

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
March 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  
Dennis Erdman  
Dick Ackerman  
John Lewis  
David Youngblood  
Kathryn Freshley  
Mike Gaskins  
Kay Havens  
Jose Vergara  
Dennis Cafferty  
Doug Reinhart  
Peer Swan  
Paul Weghorst  
Keith Van Der Maaten  
Jim Atkinson  
Don Froelich  
Sherry Wanninger  
Kelly Rowe  
Mike Markus  
John Kennedy  
Chuck Gibson

MWDOC/MET Director  
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Ackerman Consulting  
Lewis Consulting  
East Orange County Water District  
El Toro Water District  
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El Toro Water District  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Laguna Beach County Water District  
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

Saundra Jacobs	Santa Margarita Water District
Frank Ury	Santa Margarita Water District
Dan Ferons	Santa Margarita Water District
Jim Leach	Santa Margarita Water District
Greg Mills	Serrano Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Rick Shintaku	South Coast Water District
Fernando Paludi	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Brooke Jones	Yorba Linda Water District
Tom Lindsey	Yorba Linda Water District
Wayne Miller	Yorba Linda Water District

**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 any member of the public had any comments on items that are not on the agenda.

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 so distributed.

**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. 8 (Natural Resources Results (NRR), Increase in Monthly Retainer – Change Order) 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.

February 3, 2021 Workshop Board Meeting  
February 17, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

## **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

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

Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: February 1, 2021  
Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: February 10, 2021  
Executive Committee Meeting: February 18, 2021

## **TREASURER'S REPORTS**

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of February 28, 2021  
MWDOC Disbursement Registers (February/March)

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 January 31, 2021

PARS Monthly Statement (OPEB Trust)

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The following item was received and filed as presented.

Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the Period ending January 31, 2021

## **CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SOUTHERN NETWORK, SEAT A – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

The Board received and filed; no action taken.

**CHANGE ORDER FOR VASQUEZ & COMPANY LLP, FY 2020 ANNUAL AUDIT**

The Board authorized the General Manager to approve a change order for a \$6,562 increase with Vasquez & Company LLP for FY 2020 Annual Audit not-to-exceed \$26,724.

**REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF LATE PAYMENT PENALTY FOR IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT**

The Board waived Irvine Ranch Water District’s late water payment penalty of \$18,421.67.

**- END CONSENT CALENDAR -**

**ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION**

**NATURAL RESOURCES RESULTS (NRR), INCREASE IN MONTHLY RETAINER – CHANGE ORDER**

Director Nederhood asked for clarification as to the reasons surrounding the increase in monthly retainer. General Manager Hunter explained that the amount under consideration was the amount originally submitted by NRR in their original bid proposal in November, and that pursuant to a Board request, NRR agreed to a reduced rate for three months (\$6500/month). Mr. Hunter stated it is now time to revert to the higher retainer amount (\$8,000).

Upon MOTION by Director Nederhood, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (7-0), the Board approved a change order to the Natural Resource Results (NRR) contract raising their monthly retainer from \$6,500/month to \$8,000/month, by the following roll call vote:

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

**ACTION CALENDAR**

**ISDOC 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

It was noted that the Planning & Operations Committee recommended the Board nominate Director Bob McVicker as ISDOC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

Upon MOTION by Director Dick, seconded by Director Yoo Schneider, and carried (7-0), the Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2108 nominating Director Bob McVicker to the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) Executive Committee, 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.

**INFORMATION CALENDAR**

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, MARCH 2021**

General Manager Hunter commented that he was a speaker at the ACCOC UCI Public Policy event held on March 12, 2021.

Director Nederhood commended staff on a thorough report, however asked that an update regarding the MET personnel issues/investigations (gender equity, etc) be included in future reports. It was noted that the MET Directors provided a report at the March 3, 2021 Workshop Board meeting. Following a discussion regarding the sensitive/confidential nature of the issues, and the fact that most of the discussions are held in closed session, staff agreed to include a general update (per Legal Counsel's review of what can be disclosed) at an upcoming meeting.

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, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), and the WACO and WACO Planning meetings. He noted he would be attending the MET IRP meeting (March 23), the ACWA DC webinar (March 24/31), and the OCWD Salinity Seminar (upcoming in the future).

Director Dick reported on attending all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, the Urban Water Institute virtual conference, the OC Realtor webinar, the MWDOC Water Policy Forum, the Ad Hoc Building Committee meeting, the MWDOC Communication Plan Workgroup meeting, MET Rate Refinement Workshop, the Villa Park Town Hall event, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, the WACO and WACO Planning meetings, the MET meeting regarding Desert housing, the Urban Water Institute Board meeting, the South Orange County Economic Coalition meeting, and the Serrano Water District Board meeting.

Director McVicker reported that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the Urban Water Institute virtual conference, the MET IRP and Bay-Delta Committee meeting, the MWDOC Water Policy Forum, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, the AWCA Groundwater Committee meeting, the WACO meeting, the MET Board and Committee meetings, the OCBC Infrastructure Committee meeting, and the Maven's Notebook webinar.

Director Seckel advised that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the MET IRP and Bay-Delta Committee meeting, the OC Water Summit planning meeting (now scheduled for October 2021/in person), the ACWA DC virtual conference, the WACO and WACO Planning meetings, and the "Delta Adapts" meeting.

Director Thomas stated that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the CalDESAL conference, the OC Water Summit planning meetings, the WACO meeting, the Urban Water Institute conference, and the MWDOC Water Policy Forum. He advised that he would be attending the Santiago Aqueduct Commission meeting on March 18, 2021. He also highlighted his appointment by the MWDOC Board as representative to ACWA/JPIA, noting his desire to participate in that entity; he asked staff to arrange for ACWA/JPIA to send him meeting notifications.

Director Yoo Schneider advised that she attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the SMWD Board meetings (2), MWDOC Water Policy Forum, the SCWD Board meetings (2), the WEF Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Leadership and Board subcommittee meetings, a meeting with MWDOC Public Affairs staff, OC Water Summit planning meetings, the South Orange County Watershed Management Area Executive Committee meeting, the San Juan Basin Authority meeting, the Laguna Beach County Water District Commission meeting, the Women in Water Symposium and planning meetings, the MNWD Board meeting, and the California Water Environment Association's planning and budget meeting.

Director Tamaribuchi reported on attending the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, a MET Director meeting regarding the IRP, the MWDOC Water Policy Forum, the Building Management Committee meeting, the MWDOC/MET Director meeting re water rates, a MWDOC Communication Plan workgroup meeting, the MWDOC/MET Director pre-caucus meeting and Inland Empire Caucus meeting, the WACO meeting, the MET meeting regarding Desert housing, the OCBC seminar regarding COVID-19, and two MWDOC/MET Director meetings.

**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 8:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary