

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
September 16, 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
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Eff. Programs
Chris Lingad, Associate Engineer
Kevin Hostert, Water Resources Analyst
Charles Busslinger, Principal Engineer
Alex Heide, Water Resource Analyst
Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management
Tiffany Baca, Public Affairs Manager
Bryce Roberto, Public Affairs Coordinator

ALSO PRESENT

Patrick Skahan
Linda Ackerman
Larry McKenney
Kay Havens
Mark Monin
Jose Vergara
Dennis Cafferty
Doug Reinhart
Peer Swan
Paul Weghorst
Jim Atkinson
Stacy Taylor
Kelly Rowe
Mike Markus
John Kennedy
Chuck Gibson
Saundra Jacobs
Justin McCusker

Best, Best & Krieger
MWDOC/MET Director
MWDOC/MET Director
El Toro Water District
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Irvine Ranch Water District
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Mesa Water
Mesa Water
Orange County Water District
Orange County Water District
Orange County Water District
Santa Margarita Water District
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Dan Ferons
Jim Leach
Dennis Erdman
Fernando Paludi
Wayne Miller
Al Nederhood
Dick Ackerman
Megan Couch
Kristy Khachigian

Santa Margarita Water District
Santa Margarita Water District
South Coast Water District
Trabuco Canyon Water District
Yorba Linda Water District
Yorba Linda Water District
Ackerman Consulting
San Diego County Water Authority
Kristy Khachigian 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.

Director Sandra Jacobs (SMWD) advised that LAFCO concluded the MSR process and she thanked General Manager Hunter for his clarification remarks at the meeting (relative to MWDOC's Administrative Code).

Director Mark Monin (ETWD) advised he was running for President of ISDOC and he would appreciate MWDOC voting for him.

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 Director of Public Affairs Micalizzi, presented an award to Bryce Roberto for five years of service with the District.

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.

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.

August 5, 2020 Workshop Board Meeting
August 19, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
August 10, 2020 Special Board Meeting
August 14, 2020 Special Board Meeting

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

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

Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: August 3, 2020
Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: August 12, 2020
Public Affairs & Legislation Committee Meeting: August 10, 2020
Executive Committee Meeting: August 20, 2020

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of August 31, 2020
MWDOC Disbursement Registers (August/September)

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 July 31, 2020

PARS Monthly Statement (OPEB Trust)

Water Use Efficiency Projects Cash Flow

FINANCIAL REPORT

The following item was received and filed as presented.

Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the period ending July 31, 2020

REVISION TO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 9500 – DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY

The Board approved the proposed revisions to Administrative Code Section 9500, as presented.

- END CONSENT CALENDAR -

ACTION CALENDAR

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION WATERSMART GRANT RESOLUTION

President Tamaribuchi advised that the proposal to adopt a resolution in support of MWDOC’s 2020 WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency grant application was before the Board for consideration.

Upon MOTION by Director Yoo Schneider, seconded by Director Finnegan, and carried (6-0), the Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2101 supporting a Bureau of Reclamation 2021 WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency grant application. Said RESOLUTION NO. 2101 was adopted 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, SEPTEMBER 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, and Executive Committee meetings, and the Workshop Board and Regular Board meetings), as well as the regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meeting days, several additional MWDOC MET delegation meetings, the MET Executive Committee meeting, the MWDOC/MET Directors pre-Board/Committee meetings, MWDOC/MET Directors pre-Executive Committee meeting, the WACO Planning, and WACO meetings, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, the Special Board meeting, and the meeting with South County agencies.

Director McVicker reported that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive

Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop Board and Regular Board meetings), the OCWA webinar, the OCBC Infrastructure Committee, the WACO and WACO Planning meetings, and the MET Board and Committee meetings.

Director Finnegan reported on her attendance at all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop Board and Regular Board meetings), the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting.

Director Thomas stated that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop Board and Regular Board meetings), the SARWQCB hearing re Poseidon, the WACO meeting, Water Summit planning meeting, the meeting with South County agencies, the SMWD Board meeting, and two Special Board meeting.

Director Yoo Schneider advised that she attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop Board and Regular Board meetings), the Urban Water Institute webinar, Building Committee meeting with OCWD, the SMWD Board meetings (2), the meeting with South County agencies, the SMWD Administration & Finance Committee and Water Quality & Technology meetings, a meeting with a few MNWD Board members, the Water Environmental Federation Workforce Diversity & Inclusion Task Force meeting, the OC Water Summit planning meeting, the California Water Environmental Association Executive Committee and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Task Force meetings, the Special Board meeting re building construction, the LBCWD Commission meeting, the WEF House of Delegates & Committee Leadership meetings, a meeting with Director Tamaribuchi and staff re legislative issues, the MNWD Board meeting, the SCWD Board meeting, the WACO meeting, the Women in Water (San Diego) meeting, and she noted her participation in a California Environmental Dialogue (CED) meeting.

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 Workshop Board and Regular Board meetings), the MET Board and Committee meetings, the SMWD Board meeting, the meeting with South County agencies, a Building Committee meeting with OCWD, several MWDOC/MET Director meetings, the MET Caucus, the IRWD Water Resources Water Policy Committee, the WACO meeting, and a meeting with Director Yoo Schneider and staff regarding legislation and regulation for 2020/2021.

b. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

No requests were made.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

At 8:51 a.m., Legal Counsel Byrne advised the Board would adjourn to closed session regarding the following two matters:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (Two Cases)

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

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

(General Manager Hunter left the closed session at 10:31 a.m.)

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened at 11:18 a.m., and Legal Counsel Byrne announced that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL MANAGER CONTRACT

Upon MOTION by Director McVicker, seconded by Director Thomas, and carried (6-0), the Board extended the General Manager’s contract for an additional year (through 2025), authorized, due to the COVID-19 situation, the temporary lifting of the General Manager’s sick leave and vacation accrual/caps to be consistent with what has been done for employees, and authorized a salary increase to the General Manager of \$10,000 per year. The following roll call vote was taken:

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Tamaribuchi adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary