# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY August 19, 2020

At 8:30 a.m., President Tamaribuchi called to order the Regular Meeting of the Municipal Water District of Orange County, via the Zoom Webinar application (pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the meeting was conducted via Zoom). Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

#### **MWDOC DIRECTORS**

Vacant 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

Harvey De La Torre, Associate General Manager Melissa Baum-Haley, Prin. Water Resources Analyst

Cathy Harris, Director of H.R. & Administration Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs Heather Baez, Government Affairs Manager

Chris Lingad, Associate Engineer

Kevin Hostert, Water Resources Analyst Charles Busslinger, Principal Engineer Hilary Chumpitazi, Accounting Manager Alex Heide, Water Resource Analyst

Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management

Tiffany Baca, Public Affairs Manager

Judy Roberts, Accountant

#### **ALSO PRESENT**

Mike Maurer Linda Ackerman Larry McKenney Kathryn Freshley Kay Havens Mark Monin Jose Vergara Dennis Cafferty Peer Swan Paul Weghorst Jim Atkinson Stacy Taylor Don Froelich Kelly Rowe Saundra Jacobs Justin McCusker Dennis Erdman **Brooke Jones** 

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MWDOC/MET Director
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El Toro Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
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Mesa Water Mesa Water

Moulton Niguel Water District Orange County Water District Santa Margarita Water District Santa Margarita Water District South Coast Water District Yorba Linda Water District

Wayne Miller Yorba Linda Water District
Al Nederhood Yorba Linda Water District
Dick Ackerman Ackerman Consulting

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENT

President Tamaribuchi 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. Tamaribuchi asked whether there were any comments on other items which would be heard at this time.

No public 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 Tamaribuchi inquired as to whether there were any items distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

No items were distributed.

#### **EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION**

General Manager Hunter, along with Accounting Manager Chumpitazi, introduced Judy Roberts (Accountant) to the Board, noting she is training with Mary Snow to assume Mary's position when Mary retires. The Board welcomed Ms. Roberts.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

President Tamaribuchi stated all matters under the Consent Calendar would be approved by one MOTION unless a Director wished to consider an item separately.

Secretary Goldsby advised that Item No. 13 (Revisions to Administrative Code Sections 8000 to 8005 regarding contracts) contained a typo in that the revisions should go through Section 8006; the Board agreed to include this change in the action.

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Finnegan, and carried (6-0) the Board approved the Consent Calendar items, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

**MINUTES** 

The following minutes were approved.

July 1, 2020 Workshop Board Meeting July 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

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

Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: July 6, 2020 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: July 8, 2020 Public Affairs & Legislation Committee Meeting: July 20, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting: July 16, 2020 MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee Meeting: July 22, 2020

#### TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of July 31, 2020 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, 2020

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 June 30, , 2020

Quarterly Budget Review (deferred to FY 2019-20 Audited Financial Statements)

## SELECTION OF A CONSULTING FIRM TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MWDOC'S AND PARTICIPATING AGENCIES' 2020 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLANS

The Board authorized the General Manager to enter into a professional services contract with Arcadis U.S., Inc. (Arcadis) to assist in the development of MWDOC's and Participating Agencies' 2020 Urban Water Management Plans (UWMP); and authorized the General Manager to enter into agreements with the Participating Agencies for cost-sharing this effort and authorized the expenditure of \$32,720 plus any contingency items as MWDOC's share for the preparation of

MWDOC's 2020 UWMP. (The total contract amount can range from \$600,000 to \$1 million, depending on the total contingency items added on, with all of the costs being reimbursed from the participating agencies except for MWDOC's cost share of \$32,720.)

### CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION TO CDM-SMITH FOR INTERIM RELIABILITY MODELING AND ON-CALL PLANNING WORK FOR FY 2020-21

The Board authorized the General Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with CDM Smith to (1) conduct an "interim" Reliability Modeling update to help provide insight into MET's 2020 IRP, and (2) performauthorized other on-call services on a time and materials basis, not to exceed \$60,000.

### PROPOSITION 1 GRANT AWARDS FOR LANDSCAPE WATER EFFICIENCY PROJECTS

The Board (1) authorized the General Manager to enter into a grant funding agreement with the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority to access Proposition 1 funding for implementation of the SAWPA Regional Comprehensive Landscape Rebate Program as follows: (a) authorized the General Manager to enter into Agreements (5) with SAWPA Regional Comprehensive Landscape Rebate Program Project Proponents for regional program implementation, (b) authorized the General Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Soto Resources to provide Grant Management and Reporting Assistance for the SAWPA Regional Comprehensive Landscape Rebate Program in an amount not to exceed \$104,775; and (2) authorized the General Manager to enter into a grant funding agreement with the County of Orange to access Proposition 1 funding for implementation of the South Orange County Water Use Efficiency Program.

#### TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, DC TO COVER FEDERAL ADVOCACY INITIATIVES

The Board ratified the expenses as reported.

#### TRAVEL TO SACRAMENTO TO COVER STATE ADVOCACY ISSUES

The Board ratified the expenses as reported.

#### AB 3030 (KALRA): LAND AND OCEAN CONSERVATION GOALS

The Board adopted an "oppose unless amended" position and directed staff to send a letter to the bill's author and Senate Appropriations Committee.

### H.R 7073 (GARAMENDI) - SPECIAL DISTRICTS PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES ACT

The Board adopted a "support, if amended" position on HR 7073 (Garamendi) and send a letter to the Orange County delegation and CSDA with suggested amendments.

### APPROVAL OF ALLEN MCCOLLOCH PIPELINE (AMP) CAPACITY FLOW WAIVER FOR THE CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE

The board approved/granted an AMP capacity flow waiver for the City of San Clemente (CSC) due to temporary operational conditions caused by a shutdown of the Joint Transmission Main (JTM) for emergency repairs. The shutdown of the JTM caused both the SCWD and the CSC to increase their flow from the Allen McColloch Pipeline (AMP) into the South County Pipeline (SCP).

### REVISIONS TO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTIONS 8000 TO 8006 REGARDING CONTRACTS

The Board approved the proposed revisions to Administrative Code Sections 8000 to 8006, as presented.

#### - END CONSENT CALENDAR -

#### **ACTION CALENDAR**

#### ISDOC - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

President Tamaribuchi advised that the proposal to nominate a member of the MWDOC Board to the ISDOC Executive Committee was before the Board for consideration. Government Affairs Manager Heather Baez noted that the Public Affairs & Legislation Committee recommended the Board adopt a resolution that would authorize any member of the Board to run for a position on the ISDOC Executive Committee, should they so decide, prior to the September 11, 2020 due date.

Upon MOTION by Director Yoo Schneider, seconded by Director Finnegan, and carried (6-0), the Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2100 allowing any member of the Board to run for a position on the ISDOC Executive Committee, if they so desire. Said RESOLUTION NO. 2100 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

It was noted that interested Board members would notify Government Affairs Manager Heather Baez if they are interested in pursuing a position on the ISDOC Executive Committee.

### AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR ADMINISTRATION BUILDING SEISMIC RETROFIT AND REMODEL

President Tamaribuchi stated that he spoke with OCWD President Sarmiento, and both agreed to form an Ad Hoc Building Committee to review the plans for the construction contract, address any concerns, and defer action on this item until the OCWD Property Management Committee has the opportunity to review and approve the License Agreement; he noted his preference to defer this item until September 2, 2020.

Upon MOTION by Director McVicker, seconded by Director Thomas, and carried (6-0), the Board deferred this item until September 2, 2020, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

#### **INFORMATION CALENDAR**

#### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, AUGUST 2020**

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. Due to COVID 19, most of the meetings outlined were attended virtually (via the Zoom webinar application).

Director Dick advised that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning, and Executive Committee meetings, and the Workshop Board and Regular Board meetings), as well as the regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meeting days, the MET Executive Committee meeting, the MWDOC/MET Directors pre-Board/Committee meetings, MWDOC/MET Directors pre-Executive Committee meeting, meetings with Bob Feenstra, the WACO Planning (2) and WACO meetings, the MWDOC Ad Hoc MET Director Selection Committee, the OC Taxpayers Association meeting, a meeting with Deven Upadhyay regarding OC-70, the MWDOC Special Board meeting, and the ISDOC meeting.

Director McVicker reported that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop Board and Regular Board meetings), the MET Board and Committee meetings, the MET IRP Special Committee, an

OCWA webinar, the WACO Planning and WACO meetings, the ACWA virtual conference, the MWDOC Special Board meeting, and the ACWA Water Quality Committee meeting.

Director Finnegan reported on her attendance at all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop Board and Regular Board meetings), the ISDOC meeting, and the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (SARWQCB) hearing re Poseidon.

Director Thomas stated that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop Board and Regular Board meetings), the SARWQCB hearing re Poseidon, the Santa Margarita Water District Board meeting, the WACO meeting, the ACWA virtual conference, and the MWDOC Special Board meeting.

Director Yoo Schneider advised that she attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop Board and Regular Board meetings), the MWDOC Special Board meeting, the SMWD Board meetings (2), the SCWD Board meeting, the Water Environmental Federation (WEF) Board of Trustees meeting, as well as the WEF Workforce Diversity & Inclusion Task Force meetings, the SMWD Finance & Administration meeting, the SARWQCB hearing, the South Orange County Watershed Management Executive Committee meeting, the WACO meeting, the ACWA Water Quality Committee meeting, the San Juan Basin Authority meeting, the LBCWD meeting, a tour of Aliso Creek, the MNWD Board meeting, the SCWD meeting, and the Women in Water planning meeting.

Director Tamaribuchi reported on attending the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop Board and Regular Board meetings), the WACO meeting, the MET pre-Caucus meeting, the MET Caucus meeting, the MET Board and Committee meetings, a meeting to take the Oath of Office at MET, a Storm Water workshop, and a meeting with OCWD President Sarmiento regarding the building construction.

#### b. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

No requests were made.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Tamaribuchi adjourned the meeting at 8:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes	
Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary	

August 19, 2020