

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

November 4, 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
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
Charles Busslinger, Principal Engineer

*Also MWDOC MET Directors

OTHER MWDOC MET DIRECTORS

Larry McKenney
Linda Ackerman

OTHERS PRESENT

Benita Horn
Gloria Gray
Deven Upadhyay
Kathryn Freshley
Kay Havens
Mark Monin
Jose Vergara
Dennis Cafferty
Mike Dunbar
Steve LaMar
Doug Reinhart
Peer Swan
Paul Weghorst
Jim Atkinson
Don Froelich
Matt Collings
Laura Rocha
Kelly Rowe

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Orange County Water District

Mike Markus	Orange County Water District
John Kennedy	Orange County Water District
Saundra Jacobs	Santa Margarita Water District
Dan Ferons	Santa Margarita Water District
Greg Mills	Serrano Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Dennis Erdman	South Coast Water District
Bill Green	South Coast Water District
Rick Shintaku	South Coast Water District
Fernando Paludi	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Brooke Jones	Yorba Linda Water District
Wayne Miller	Yorba Linda Water District
Al Nederhood	Yorba Linda Water District
John Lewis	Lewis Consulting
Ed Means	Means Consulting
Kristy Khachigian	KK Consulting
M. Grisso	

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.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

UPDATE ON METROPOLITAN ACTIVITIES BY METROPOLITAN BOARD CHAIR, GLORIA GRAY

MET Chairwoman Gloria Gray provided an update and overview of MET projects, the Local Resources Program (LRP), the IRP progress and activities, the conservation and rebate programs, MET's partnerships and collaboration activities, and MET's overall approach to the climate change issues. Following discussion regarding climate change and MET's potential projects, the Board thanked Ms. Gray for attending the meeting, and received and filed her report.

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

Director McKenney highlighted the following MET activities: MET General Manager recruitment process, the IRP activities, the Bay-Delta Committee activities, the MET department head performance evaluations, and public comments received regarding employee issues.

Director Ackerman highlighted a proposal by the State of Utah to construct a pipeline into Lake Powell, noting that although Utah was in the EIR process, that process has been postponed due to requests for them to postpone further action on the project. Director Ackerman also provided an update on the Bay-Delta Committee activities, and noted that Los Angeles appointed a new MET Director (Matt Peterson).

Director Dick highlighted the Regional Recycled Water Program (Carson Project), noting the MWDOC delegation's potential support for the project. He also highlighted the status of the Bay-Delta activities, the IRP process, the MET General Manager recruitment process, and the Desert Housing Project (expressing concern).

Director Tamaribuchi also highlighted the MET General Manager recruitment process and schedule, noting that the selection will likely be presented to the MET Board in the spring of 2021.

SMWD Director Sandra Jacobs emphasized her belief that entities such as ISDOC should take a leadership role by providing comments to MET on such issues as the IRP, and the General Manager's recruitment, and that the ISDOC Executive Committee is evaluating whether they should submit such input.

PRESENTATION BY MET STAFF REGARDING MET'S REGIONAL RECYCLED WATER PROGRAM WHITE PAPER

Mr. Deven Upadhyay (MET's Assistant General Manager/Chief Operating Officer), presented an overview of the recent Regional Recycled Water Program White Paper (White Paper #2), and proposed MET actions with respect to the White Paper. His presentation included an overview of the Phase 1 backbone system, the DPR options (northern and southern routes), program costs, multiple potential approaches for implementation, and White Paper #2 findings (planning, financial considerations, and agreements) and potential rate recovery approaches.

Considerable discussion ensued with emphasis on the preferred route, the preference for an environmental approach, costs and rate recovery options, direct and indirect benefits to Orange County, the project's impact to MET's LRP program, legal challenges (if any) relating to a water exchange, potential issues if integrated into MET's Rate Structure, and benefits of low salinity in the water.

President Tamaribuchi thanked Mr. Upadhyay for the information and the Board received and filed the report.

METROPOLITAN'S 2020 INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLAN (IRP) DISCUSSION SERIES – PART 10

Principal Water Resources Analyst, Dr. Melissa Baum-Haley, highlighted MET's recent IRP discussions, noting that the October meeting covered the basic preliminary analysis and focused on draft scenario assumptions (two book-end scenarios). She then provided an overview of the two book-end scenarios, the quantification process, and an overview of the upcoming schedule.

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 October MET Board Meeting
- b. Review items of significance for the upcoming MET Board and Committee Agendas

The report was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Maribeth Goldsby
Board Secretary