

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
August 21, 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 Dick led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

**MWDOC DIRECTORS**

Brett R. Barbre  
Larry Dick  
Joan Finnegan (absent)  
Bob McVicker  
Sat Tamaribuchi  
Jeffery M. Thomas  
Megan 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  
Cathy Harris, Director of HR & Administration  
Hilary Chumpitazi, Accounting Manager  
Chris Lingad, Water Resources  
Tiffany Baca, Public Affairs Manager  
Sarah Wilson, Public Affairs Specialist

**ALSO PRESENT**

Doug Reinhart  
Jim Atkinson  
Kelly Rowe  
Mike Markus  
John Kennedy  
Chuck Gibson  
Dennis Erdman  
Rick Erkeneff  
Bill Green  
Rick Shintaku  
Brooke Jones  
Mat Forester  
Dawn Curtis  
Yarib Dheming  
Laer Pearce

Irvine Ranch Water District  
Mesa Water District  
Orange County Water District  
Orange County Water District  
Orange County Water District  
Santa Margarita Water District  
South Coast Water District  
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Yorba Linda Water District  
Boy Scouts of America  
OCDE/Inside the Outdoors  
OCWD/Inside the Outdoors  
Laer Pearce & Associates

**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.

Mr. Mat Forester (Boy Scouts) presented the Board with a Certificate of Appreciation, specifically for Director McVicker, for participation in his troop's Summer Day Camp.

Mr. Laer Pearce provided an update on SB 307, and thanked the Board for adopting an oppose position.

**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.

**PRESENTATION – RECOGNITION FOR VOICE FOR THE PLANET ORANGE COUNTY STUDENT WINNERS**

Public Affairs Specialist Sarah Wilson presented awards to students who participated in the Voice for the Planet video contest; each winning video (from various categories) was shown to the Board.

**EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD**

General Manager Hunter presented an award to Tiffany Baca for 10 years of service to the District.

**INTRODUCTION**

Director of Water Use Efficiency Joe Berg, introduced new employees, Kevin Kelly and Jason Thorsell (Water Loss Control Program employees) to the Board.

**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.

Director Barbre noted that typographical errors were corrected in the June 3 and 5 Board meeting minutes, as well as the July 10 Administration & Finance Committee meeting.

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Yoo Schneider, and carried (6-0), the Board approved the Consent Calendar (as revised) items as follows. Directors Barbre, Dick, McVicker, Yoo Schneider, Tamaribuchi, and Thomas and voted in favor; Director Finnegan was absent.

**MINUTES**

The following minutes were approved.

July 3, 2019 Workshop Board Meeting  
July 17, 2019 Regular Board Meeting

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

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

Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: July 1, 2019  
Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: July 10, 2019  
Public Affairs & Legislation Committee Meeting: July 15, 2019  
Executive Committee Meeting: July 18, 2019  
MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee Meeting: July 24, 2019

**TREASURER'S REPORTS**

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of July 31, 2019  
MWDOC Disbursement Registers (July/August)

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 June 30, 2019  
PARS Monthly Statement (OPEB Trust)  
Water Use Efficiency Projects Cash Flow

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The following items were received and filed as presented.

Unaudited Draft Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the period ending June 30, 2019  
Quarterly Budget Review (deferred to the FY 2018-19 Audited Annual Financials)

**APPROVE \$5,000 INCREASE TO ROSENBERG + ASSOCIATES SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT**

The Board approved a \$5,000 increase to the sole source contract with Rosenberg + Associates (from \$25,000 to \$30,000) for Construction Management services relating to the Computer Room Air Conditioner Replacement Project.

**TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TO COVER FEDERAL ADVOCACY ISSUES**

The Board reviewed and ratified the travel expenses as reported.

**TRAVEL TO SACRAMENTO TO COVER STATE ADVOCACY ISSUES**

The Board reviewed and ratified the travel expenses as reported.

**ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA) COMMITTEE  
CONSIDERATION FORMS FOR 2020/21**

The Board authorized the requests to serve on various ACWA Committees for the 2020-21 term, and direct staff to submit the completed Committee Consideration Forms by the September 30, 2019 deadline.

**AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO METROPOLITAN  
AGREEMENTS FOR CYCLIC IN-LIEU DELIVERIES**

The Board authorized the General Manager to enter into agreements for Cyclic In-Lieu treated deliveries into the existing MWDOC Cyclic Account, as adopted by the Metropolitan Board on April 10, 2019. The four agreements are with Metropolitan Water District, as well as the cities of Anaheim, Fullerton, and Santa Ana.

**VEHICLE PURCHASE FOR WATER LOSS CONTROL STAFF**

The Board authorized the General Manager to purchase the Chevrolet Silverado 2500, and Dodge Ram ProMaster City Tradesman vehicles for a combined cost of \$75,407.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR STAFF TO ATTEND PUBLIC RELATIONS SOCIETY OF  
AMERICA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OCTOBER 20-22, 2019**

The Board authorized staff attendance at the Public Relations Society of America’s (PRSA) International Conference, October 20-22, 2019 in San Diego.

**- END CONSENT CALENDAR -**

**ACTION CALENDAR**

**ADOPTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY REGIONAL WATER AND WASTEWATER  
MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR 2019**

Upon MOTION by Director Yoo Schneider, seconded by Director Thomas, and carried (6-0), the Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2088 approving and adopting the Orange County Regional Water and Wastewater Hazard Mitigation Plan. Said RESOLUTION NO. 2088 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: Directors Barbre, Dick, McVicker, Yoo Schneider, Tamaribuchi & Thomas
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Director Finnegan
- ABSTAIN: None

**RECOMMENDATION FOR SPONSORSHIP OF MAVEN'S NOTEBOOK**

Upon MOTION by Director McVicker, seconded by Director Yoo Schneider, and carried (6-0), the Board authorized a sponsorship of Maven's Notebook at a cost of \$2500. Directors Barbre, Dick, McVicker, Yoo Schneider, Tamaribuchi, and Thomas and voted in favor; Director Finnegan was absent.

**ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA) REGION 10 ELECTION**

SMWD Director Chuck Gibson advised that he would like to continue his role on the Region 10 Board and asked for the Board's support.

President Barbre advised that the Administration & Finance Committee recommended the Board cast the ballot for individual board candidates (from Orange County), rather than the recommended slate of candidates; he clarified that votes would have to be cast 3 from Orange County and 2 from San Diego. He stated his preference for voting for those individuals who personally address the Board requesting support.

Director Yoo Schneider stated her preference for the Nominating Committee's recommended slate of candidates.

Upon MOTION by Director Dick, seconded by McVicker, and carried (5-0), the Board authorized President Barbre, or his designee, to cast the District's ballot for the ACWA Region 10 Board of Directors (at his discretion). Directors Barbre, Dick, McVicker, Tamaribuchi, and Thomas and voted in favor; Director Yoo Schneider abstained and Director Finnegan was absent.

Director Barbre announced that he would be voting for DeAna Verbeke, Cathy Green, Jim Atkinson, Betty Evans, Charles Gibson, Shauna Lorance, and Mark Monin.

**COST-SHARE AGREEMENT WITH MET ON UTAH STATE METER ACCURACY TESTING OF SERVICE CONNECTION OC-70**

Assistant General Manager Karl Seckel advised that the Planning & Operations Committee requested this item be presented to the Board and that the Committee recommended entering into an Agreement with MET to conduct testing on the accuracy of service connection OC-70 (using the services of Utah State Water Research Laboratory). Mr. Seckel then provided an overview of the costs, noting that per MET's Administrative Code, the cost of the MET testing is paid by MET if the meter accuracy exceeds 2%, and would be paid by MWDOC if the accuracy is within 2%.

Discussion regarding the accuracy of the meters, the distance between the pumps and meter, and the potential need for a larger study.

Upon MOTION by Director Yoo Scheider, which was seconded by Director Thomas, and carried (6-0), the Board authorized the General Manager to enter into a Cost-Share Agreement with MET in accordance with MET's Administrative Code to test the accuracy of service connection OC-70 using the services of Utah State Water Research Laboratory (Utah State). The estimated cost of the Utah State testing is about \$50,000. MWDOC has recommended additional testing of the

meters EOCWD recently used in their field testing and this work is estimated at about \$15,000 (MET would not participate in these costs). Per MET's Administrative Code, the cost of the MET testing is paid by MET if the meter accuracy exceeds 2% and would be paid by MWDOC if the accuracy is within 2%. MWDOC would be responsible for the cost of testing the meters used by EOCWD for field testing. All in, MWDOC's potential costs would range between \$15,000 on the low end up to \$65,000 on the high end. The costs are estimated at this time and need to be backed up by proposals from Utah State and work with the company EOCWD used in their testing to get access to the field meters. Directors Barbre, Dick, McVicker, Yoo Schneider, Tamaribuchi, and Thomas and voted in favor; Director Finnegan was absent.

## **INFORMATION CALENDAR**

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, AUGUST 2019**

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

Mr. Hunter announced that MWDOC would host a Water Policy Dinner on September 5, 2019, and the Delta Stewardship Council meeting on September 26, 2019. It was noted that a Community Leaders Briefing (hosted by Congressman Lou Correa) on August 29, 2019.

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, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive Committee meetings, the MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meeting, the Workshop and Regular Board meetings, the Community Leaders Water Briefing with Congressman Harley Rouda, the California Council on Environmental & Economic Balance Summer Issues Seminar, the California Environmental Dialogue (CED) meeting, the WACO meeting, a meeting with representatives from Newport Beach (and tour of their facilities), the South Orange County Watershed Management Authority meeting, a meeting with Toni Iseman (Laguna Beach), the San Juan Basin Authority meeting, the Urban Water Institute Conference, and the San Clemente City Council meeting.

Director Thomas noted his attendance at the Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive Committee meetings, the MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meeting, and the Workshop and Regular Board meetings, and OC Water Summit planning meeting, the Urban Water Institute Conference, and the MET Board/Committee meeting(s).

Director Tamaribuchi reported on attending the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meeting and the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), Community Leaders Briefing with Congressman Rouda, the CCEEB Summer Issues Seminar, the CED meeting, the WACO meeting, and the Urban Water Institute Conference.

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 MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meeting, and the Workshop and Regular Board meetings). He also attended the Community Leaders Briefing with Congressman Rouda, and ACWA Region 10 program, the WACO meeting, the Urban Water Institute Conference, the MET Water Planning & Stewardship Committee meeting (via web), and he presented a certificate to the Bolsa Chica Conservancy for the MWDOC Girl Scouts Patch Program.

Director Dick reported he attended all of MWDOC's regularly scheduled meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meeting, and the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), as well as the OC Association of Realtors event, a meeting with Greg Mills (Serrano), an agricultural trip/tour in Fresno with MET Chairwoman Gloria Gray, the Region 10 event, a meeting with Feedy Mares, a meeting with Scott Maloni, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, a meeting with Jeff Kightlinger, the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce meeting, and the Urban Water Institute Conference.

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: the OC Water Association lunch, a meeting with Jeff Kightlinger, the MET Committee day (late), the MWDOC/OCWD/YLWD Joint Committee meeting, a meeting with Jenn Lowe regarding the ACCOC MET tour, a meeting with Brea City Councilman Steve Vargas, a meeting with Darcy Burke, a meeting with Tustin Councilman Doc Bernstein, and the MET Board meeting. In his capacity as MWDOC Director he attended the following meetings: Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meeting, and the Workshop and Regular Board meetings, the OC Water Summit Planning meeting, a meeting with Feedy Mares, the WACO meeting, and he participated in a conference call with MWDOC auditors.

**b. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

Director Dick commented that he enjoyed viewing the student videos at the beginning of the meeting, suggesting the District share those more often.

President Barbre referenced a discussion held at the Administration & Finance Committee meeting regarding Expense Reporting, noting that although the Committee did not recommend any changes to the form, he would like to revisit the issue at the October Committee meeting; he distributed a spreadsheet outlining actual v. reported expenses for fiscal year 2018-19.

**CLOSED SESSION ITEM**

At 9:34 a.m., Legal Counsel Byrne announced that the Board would adjourn to closed session, for a conference with Legal Counsel on the following matter:

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: One case

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened at 10:06 a.m., and Legal Counsel Byrne 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 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary