

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
August 10, 2020

At 9:35 a.m., President Tamaribuchi called to order the Special Meeting of the Municipal Water District of Orange County Board of Directors, 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). Director Yoo Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

MWDOC DIRECTORS

Vacant
Larry Dick
Joan Finnegan (absent)
Bob McVicker
Sat Tamaribuchi
Jeffery M. Thomas
Megan Yoo Schneider

STAFF PRESENT

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 Res. Analyst
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Joe Berg, Director of WUE
Tiffany Baca, Public Affairs Manager
Kevin Hostert, Water Resources Analyst
Charles Busslinger, Principal Engineer
Heather Baez, Government Affairs Manager
Alex Heide, Water Resources Analyst

ALSO PRESENT

Linda Ackerman
Larry McKenney
Tony Solorzano
Tim Kearns
Kay Havens
Mike Gaskins
Sherri Seitz
Steve LaMar
Doug Reinhart
Peer Swan
Frank Prewoznik
Jim Atkinson
Jim Fisler
Paul Shoenberger
Stacy Taylor
Don Froelich
Kelly Rowe
Mike Markus
John Kennedy
Charles Gibson
Sandra Jacobs
Jim Leach
Greg Mills

MWDOC MET Director
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Discovery Cube
Hashtag Pinpoint
El Toro Water District
El Toro Water District
El Toro Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
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Mesa Water
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Moulton Niguel Water District
Orange County Water District
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Santa Margarita Water District
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Santa Margarita Water District
Serrano Water District

Fernando Paludi
 Al Nederhood
 Brett Barbre
 Pasquale Talarico
 Dick Ackerman
 Rupert Barnett

Trabuco Canyon Water District
 Yorba Linda Water District
 Yorba Linda Water District
 Yorba Linda Water District
 Ackerman Consulting
 Orange County Coastkeepers

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were received.

ACTION ITEM

APPOINTMENT OF MWDOC MET DIRECTOR

President Tamaribuchi advised that as a result of Director Barbre's resignation, the appointment of MWDOC's MET Director was before the Board for consideration.

General Manager Hunter noted that two letters were received (one from OCWD and one from Mesa) regarding this topic; the letters were posted to the District's website.

Director Dick made a MOTION, which was seconded by Director Yoo Schneider, to appoint Director Satoru Tamaribuchi as MWDOC's representative to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Board of Directors (as recommended by MWDOC's MET Director Selection Committee).

Director Thomas expressed concern, noting he would prefer more geographically balanced representation, and suggested the Board appoint a representative from the North Orange County area. He commented that if Director Tamaribuchi is appointed, it would result in three MWDOC MET Directors from the same geographical location (Irvine and South County). He referenced Administrative Code Section 1500, noting he believed that geographical representation should be balanced. OCWD Director Green, Mesa Director Atkinson, and YLWD Director Nederhood concurred with Mr. Thomas' comments. Mesa General Manager Shoenberger suggested it may be prudent for the MWDOC Board to defer action on this matter.

Director Ackerman commented that anybody appointed to the MET Board represents the entire MET service area, not just the area they reside, or the agency they are appointed by. Director McKenney concurred.

IRWD Director Swan agreed with Directors Ackerman and McKenney noting that during his tenure on the MET Board, he represented the entire MET service area, and he suggested the MWDOC Board appoint the best candidate, rather than evaluate geographical location.

Director McVicker stated that although he originally expressed interest in serving on the MET Board, he believed the MWDOC Board was split on their choice, and he believed it important for the MWDOC Board to have adequate representation on the MET Board sooner rather than later. As a result, he withdrew his candidacy and asked the MWDOC Board to support Director Tamaribuchi in this capacity.

Following discussion, and upon a vote of 4-1, the Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2099 appointing Satoru "Sat" Tamaribuchi as MWDOC's representative to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Board of Directors. Said RESOLUTION NO. 2099 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

President Tamaribuchi thanked the Board, noting his desire to work effectively and for what's in MET best interests. At 10:01 a.m., President Tamaribuchi adjourned the special meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary