

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
February 17, 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
Hilary Chumpitazi, Accounting Manager

ALSO PRESENT

Linda Ackerman
Steve Faessel
Michael Moore
Dick Ackerman
John Lewis
Kathryn Freshley
Mark Monin
Jose Vergara
Doug Reinhart
Peer Swan
Paul Weghorst
Debbie Neev
Jim Atkinson
Stacy Taylor
Don Froelich
Sherry Wanninger
Kelly Rowe
Mike Markus
John Kennedy
Chuck Gibson
Saundra Jacobs

MWDOC/MET Director
MET Director/City of Anaheim
City of Anaheim
Ackerman Consulting
Lewis Consulting
El Toro Water District
El Toro Water District
El Toro Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Laguna Beach County Water District
Mesa Water
Mesa Water
Moulton Niguel Water District
Moulton Niguel Water District
Orange County Water District
Orange County Water District
Orange County Water District
Santa Margarita Water District
Santa Margarita Water District

Justin McCusker
 Dan Ferons
 Jim Leach
 Greg Mills
 Dennis Erdman
 Rick Erkeneff
 Bill Green
 Rick Shintaku
 Mike Safransky
 Fernando Paludi
 Brooke Jones
 Wayne Miller
 Megan Couch
 Kristy Khachigian
 Laer Pearce
 Wayne Rayfield

Santa Margarita Water District
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 Serrano Water District
 South Coast Water District
 South Coast Water District
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 South Coast Water District
 Trabuco Canyon Water District
 Trabuco Canyon Water District
 Yorba Linda Water District
 Yorba Linda Water District
 San Diego County Water Authority
 KK Consulting
 Laer Pearce & Associates

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.

No items were distributed.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD

President Tamaribuchi and General Manager Hunter presented a service award to Melissa Baum-Haley for 10 years of service to 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.

Director Nederhood pulled Item No. 4 (Financial Report) from the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

Upon MOTION by Director Seckel, seconded by Director Yoo Schneider, and carried (7-0) the Board approved the balance of 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.

January 6, 2021 Workshop Board Meeting
 January 8, 2021 Special Board Meeting
 January 20, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

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

Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: January 4, 2021
 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: January 13, 2021
 Executive Committee Meeting: January 21, 2021
 MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee Meeting: January 27, 2021

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of January 31, 2021
 MWDOC Disbursement Registers (January/February)

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 December 31, 2020

PARS Monthly Statement (OPEB Trust)

CLINICAL AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT (SADDLEBACK COLLEGE SCHOOL OF NURSING) AND THE MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY

The Board approved the General Manager or Director of Emergency Management to execute the agreement.

ATTENDANCE AT CALDESAL ANNUAL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE, FEBRUARY 10-11,

2021

The Board ratified attendance by members of the Board and such members of District staff as approved by the General Manager, at the CalDesal Annual Virtual Conference held February 10-11, 2021.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF LATE PAYMENT PENALTY FOR CITY OF SEAL BEACH

The Board waived the City of Seal Beach’s late water payment penalty of \$1,735.27

ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZED CHECK SIGNER

The Board authorized the amendment to the Administrative Code to include the addition of a third authorized check signer.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF COASTAL MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT ISSUES

The Board approved an amendment to Administrative Code Section 12000, deleting the requirement for an annual review by the Administration & Finance Committee.

- END CONSENT CALENDAR -

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the period ending November 30, 2020
- b. Quarterly Budget Report

Director Nederhood highlighted water sales were under budget, noting this would affect MET water sales; he asked what MET is doing to address this issue and any financial impacts. Assistant General Manager, Harvey De La Torre, provided an explanation on what MET is doing to address the issue, noting they are slightly below budget; General Manager Hunter advised that MET is reviewing/discussing the issue every 2-4 weeks.

Upon MOTION by Director Nederhood, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (7-0), the Board received and filed both reports, as presented.

ACTION CALENDAR

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF MET DIRECTOR

President Tamaribuchi stated that in January, the MWDOC Board voted to follow the MET Director Selection process as outlined in MWDOC’s Administrative Code, and as a result, the South County MET Director Selection Committee unanimously nominated South Coast Water District Director Dennis Erdman to this position. President Tamaribuchi reviewed Director Erdman’s background and qualifications, and recommended the Board appoint Director Erdman

as MWDOC MET Director (replacing Larry McKenney).

Several Board members commented on the superior quality of candidates who were reviewed/interviewed by the South County MET Director Selection Committee, and a brief discussion was held regarding Director Erdman’s stance on desalination.

Following discussion, and upon MOTION by Director Yoo Schneider, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (7-0), the Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2107 appointing Dennis Erdman as representative for MWDOC to the Board of Directors of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, by the following roll call vote:

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

Members of the Board and audience welcomed Director Erdman and he expressed his appreciation.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – ACWA/JPIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Government Affairs Manager, Heather Baez, noted that pursuant to the Planning & Operations Committee’s direction, all incumbents for ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee will be running again.

Director Nederhood commended the current ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee for doing a great job, and he noted his hopes that a MWDOC Director will run in the future. It was noted that Director Thomas may run for this position at some point in the future.

No action was taken.

INFORMATION CALENDAR

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT, FEBRUARY 2021

General Manager Hunter highlighted that MWDOC would host a 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.

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, Executive, and MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the Public Policy Institute (PPI) virtual seminar regarding resiliency, the YLWD Board meeting, the CalDESAL conference. He noted that he would be attending the OCWA event regarding Yorba Linda's PFAS treatment later in the day, the Water Quality Matters event later in the week, and will be attending OCWD's wildlife retrospective on the Santa Ana River.

Director Dick reported on attending all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Executive, and MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, meetings with MET Legal Counsel Marcia Scully regarding contract issues, the South Orange County Economic Coalition meeting for newly elected officials, the ISDOC virtual luncheon and ISDOC Executive Committee meetings, the MET Inland Empire Caucus, the WACO meeting, the Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs meeting, the Serrano Water District Board meeting, and a meeting/interview with Ph.D student, Andrew Hallick.

Director McVicker reported that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Executive, and MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), OCWA webinar, the MET IRP and Bay-Delta Committee meetings, the ISDOC Executive Committee and luncheon (virtual), the OCBC Infrastructure Committee meeting, the WACO meeting, the MET Committee meetings, the CalDESAL conference, and the NWRA Groundwater Caucus meeting (as part of the ACWA Groundwater Committee).

Director Seckel advised that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Executive, and MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the OC Water Summit planning meeting, the MET IRP and Bay-Delta Committee meetings, the WACO and WACO planning meetings, the MET Committee meetings, a meeting with Mesa Water District wherein the SDCWA General Manager provided a presentation, and the CalDESAL conference. Director Seckel highlighted several of the SDCWA General Manager comments and he encouraged inviting her to attend a MWDOC meeting. He also commended the County of Orange with respect to the vaccination process, noting he received the first dose, and the process was very smooth.

Director Thomas stated that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Executive, and MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the

CalDESAL conference, and the OC Water Summit planning meeting. He also complemented the County of Orange on the vaccination process.

Director Yoo Schneider advised that she attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Executive, and MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the SMWD Board meeting, the OC Water Summit planning meeting, a meeting with MWDOC Public Affairs staff and the General Manager, the Women in Water symposium planning meeting, the California Water & Environment Association's (CWEA) Board, Executive, and Audit Committee meetings, the New England Water & Environment annual conference (panel speaker), a webinar on Sustainable Development of Goal 5, the LBCWD Commission meeting, the WEF Board of Trustees meeting, WEF Diversity, Equity & Inclusion meetings, the SCWD Board meeting, and the SMWD Water Quality & Treatment Committee meeting.

Director Tamaribuchi reported on attending the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Executive, and MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, MWDOC/MET Director meetings (2), South Orange County Economic Coalition meeting for newly elected officials, the ETWD Board meeting, the Inland Empire MET Caucus, the WACO meeting, the ACWA Bay-Delta Committee meeting, and the CalDESAL conference.

President Tamaribuchi announced that although he originally requested the Planning & Operations Committee to work with staff on the Communications Plan, he understands that because the Communications Plan now falls under the purview of the P&O Committee, he will be asking the Board to ratify the appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee to review the Communications Plan (in March), and that said Ad Hoc Committee will include only one member of the P&O Committee.

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 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary