

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
January 20, 2021**

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). Following a moment of silence, Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

MWDOC DIRECTORS

Al Nederhood
Larry Dick
Bob McVicker
Karl Seckel
Sat Tamaribuchi
Jeffery M. Thomas
Megan Yoo Schneider

STAFF

Robert Hunter, General Manager
Harvey De La Torre, Assistant General Manager
Joe Byrne, Legal Counsel
Maribeth Goldsby, Board Secretary
Melissa Baum-Haley, Prin. Water Resources Analyst
Cathy Harris, Director of H.R. & Administration
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Eff. Programs
Kevin Hostert, Water Resources Analyst
Charles Busslinger, Principal Engineer
Alex Heide, Water Resource Analyst
Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management
Heather Baez, Government Affairs Manager
Mary Snow, Accountant
Judy Roberts, Accountant
Hilary Chumpitazi, Accounting Manager
Lina Gunawan, Sr. Accountant
Patrick Dihm, Network Systems Engineer
Katie Davanaugh, Sr. Administrative

ALSO PRESENT

Linda Ackerman
Dick Ackerman
Kathryn Freshley
Kay Havens
Mark Monin
Jose Vergara
Dennis Cafferty
Doug Reinhart
Peer Swan
Paul Weghorst
Jim Atkinson
Paul Shoenberger
Don Froelich
Sherry Wanninger
Kelly Rowe
Mike Markus

MWDOC/MET Director
Ackerman Consulting
El Toro Water District
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El Toro Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Mesa Water
Mesa Water
Moulton Niguel Water District
Moulton Niguel Water District
Orange County Water District
Orange County Water District

John Kennedy
 Chuck Gibson
 Saundra Jacobs
 Justin McCusker
 Frank Ury
 Dan Ferons
 Jim Leach
 Greg Mills
 Dennis Erdman
 Rick Shintaku
 Fernando Paludi
 Brooke Jones
 Wayne Miller
 Steve Gagnon
 William Metzger
 Megan Couch
 Mike Elliott

Orange County Water District
 Santa Margarita Water District
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 Santa Margarita Water District
 Serrano Water District
 South Coast Water District
 South Coast Water District
 Trabuco Canyon Water District
 Yorba Linda Water District
 Yorba Linda Water District
 Raftelis
 Raftelis
 San Diego County Water Authority

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 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.

General Manager Hunter advised that a revised Item No. 7-2 (Association and Commission Appointments) was distributed to the Board and made available to the public.

RECOGNITION OF MARY SNOW

Due to Mary Snow’s retirement as MWDOC’s Accountant, President Tamaribuchi, the Board, and General Manager Hunter honored Mary with commendations and gifts. Members of the Board wished Mary well in her retirement.

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 Dick, and carried (7-0) the Board approved the following Consent Calendar items, by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: Directors Nederhood, Dick, McVicker, Seckel, Tamaribuchi, Thomas & Yoo Schneider
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None

MINUTES

The following minutes were approved.

- December 2, 2020 Workshop Board Meeting (Cancelled)
- December 16, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

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

- Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: December 14, 2020
- Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: December 9, 2020
- Public Affairs & Legislation Committee Meeting: December 21, 2020
- Executive Committee Meeting: December 17, 2020

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

- MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of December 31, 2020
- MWDOC Disbursement Registers (December/January)

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 November 30, 2020
- PARS Monthly Statement (OPEB Trust)

FINANCIAL REPORT

The following items were received and filed as presented.

Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the period ending November 30, 2020

APPROVE CHANGE ORDER WITH RAFTELIS REGARDING RATE STUDY

The Board authorized the General Manager to approve a change order for a \$15,365 increase with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. for Rate Study services not-to-exceed \$82,770.

PROCESS FOR APPOINTING MWDOC MET DIRECTOR

The Board voted to begin the process to fill the MWDOC MET Director vacancy utilizing the current Administrative Code process.

- END CONSENT CALENDAR -

ACTION CALENDAR

STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND SUBJECT MATTER ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2021; SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR 2021

Secretary Goldsby advised that the write up included a typo on meeting dates, noting that the Administration & Finance Committee meeting would be held on April 14, 2021 (rather than April 7, 2021), and that the title and recommendation for this item would be revised to correctly match the write up (as outlined above in these minutes).

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Yoo Schneider, and carried, the Board (1) ratified the list of Standing Committees and Subject Matter Assignments for 2021 as presented by the President of the Board; and (2) ratified the Committee and Board meeting dates/times for 2021 as amended, by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: Directors Nederhood, Dick, McVicker, Seckel, Tamaribuchi, Thomas & Yoo Schneider
- NOES:None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None

ASSOCIATION AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS FOR 2021

President Tamaribuchi advised that he submitted a revised list of recommendations for Association and Commission appointments for 2021 to the Board.

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Yoo Schneider, and carried (7-0), the Board (1) ratified the appointment of representatives and alternates to associations as presented by the President of the Board; and (2) adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2105 approving the appointment of Director Jeffery M. Thomas as member, and Charles Busslinger as alternate to the Santiago Aqueduct Commission (SAC), for submission to SAC, by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: Directors Nederhood, Dick, McVicker, Seckel, Tamaribuchi, Thomas & Yoo

Schneider

NOES:None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None

ISDOC 3RD VICE PRESIDENT CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Upon MOTION by Director Dick, seconded by Director Thomas, and carried (7-0), the Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2106 nominating Director Bob McVicker as ISDOC 3rd Vice President for the 2021-2022 unexpired term, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Nederhood, Dick, McVicker, Seckel, Tamaribuchi, Thomas & Yoo
 Schneider

NOES:None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None

INFORMATION CALENDAR

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, JANUARY 2021

General Manager Hunter highlighted that MWDOC would host is Virtual Water Policy forum, Water Resilience Portfolio, on February 24, 2021, featuring Susan Tatayon (Chair, Delta Stewardship Council) and Nancy Vogel (Director, Governor’s Water Portfolio Program) as keynote speakers.

Pursuant to a request by Director Seckel, General Manager Hunter provided an update on the SARCCUP Agreements, noting that all parties are working together, that a term sheet was developed, and that staff will be working with MET staff to get this on an upcoming MET agenda.

Director Nederhood asked that a full report on SARCCUP be made at an upcoming Committee meeting (full recap of historical development, the current status (including points of conflict), and the future role of SARCCUP). It was noted that the Executive Committee would discuss which Committee this would be presented.

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.

Director Nederhood advised 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 and Regular Board meetings), and the WACO Planning Committee meeting.

Director Dick reported on attending all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Public Affairs & Legislation, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, the Colorado River Water Users Association conference (closing day), meetings with MET Legal Counsel Marcia Scully, the MET Caucus, and the WACO Planning and WACO meetings.

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 and Regular Board meetings), the OCWD Communications/Legislation Committee meeting, the WACO meeting, the OCBC Infrastructure Committee meeting, and the MET Board and Committee meetings.

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 and Regular Board meetings), the ACWA virtual conference, the Colorado River Water Users Association 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, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the Women in Water OC mentoring program, the Laguna Beach County Water District Board meeting, the Santa Margarita Water District Board meetings (2), the WEF Public Communications & Outreach Committee meeting, the WEF Diversity, Equity & Inclusion leadership meetings, the WEF full Board and subcommittee meetings, the CWA meetings (Executive, Planning and Program Development, Diversity Equity & Inclusion), the AWWA Safe Drinking Water Processes Technical Advisory Workgroup meeting, the Laguna Beach County Water District Commission meeting, the San Juan Basin Authority meeting, the South Coast Water District Board meeting, and the Breakthrough San Juan Capistrano Advisory Board 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 and Regular Board meetings), the regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, the MWDOC/MET Directors meeting(s), the Inland Empire MET Caucus, the SARCCUP meeting with EMWD, the WACO meeting, and the OCBC Infrastructure Committee meeting.

Director Seckel advised 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 and Regular Board meetings), the MET Committee meetings (January 11), and the Special Board meeting (January 8).

President Tamaribuchi announced that he would like to make a statement before adjourning the meeting, advising that last week a Director raised a concern about whether the closed session at

the Special Board meeting (GM Performance Evaluation) on January 8, 2021 was more strategic planning than GM Performance Evaluation, and would have been more appropriately held in open session. President Tamaribuchi advised that most of the material used in the meeting had already been shared with the public at public committee meetings. However to address the Director's concerns, and taking care to protect confidential discussions, MWDOC would be posting the meeting information to its website. He advised that going forward MWDOC will be careful to emphasize the performance evaluation aspects of goal setting and accomplishments in future evaluations.

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 9:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary