 2019 (following the Workshop Board Meeting) to again consider this item.

President Barbre asked that Government Affairs Manager Heather Baez research whether (in the past) the Board of Supervisors had to make an appointment in lieu of an election.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

APPROVED:

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary