

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

November 6, 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 Larry McKenney 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
Megan Yoo Schneider

STAFF

Robert Hunter, General Manager
Karl Seckel, Assistant General Manager
Joe Ortiz, Legal Counsel
Maribeth Goldsby, Board Secretary
Harvey De La Torre, Associate General Manager
Melissa Baum-Haley, Prin. Water Res. Analyst
Chris Lingad, Water Resources Analyst
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Eff. Programs
Charles Busslinger, Principal Engineer
Daniel Harrison, WEROC Specialist

*Also MWDOC MET Directors

OTHER MWDOC MET DIRECTORS

Larry McKenney
Linda Ackerman (absent)

OTHERS PRESENT

Jose Vergara
Doug Reinhart
Don Froelich
Kelly Rowe
John Kennedy
Adam Hutchinson
Greg Mills
Dennis Erdman
Rick Erkeneff
Ed Means
Brandon Goshi
Brad Coffey
Liz Mendelson-Goossens
Kristy Khachigian

El Toro Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Moulton Niguel Water District
Orange County Water District
Orange County Water District
Orange County Water District
Serrano Water District
South Coast Water District
South Coast Water District
Means Consulting
Metropolitan Water District of So. Calif.
Metropolitan Water District of So. Calif.
San Diego County Water Authority
Kristy Khachigian Consulting

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

President Barbre thanked several member agency representatives for attending the memorial service for Wayne Osborne, and announced that services for Ed Royce, Sr. would be held on Friday, November 8, 2019 at the Nixon Library.

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

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

Director Dick highlighted the activities of the Audits & Ethics Committee (noting that a new Ethics Officer was appointed), and the Finance & Insurance Committee. He advised that MET Director Phil Hawkins was re-appointed to the MET Board, and that MET continues to move forward with its headquarters building rehabilitation.

Director Barbre reported that Director Paskett is the delegation leader for Los Angeles. He also provided a brief overview of the recently held MET Board retreat.

Director McKenney reported on demand management costs and rates, and an update on the Finance & Insurance and Communications and Legislation Committee activities, the status of the State Water Project contracts, an overview of the fires within the MET service area, and an overview of the MET Board retreat.

DISCUSSION SERIES ON METROPOLITAN'S INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLAN: PART 1 – HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Principal Water Resources Analyst Melissa Baum-Haley stated that the region's water reliability situation has changed since the 2015 IRP update (drought followed by historic wet year, emerging contaminants, etc.). As a result, MET will be commencing its next planning cycle with the 2020 IRP.

Ms. Baum-Haley provided an overview of the fundamental purpose of the IRP, an overview of each IRP update since 1996, a retrospective look at prior year projections, (population, local supplies, and water demand). She provided an analysis of planning efforts and the current situation (improved conditions, low demands, record storage, local agency projects) versus that of 2015 (record dry conditions, drought emergency, mandatory conservation, and depleted storage).

Ms. Baum-Haley advised that because MET will begin its IRP update in 2020, MWDOC staff will provide complementary discussions on how the planning targets work, projections for key factors of influence, and the anticipated IRP areas of board discussion.

Considerable discussion ensued with specific emphasis on demand projections (using the impact of conservation rather than looking to the past), the need to separate indoor/outdoor water use when analyzing the data, and storage and the need for more surface storage.

The Board received and filed the report as presented.

WATER SUPPLY AND STORAGE LEVELS

It was noted that the written report was included in the Board packet; the Board received and filed the report.

DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT ACTIVITIES UPDATE

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 Board received and filed the report as presented.

METROPOLITAN (MET) BOARD AND COMMITTEE AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Summary regarding October MET Board Meetings
- b. Review items of significance for the upcoming MET Board and Committee Agendas

The information was received and filed.

CLOSED SESSIONS

At 10:00 a.m., Legal Counsel Ortiz announced that the Board would adjourn to closed session to discuss the following closed session items:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: General Manager
Government Code Section 54957

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

District Designated Representative: Joseph Byrne, Legal Counsel
Unrepresented Employee: General Manager

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened at 11:24 a.m., and Legal Counsel Ortiz advised that no reportable action was taken in closed session regarding the Public Employee Discipline, and that the remaining two items (Public Employee Performance Evaluation and Conference with Labor Negotiators) were deferred until the November 13, 2019 Administration & Finance Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Maribeth Goldsby
Board Secretary