MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP BOARD MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY (MWDOC)
WITH THE MWDOC MET DIRECTORS
September 4, 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 Joan Finnegan led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

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

STAFF
Robert Hunter, General Manager
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
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Eff. Programs

*Also MWDOC MET Directors

OTHER MWDOC MET DIRECTORS
Larry McKenney
Linda Ackerman (absent)

OTHERS PRESENT
Adan Ortega MET Director, Fullerton
Kathryn Freshley El Toro Water District
Steve LaMar Irvine Ranch Water District
Doug Reinhart Irvine Ranch Water District
Paul Cook Irvine Ranch Water District
Paul Weghorst Irvine Ranch Water District
Kelly Rowe Orange County Water District
John Kennedy Orange County Water District
Adam Hutchinson Orange County Water District
Dan Ferons Santa Margarita Water District
Jim Leach Santa Margarita Water District
Greg Mills Serrano Water District
Dennis Erdman South Coast Water District
Brooke Jones Yorba Linda Water District
Ed Means Means Consulting
Kristy Khachigian Kristy Khachigian Consulting
Skylar Stephens San Diego County Water Authority
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

No public comments were received.

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 BRAD COFFEY REGARDING THE GOVERNOR’S RESILIENCY PROGRAM

Mr. Brad Coffey (Metropolitan staff) provided an overview of Governor Newsom’s California Water Resilience Portfolio (directing state agencies to develop a comprehensive strategy to build a climate-resilient water system and ensure healthy waterways through the 21st century). Mr. Coffey outlined MET’s approach to build upon a portfolio method developed through the IRP, participate in state-wide efforts with industry associations, receive and incorporate input from member agencies and the Water Planning & Stewardship Committee, provide a comment letter to the State (August 30), and continue participation in the process. Mr. Coffey also provided information on the areas MET is focusing (advancing potable reuse, resiliency strategy for the Delta, and a vision for inter-governmental collaboration), inter-governmental roles (state, regional, and local), as well as the portfolio of state, regional, and local actions.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding the Water Resilience Portfolio comment letters sent by both MWDOC and MET, the importance of advancing potable reuse water, the role of the Federal government, the need to educate the public, and the level of operations & maintenance by the State.

The Board received and filed the information presented and thanked Mr. Coffey for the presentation.

INPUT OR QUESTIONS ON MET ISSUES FROM THE MEMBER AGENCIES/MET DIRECTOR REPORTS REGARDING MET COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Director McKenney highlighted the Conservation & Local Resources Committee activities, and noted that that the MET Board authorized General Manager Kightlinger to enter into
agreements with the State Water Resources Control Board for the sale of output from four hydroelectric power plants.

Discussion was held regarding Demand Management (and its effect on rates), storage, and prefunding OPEB and PERS liability.

**DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

The Board received and filed the staff report.

**MWDOC’S HOSTING OF DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2019**

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

Director Tamaribuchi highlighted a discussion held between Karl Seckel/Charles Busslinger and the SMWD Water Quality and Innovations Committee regarding water quality issues. SMWD General Manager Dan Ferons thanked both Mr. Seckel and Mr. Busslinger for their input.

The Board requested that water quality become an annual topic for the Workshop Board meeting. The information was received and filed.

**METROPOLITAN (MET) BOARD AND COMMITTEE AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a. Summary regarding August 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 9:33 a.m.

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Maribeth Goldsby  
Board Secretary