

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

October 7, 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 (arr. at 9:00 am)

**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  
Chris Lingad, Associate Engineer  
Melissa Baum-Haley, Prin. Water Resource Analyst  
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs  
Kevin Hostert, Water Resources Analyst  
Heather Baez, Government Affairs Manager  
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency Prog.  
Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management  
Alex Heide, Water Resources Analyst

\*Also MWDOC MET Director

**OTHER MWDOC MET DIRECTORS**

Larry McKenney  
Linda Ackerman

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Christine Carson  
Brad Coffey  
Brandon Goshi  
Drew Atwater  
Adan Ortega  
Dustin Ensminger  
Meg McWade  
Steven Faessel  
Kathryn Freshley  
Kay Havens  
Mark Monin  
Jose Vergara  
Dennis Cafferty  
Brian Ragland  
Steve LaMar  
Doug Reinhart  
Peer Swan  
Paul Weghorst  
Jim Atkinson

Aleshire & Wynder  
Metropolitan Water District of Southern Calif.  
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City of Fullerton MET Director  
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City of Anaheim MET Director  
El Toro Water District  
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El Toro Water District  
City of Huntington Beach  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
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Irvine Ranch Water District  
Mesa Water

Stacy Taylor  
 Don Froelich  
 Laura Rocha  
 Kelly Rowe  
 Mike Markus  
 John Kennedy  
 Adam Hutchinson  
 Chuck Gibson  
 Saundra Jacobs  
 Dan Ferons  
 Dennis Erdman  
 Fernando Paludi  
 Brooke Jones  
 Wayne Miller  
 Al Nederhood  
 Ed Means  
 Dick Ackerman  
 John Lewis  
 Megan Couch  
 Kristy Khachigian  
 Virginia Wei  
 Sabrina Tsui

Mesa Water  
 Moulton Niguel Water District  
 Moulton Niguel Water District  
 Orange County Water District  
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 Orange County Water District  
 Santa Margarita 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  
 Yorba Linda Water District  
 Means Consulting  
 Ackerman Consulting  
 Lewis Consulting  
 San Diego County Water Authority  
 KK Consulting  
 Los Angeles Department of Water and Power  
 Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

President Tamaribuchi 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 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 to the Board less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

**ACTION ITEM**

**AD HOC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT FOR MWDOC/OCWD BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

President Tamaribuchi requested this item be deferred until December; the Board generally concurred. No action was taken.

**PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

Director McKenney highlighted the MET Finance & Insurance Committee's activities, including discussion re: revenue bonds, the \$14 million investment in replacing overhead bridge cranes, water purchase with Yuba County, and the first quarter budget "actuals". He also highlighted MET's conservation programs, Bay-Delta Committee activities, and the MET General Manager's recruitment process and activities.

Director Ackerman expanded on Bay-Delta Committee activities and highlighted MET's Regional Recycled Water Program financial issues.

Director Dick highlighted water supply (wet and dry years), and MET's planning process for forecasting.

Director Faessel concurred with all of the reports.

Director Ortega commented on generating revenues with fiscal restraints and the impact of COVID-19.

Director Tamaribuchi highlighted the July water sales (under budget), noting that if this trend continues, revenues will be low.

Discussion ensued regarding revenue short-falls, water sales (and its effect on water bonds), the need to develop a rate structure that encompasses agencies rolling on and off the MET system.

**UPDATE ON METROPOLITAN ACTIVITIES BY METROPOLITAN BOARD CHAIR, GLORIA GRAY**

President Tamaribuchi advised that Chair Gray was not able to attend the meeting. The Board deferred this item to a future date.

(Director Yoo Schneider arrived at 9:00 a.m.)

**METROPOLITAN'S 2020 INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLAN (IRP) DISCUSSION SERIES – PART 9**

Principal Water Resources Analyst, Dr. Melissa Baum-Haley, provided an overview of MET's IRP process, noting that at the September 22<sup>nd</sup> IRP Special Committee meeting, MET staff provided discussion on the Draft Scenario Framework. She stated that the development of scenarios will consider the impacts to supply and demand based on a number of drivers, and that the IRP will identify four unique scenarios and thus assess four corresponding resource portfolios and reliability gaps.

Dr. Baum-Haley's presentation included an overview of the flow chart for the IRP process, an explanation of the Scenario Framework approach, how the scenarios were constructed, and strawman working assumptions. She concluded her presentation by reviewing the next steps of the process (qualitative and quantitative assessment of drivers, providing a preliminary assessment of key supply and demand impacts, and refining the scenarios.

Considerable discussion ensued with emphasis on how MET will establish demand projections, drivers of change, economic impacts, the status of salinity control on the Colorado River, and how stranded assets would fit into the various scenarios.

The Board received and filed the report.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **DELTA CONVEYANCE ACTIVITIES**

The Board received and filed the report that was included in the Board packet.

### **MWD ITEMS CRITICAL TO ORANGE COUNTY**

- a. MET's Finance and Rate Issues
- b. MET's General Manager Recruitment Process
- c. MET's Water Supply Conditions
- d. Colorado River Issues
- e. Delta Conveyance Activities and State Water Project Issues

The Board received and filed the report as presented.

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

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

The report was received and filed.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:42 a.m., the Board adjourned to closed session to discuss the following items:

### **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9. One Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; all persons interested in the validity of the rates adopted by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California on April 13, 2010, et al., former Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BS 126888, transferred on October 21, 2010, to San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CPF-10-510830. [On Remand from Court of Appeal Case No. A146901]

### **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code 54956.9. One Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; all persons interested in the validity of the rates adopted by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California on April 10, 2012 to be Effective January 1, 2013 and January 1, 2014; and Does 1-10, et al., former Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No.

BS137830, transferred on August 23, 2012, to San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CPF-12-512466. [On Remand from Court of Appeal Case No. A148266]

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9. One Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; all persons interested in the validity of the rates adopted by the Metropolitan Water of Southern California on April 8, 2014, et al., former Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BC547139, transferred on December 2, 2014, to San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CPF-14-514004.

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9. One Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; all persons interested in the validity of the rates adopted by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California on April 12, 2016, effective January 1, 2017 and January 1, 2018, et al., former Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. No. BS161729, transferred to San Francisco Superior Court, Case CPF-16-515282.

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9. One Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; all persons interested in the validity of the rates adopted by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California in 2017 to be effective January 1, 2018, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BS 169881, transferred to San Francisco Superior Court Case CGC-17-563350.

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9. One Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; all persons interested in the validity of the rates adopted by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California on April 10, 2018 to be effective January 1, 2019, and Jan. 1, 2020, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BS 173868, Transferred to San Francisco Superior Court, Case CPF-18-516389.

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened at 10:40 a.m., and President Tamaribuchi announced that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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Maribeth Goldsby  
Board Secretary