

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

April 7, 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). Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

MWDOC DIRECTORS

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

STAFF

Robert Hunter, General Manager (absent)
Harvey De La Torre, Assistant General Manager
Joe Byrne, Legal Counsel
Maribeth Goldsby, Board Secretary
Melissa Baum-Haley, Prin. Water Resource Analyst
Alex Heide, Water Resources Analyst
Chris Lingad, Associate Engineer
Kevin Hostert, Water Resources Analyst
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Heather Baez, Government Affairs Manager
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency Prog.
Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management
Charles Busslinger, Principal Engineer

*Also MWDOC MET Directors

OTHER MWDOC MET DIRECTORS

Linda Ackerman
Dennis Erdman

OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Hasencamp
Fred Jung
Dick Ackerman
Sara Tucker
Garrett Durst
Syrus Devers
Kathryn Freshley
Mike Gaskins
Kay Havens
Mark Monin
Jose Vergara
Dennis Cafferty
Mike Dunbar
Doug Reinhart
Peer Swan
Paul Cook
Paul Weghorst
Paul Shoenberger
Frank Prewoznik

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
City of Fullerton
Ackerman Consulting
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Best, Best & Krieger
El Toro Water District
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El Toro Water District
El Toro Water District
Emerald Bay Service District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
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Irvine Ranch Water District
Mesa Water
Irvine Ranch Water District

Don Froelich	Moulton Niguel Water District
Matt Collings	Moulton Niguel Water District
Laura Rocha	Moulton Niguel Water District
Sherry Wanninger	Moulton Niguel Water District
Kaden Young	Moulton Niguel Water District
Kelly Rowe	Orange County Water District
Mike Markus	Orange County Water District
John Kennedy	Orange County Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Saundra Jacobs	Santa Margarita Water District
Jim Leach	Santa Margarita Water District
Bill Green	South Coast Water District
Fernando Paludi	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Brooke Jones	Yorba Linda Water District
Wayne Miller	Yorba Linda Water District
Garry Brown	OC Coastkeeper
Ray Heimstra	OC Coastkeeper
James Golden	Poseidon Water
Megan Couch	San Diego County Water Authority
Kristy Khachigian	KK Consulting

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.

It was noted that Mr. Hasencamp's presentation for Item No. 7 (Colorado River Issues) was distributed to the Board and made available to the public less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

President Tamaribuchi asked that the Board consider the legislative action items in one motion.

Following an overview of each piece of legislation under consideration (by Government Affairs Manager Heather Baez), and a brief discussion period, upon MOTION by Director Seckel, seconded by Director Thomas, and carried (7-0), the Board adopted the following positions on the following legislation:

ACR 17 (VOEPEL) – SPECIAL DISTRICTS WEEK

The Board adopted a support position on ACR 17 (Voepel) proclaiming the week of May 16-22, 2021, to be Special Districts Week.

H.R. 737 (VALADAO) & H.R. 1563 (GARCIA): WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE NATION (WIIN), EXTENSION – SUPPORT

The Board adopted a support position on H.R. 737 (Valadao) and H.R 1563 (Garcia).

AB 339 (LEE) - STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS: OPEN MEETINGS

The Board adopted an oppose position on AB 339.

AB 377 (R. RIVAS) – WATER QUALITY: IMPAIRED WATERS

The Board adopted an oppose position on AB 377 (R. Rivas).

Said positions were adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS**LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES****a. Federal Legislative Report (NRR)**

Ms. Sara Tucker provided an overview of cabinet nominations and Senator Feinstein's draft of the STREAM Act (legislation to address western water and drought). She noted that NRR is working with MET on the Green (tax) Act, as well as the conservation rebate tax provision.

Mr. Garrett Durst highlighted the STREAM Act, noting the process created by the bill is important for when the WIIN Act expires, and he provided an overview of the Biden's American Jobs Plan.

The Board received and filed the report.

- b. State Legislative Report**
- c. MWDOC Legislative Matrix**

Mr. Syrus Devers of BBK, reviewed his report, highlighting AB 377 (Rivas-Water Quality/Impaired Waters), AB 1195 (Garcia- Southern Los Angeles County Regional Water Agency), and AB 1296 (Kamlager- additional appointee to South Coast Air Quality Management District board).

Discussion ensued regarding AB 1296 with emphasis on opposing the legislation. President Tamaribuchi asked that the Board consider adopting a position (oppose) on this legislation at the next Board meeting.

The Board received and filed the report.

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

Director Ackerman highlighted MET's Organization, Personnel & Technology Committee (OPT) activities, including the status of the personnel issues, noting that 75% of MET employees responded to the climate survey. She also reported/highlighted on legislative activities, the Colorado River Aqueduct shut-down, the approval of the SARCCUP Agreement, Lake Mead potential shortage level this summer, the IRP expert panel workshop, and the General Manager recruitment process.

Director Dick provided an update on the MET General Manager recruitment process, as well as the status of the voluntary agreements in Northern California, the make-up of the MET Board and voting blocks, the Rate Refinement Study, and the need to focus on the critical element of moving water.

Director Erdman highlighted salinity issues and Paradox Valley, as well as the need for MET to stay focused on its mission.

President Tamaribuchi reported on the MET GM recruitment process, noting that the MET Board may consider a candidate in May.

Discussion ensued regarding voluntary agreements in Northern California, coalition building/collaborative efforts with the three cities and other MET agencies, and the importance of the Bay-Delta and the Delta Conveyance Project.

The Board received and filed the reports.

PRESENTATION BY BILL HASENCAMP (METROPOLITAN) ON COLORADO RIVER ISSUES

Mr. Bill Hasencamp, MET's Manager, Colorado River Resources, provided an overview of the history of the Colorado River's water use, including the 2003 Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA) and subsequent water supplies secured by MET since the execution of the QSA, the 2007 interim guidelines (including unresolved issues), storage in Lake Mead, total lower basin contribution amounts, current snow water equivalents, and the most probable forecast (45% of average). Mr. Hasencamp noted that the next 5 years do not look good for

the Colorado River flow, and there is a chance (90%) of shortage on the Colorado River next year. He also noted that the Colorado River agencies are looking toward developing new guidelines, and he highlighted the importance/significant impact Jeff Kightlinger has had on the Colorado River negotiations over the years and that his absence will be felt upon his retirement. Mr. Hasencamp concluded his report with an overview of unresolved issues and MET's goals and next steps.

Discussion ensued with emphasis on the interaction between upper and lower basin states (including possible partnerships), ownership rights, the Salinity Control Program, Lake Mead storage issues, and the Drought Contingency Plan (and MET's responsibilities under the DCP).

The Board received and filed the report.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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 March 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 10:33 a.m.

Maribeth Goldsby
Board Secretary