

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
May 19, 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, Director Yoo Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance and 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  
Chris Lingad, Associate Engineer  
Tiffany Baca, Public Affairs Manager

**ALSO PRESENT**

Linda Ackerman  
Dennis Erdman  
Dick Ackerman  
John Lewis  
Dave Youngblood  
Kathryn Freshley  
Mike Gaskins  
Kay Havens  
Mark Monin  
Jose Vergara  
Peer Swan  
Paul Weghorst  
Marina Lindsay  
Keith Van Der Maaten  
Jim Atkinson  
Jim Fisler  
Paul Shoenberger  
Bill Moorehead

MWDOC/MET Director  
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Ackerman Consulting  
Lewis Consulting  
East Orange County 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  
Mesa Water  
Moulton Niguel Water District

Sherry Wanninger	Moulton Niguel Water District
Kelly Rowe	Orange County Water District
John Kennedy	Orange County Water District
Saundra Jacobs	Santa Margarita Water District
Justin McCusker	Santa Margarita Water District
Jim Leach	Santa Margarita Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Rick Erkeneff	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
Lisa Ohlund	Ohlund Management & Technical Services
Deborah Diep	Center for Demographic Research
Kristy Khachigian	KK Consulting
Alma Beciragic	Arcadis
Sarina Sriboonlue	Arcadis
Roy Wolfe	
L. Fregin	
Monica Claire A. Go	

**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 public 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 five items were distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to the meeting, and made available to the public, regarding Item No. 7-1 (Hold Public Hearing and Adopt MWDOC’s 2020 Urban Water Management Plan, Water Shortage Contingency Plan, and 2015 UWMP Addendum). These items included (1) a comment letter from Mesa Water; (2) a MWDOC email regarding the Mesa comment letter; (3) a memo regarding Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA); (4) MWDOC letter to SCAG; and (5) a Power Point presentation.

**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 Yoo Schneider, seconded by Director Seckel, 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.

April 1, 2021 Special Board Meeting  
 April 7, 2021 Workshop Board Meeting  
 April 21, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

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

Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: April 5, 2021  
 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: April 19, 2021  
 Executive Committee Meeting: April 22, 2021  
 MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee Meeting: April 28, 2021

**TREASURER'S REPORTS**

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of April 30, 2021  
 MWDOC Disbursement Registers (April/May)

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 March 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 March 31, 2021

Quarterly Budget Report

**LRP AGREEMENT BETWEEN METROPOLITAN, MWDOC, AND SANTA MARGARITA WATER DISTRICT FOR THE LAS FLORES RECYCLED WATER EXPANSION PROJECT**

The Board authorized the General Manager to execute the final Local Resources Program (LRP) agreement with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and Santa Margarita Water District substantially in the form presented for the Las Flores Recycled Water Expansion Project, subject to review and approval by Legal Counsel of any final agreement changes.

**BOARD APPROVAL OF ON-CALL TECHNICAL SERVICES SLATE TO SUPPORT RELIABILITY PLANNING, ENGINEERING & RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

The Board approved the list of pre-qualified consultants for on-call technical services to support Reliability Planning & Engineering, and MET Issues & Water Policy.

**- END CONSENT CALENDAR -**

**ACTION CALENDAR**

**HOLD PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT MWDOC'S 2020 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (UWMP), WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN, AND 2015 UWMP ADDENDUM**

President Tamaribuchi announced that the Board would hold a public hearing prior to adopting the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan, Water Shortage Contingency Plan, and 2015 UWMP addendum, and that per section 10642 of the California Water Code and California Government Code section 7293, Spanish translation services were available upon request to members of the public to assist with the provision of information and receipt of public comments as part of this public hearing.

President Tamaribuchi then opened the public hearing.

Mesa Water General Manager Paul Shoenberger commented that through the UWMP process, two different housing growth projections were identified for the region through 2045, namely, the Center for Demographic Research (CDR) projections which were incorporated in MWDOC's proposed 2020 UWMP, and the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) projections, which local jurisdictions use to meet their housing needs (per the goals of the State of California's Department of Housing and Community Development), which Mesa Water is using in its 2020 UWMP.

Mr. Shoenberger advised that there is a 15% difference in projections between the two, and Mesa Water believes it is most prudent to use the RHNA projections in the 2020 UWMP and encourages MWDOC to do the same for its service area.

As no further public comments were received, President Tamaribuchi closed the public hearing.

The Board held considerable discussion regarding Mr. Shoenberger’s comments, and General Manager Hunter provided clarification as to why MWDOC used the CDR housing projections, rather than the RHNA housing projections.

Mr. Hunter advised that RHNA and CDR are each using different outlooks on housing needs, with RHNA factoring in the State’s requirement for master planning and zoning ordinances (high density housing). He noted that MWDOC staff met with the Center for Demographic Research (CDR) staff, SCAG, several retail agencies that are also land use agencies, Metropolitan, and the Orange County representative for the California Department of Housing and Community Development; whereby all of these respected agencies and entities were in agreement that MWDOC’s 2020 UWMP includes the most complete and updated information available for projecting water demands. Mr. Hunter also noted that the majority of MWDOC’s member agencies are supportive of using the CDR and that it is acceptable for MWDOC and Mesa to use differing projections.

Upon MOTION by Director Yoo Schneider, seconded by Director Thomas, and carried (6-1), the Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2111 adopting MWDOC’s 2020 Urban Water Management Plan, RESOLUTION NO. 2112, adopting MWDOC’s 2020 Water Shortage Contingency Plan, and RESOLUTION NO. 2113 adopting an Addendum to the MWDOC 2015 Urban Water Management Plan. Said RESOLUTIONS 2111, 2112, and 2113 were adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

**ANNUAL REVIEW OF DISTRICT INVESTMENT POLICY AND GUIDELINES**

President Tamaribuchi advised that the proposed revisions to the Investment Policy and Guidelines were before the Board for consideration.

General Manager Hunter reiterated the Administration & Finance Committee’s recommendation to approve the staff recommendation with the a caveat that in the event staff implements the single issuer investment over 5% for prime commercial paper or corporate securities, the Administration & Finance Committee be notified.

Director Dick commented that he did not support the increase to 10% (from 5%) for single issuer investments for corporate securities and prime commercial paper, and would be voting no in the event the Board adopts the staff recommendation.

Upon MOTION by Director McVicker, seconded by Directors Yoo Schneider and Thomas, and carried (6-1), the Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2114 authorizing the revisions to the Investment Policy and Guidelines, with the caveat that in the event staff implements the single issuer investment over 5% for Prime Commercial Paper or Corporate Securities (Medium-Term Notes), the Administration & Finance Committee will be notified. Said RESOLUTION NO. 2114 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING SEISMIC RETROFIT AND REMODEL PROJECT:  
 BOARD AUTHORIZATION TO DIRECT STORAGE ROOM CREDIT TO THE PROJECT  
 CONTINGENCY FUND**

Upon MOTION by Director Seckel, seconded by Director Yoo Schneider, and carried (7-0), the Board approved the direction of a \$35,000 credit for the elimination of the Conference Room 101 storage room to the Project contingency fund, 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, MAY 2021**

General Manager Hunter advised that the General Manager's report was included in the Board packet.

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, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the ACWA Region 10 meeting, the WACO and WACO Planning meetings, the MET Board meeting, the MET Bay-Delta Committee meeting, and the virtual ACWA conference.

Director Dick reported on attending all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the regularly

scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, MET caucus meeting, the ISDOC and ISDOC Executive Committee meetings, five special meetings regarding the MET General Manager recruitment, the MWDOC/MET Director meetings (3), a meeting with Marcia Scully regarding the Law of the River, the SCWD meeting wherein the SDCWA made a presentation, the breakfast meeting featuring Lou Correa, the Building Management Committee meeting, and the ACCOC meeting.

Director McVicker reported that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), a meeting with Congresswoman Steel's staff, the ISDOC Executive Committee and ISDOC meetings, the South Coast Water Coalition webinar regarding the drought, the OCWD webinar (Tale of Two Basins), the ACWA Region 10 meeting, the WACO meeting, and the ACWA virtual conference.

Director Seckel advised that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings, except the Administration & Finance Committee (Planning & Operations, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), two SARWQCB hearings regarding the Poseidon project, the OC Water Summit planning meeting(s), the meeting with Congresswoman Steel's staff, the WACO Planning and WACO meetings, the San Juan Basin Authority meeting, the State Water Resources Control Board meeting.

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

Director Yoo Schneider advised that she attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the LBCWD Board meeting, the SCWD Board meeting, the SMWD Board meeting, the OC Water Summit planning meetings, the WEF Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee and Leadership meetings, the South Orange County Watershed Management Area Executive Committee meeting, the California Water Environment Association (WEF) planning and program development meeting, the San Juan Basin Authority meeting, and a meeting with Assemblywoman Laurie Davies.

Director Tamaribuchi reported on attending the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, the Southern California Water Coalition drought webinar, the MET Caucus meeting, the MET special meetings regarding the General Manager recruitment, the CalDesal meeting, a legal briefing regarding the Law of the River, the Building Management Committee meeting, and the meetings with Assemblywoman Laurie Davies.

**a. 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 9:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary