

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
December 18, 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 McVicker led the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Laer Pearce conducted an invocation, 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 Byrne, Legal Counsel
Maribeth Goldsby, Board Secretary
Cathy Harris, Admin. Services Manager
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Harvey De La Torre, Associate General Manager
Melissa Baum-Haley, Prin. Water Resources Analyst
Heather Baez, Government Affairs Manager
Chris Lingad, Water Resources Analyst

ALSO PRESENT

Linda Ackerman
Larry McKenney
Jose Vergara
Jim Atkinson
Kelly Rowe
Chuck Gibson
Jim Leach
Dennis Erdman
Fernando Paludi
Brooke Jones
Marc Marcantonio
Laer Pearce

MWDOC/MET Director
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El Toro Water District
Mesa Water
Orange County Water District
Santa Margarita Water District
Santa Margarita Water District
South Coast Water District
Trabuco Canyon Water District
Yorba Linda Water District
Yorba Linda Water District
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.

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.

General Manager Hunter advised that an update to Item No. 6-3 (MWDOC Legislative and Regulatory Policy Principles Annual Update) was presented to the Board and posted on the website.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

General Manager Hunter recognized and commended Melissa Baum-Haley (Principal Water Resources Analyst) and Rachel Waite (Water Use Efficiency Analyst II) for the development of MWDOC's water savings research, recently featured within the Alliance for Water Efficiency Utility Program Guide on Sustainable Landscape publication, with international distribution.

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.

Upon MOTION by Director Finnegan, seconded by Thomas, and carried (7-0), the Board approved 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.

- November 6, 2019 Workshop Board Meeting
- November 20, 2019 Regular Board Meeting

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

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

- Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: November 12, 2019
- Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: November 13, 2019
- Public Affairs & Legislation Committee Meeting: November 18, 2019
- Executive Committee Meeting: November 21, 2019

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

- MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of November 30, 2019
- MWDOC Disbursement Registers (November/December)

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 October 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 October 31, 2019

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT – MUNICIPAL RESOURCE GROUP (MRG) – AUTHORIZE STAFF TRAINING

The Board authorized \$36,000 for staff training outside of the original scope of work with MRG for the Performance Management System, Option 1.

- END CONSENT CALENDAR –

ACTION CALENDAR

REORGANIZATION OF THE MWDOC BOARD OF DIRECTORS; ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Director Dick made a MOTION to nominate Director Joan Finnegan as President and Director Sat Tamaribuchi as Vice President; Director Tamaribuchi seconded the MOTION. Director Finnegan thanked them for their support, but stated she must decline the nomination, noting she would prefer Director Thomas be nominated as President.

Director Dick then made a MOTION to nominate Director Sat Tamaribuchi as President and Director Joan Finnegan as Vice President; Director McVicker seconded the MOTION.

Director Finnegan made a SUBSTITUTE MOTION to nominate Director Jeffery Thomas as President and Director Tamaribuchi as Vice President. By a vote of 3-4, the SUBSTITUTE MOTION failed. Directors Finnegan, Thomas and Barbre voted in favor; Directors Dick, McVicker, Yoo Schneider, and Tamaribuchi opposed.

Returning to Director Dick's MOTION (seconded by Director McVicker), the Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2090 by a 6-1 vote, electing Director Sat Tamaribuchi as President, and Director Joan Finnegan as Vice President. RESOLUTION NO. 2090 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Dick, Finnegan, McVicker, Yoo Schneider, Tamaribuchi & Thomas

NOES: Director Barbre
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None

President Tamaribuchi assumed the Chair position, and thanked Director Barbre for his leadership over the last two years.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY, TREASURER(S), AND LEGAL COUNSEL

President Tamaribuchi announced that the proposal to appoint the District’s Secretary, Treasurer(s), and Legal Counsel was before the Board for consideration.

Upon MOTION by Director Finnegan, seconded by Director McVicker, and carried (7-0), the Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2091 appointing Maribeth Goldsby as Board Secretary, Hilary Chumpitazi as Treasurer, Robert Hunter as Deputy Treasurer, Mary Snow as Alternate Deputy Treasurer, Jeff Stalvey as Alternate Deputy Treasurer, Lina Gunawan as Alternate Deputy Treasurer, and Best, Best & Krieger and Joe Byrne as Legal Counsel, by the following roll call vote:

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

MWDOC LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY POLICY PRINCIPLES ANNUAL UPDATE

Director Dick noted that the Public Affairs & Legislation Committee held a robust discussion on this matter and recommended revisions (which were distributed to the Board) and recommended support.

Upon MOTION by Director Dick, seconded by Director Finnegan, and carried (7-0), the Board adopted the updated Legislative Policy Principles as presented by the Public Affairs & Legislation Committee. Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, McVicker, Yoo Schneider, Tamaribuchi and Thomas voted in favor.

EXTENSION OF LOCAL ADVOCACY CONTRACT WITH LEWIS CONSULTING GROUP

Upon MOTION by Director Barbre, seconded by Director Yoo Schneider, and carried (7-0), the Board extended the local advocacy contract with Lewis Consulting Group for 2020. Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, McVicker, Yoo Schneider, Tamaribuchi and Thomas voted in favor.

EXTENSION OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY CONTRACT WITH BARKER LEAVITT, PC

Upon MOTION by Director Barbre, seconded by Director Yoo Schneider, and carried (7-0), the Board extended the federal advocacy contract with Barker Leavitt, PC for 2020. Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, McVicker, Yoo Schneider, Tamaribuchi and Thomas voted in favor.

EXTENSION OF STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY CONTRACT WITH BEST, BEST & KRIEGER

Upon MOTION by Director Barbre, seconded by Director Yoo Schneider, and carried (7-0), the Board extended the state advocacy contract with Best, Best & Krieger for 2020. Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, McVicker, Yoo Schneider, Tamaribuchi and Thomas voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO MWDOC CONTRACT WITH STRATEGIC DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING FIRM HASHTAG PINPOINT CORPORATION

Upon MOTION by Director Barbre, seconded by Director McVicker, and carried (7-0), the Board authorized amending the current contract with Hashtag Pinpoint Corp. for an additional \$40,000, utilizing grant funds from Metropolitan, for the production of up to 15 How-To Videos promoting Water Use Efficiency. Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, McVicker, Yoo Schneider, Tamaribuchi and Thomas voted in favor.

Director Dick requested staff provide status updates to the Board, along with copies of the video(s).

PARTICIPATION IN THE CALIFORNIA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION (CWEA)

Upon MOTION by Director McVicker, seconded by Director Dick, and carried (7-0), the Board authorized Director Yoo Schneider's candidacy for the CWEA Board of Directors as Vice President of the South (to be President in the third year of a four year term). Directors Barbre, Dick, Finnegan, McVicker, Yoo Schneider, Tamaribuchi and Thomas voted in favor.

The Board requested regular reports/updates. Director Yoo Schneider thanked the Board.

INFORMATION CALENDAR

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, DECEMBER 2019

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

Director Barbre referenced the Confidentiality Agreement between MWDOC and South Coast Water District regarding the Doheny Ocean Desalination Project and asked when the terms would expire or become public. General Manager Hunter explained that one of the purposes of the agreement was to allow MWDOC to participate on the vendor selection for the Project. Staff will update the Board on the current schedule.

Director Yoo Schneider announced that the District received several awards at the recent ACWA conference and commended Government Affairs Manager Heather Baez for her efforts with respect to earning these awards.

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 Executive, Administration & Finance, and Public Affairs & Legislation Committee meetings, as well as the two OC Water Summit planning meeting, a meeting with South Coast Water District, the San Juan Capistrano Coffee Chat, the CCEEB/CED meeting, the Laguna Beach County Water District commission meeting, and a meeting with Water UCI. She noted that she was invited to be a voting member of the National Science Foundation Drinking Water Additives Joint Committees for treatment chemicals and system components and was able to vote on NSF 60 and 61; she will also be participating in various tasks forces through this organization. Director Yoo Schneider also advised that she attended the premier of the Brave New World documentary regarding water and wastewater challenges.

Director Thomas stated that he attended Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive Committee meetings, the Workshop Board meeting, the Colorado River Water Users Association conference, the ACWA conference and two OC Water Summit Planning meetings.

Director Finnegan noted that she attended the Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Public Affairs & Legislation Committee meetings, as well as the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting.

Director Barbre reported on his attendance at the following meetings in his capacity as MET Director: the MWDOC/MET Director delegation meeting (early), the MET Local Infrastructure inspection trip, the MET Board and Committee meetings, the reception honoring Brad Hiltcher, the reception honoring Bard Water, the MWDOC/MET Director delegation meeting (late), and the OC Water Summit Planning Committee meeting. In his capacity as MWDOC Director he attended the following meetings: MWDOC/OCWD/YLWD Joint Committee meeting, the OC Water Summit Planning meeting, the Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Public Affairs & Legislation Committee meetings, as well as a meeting with La Habra Councilman Tim Shaw, a meeting with Brea Councilwoman Cecelia Hupp, and the Colorado River Water Users Association conference.

Director McVicker reported that he attended the Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive Committee meetings, the Workshop Board meeting, the ACWA conference, including the ACWA Groundwater, Water Management, and Water Quality Committee meetings, a Town Hall meeting featuring Steve La Mar as moderator

(regarding the Governor’s Resiliency Portfolio), the Fountain Valley City Council meeting where he presented Mark Lewis (retiring) with MWDOC’s Proclamation, the WACO Planning and WACO meetings, and the MET Committee meetings (via web). He noted that he would be meeting with Assemblyman Tyler Diep later in the week.

Director Dick reported he attended Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive Committee meetings, the Workshop Board meeting, the MWDOC/MET Directors meeting, the MET Board and Committee meetings, the WACO Executive Committee meeting, the Urban Water Institute conference planning meeting, and the Garden Grove Chamber’s Legislative Committee meeting.

Director Tamaribuchi reported on attending the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings except the Planning & Operations Committee meeting (Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), as well as the CCEEB-CED meeting, the ACWA Conference, the OCBC Infrastructure Committee meeting, and the CEPI Water Conference as a speaker

b. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

Director Barbre referenced a recent Public Records Act request the District received from the Attorney General’s office regarding the Legislative Policy Principles and the discussion held at the Public Affairs & Legislation Committee, and asked how this may have come to the attention of the Attorney General’s office. General Manager Hunter advised that although he has no indication of how the information was received by the Attorney General’s office, all of the meeting materials are posted to the website.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Tamaribuchi adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary