

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
July 21, 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 Erdman 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  
Alex Heide, Water Resource Analyst  
Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management  
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Eff. Programs  
Kevin Hostert, Water Resources Analyst  
Charles Busslinger, Principal Engineer  
Hilary Chumpitazi, Accounting Manager

**ALSO PRESENT**

Linda Ackerman (absent)  
Dennis Erdman  
Kathryn Freshley  
Mike Gaskins  
Kay Havens  
Mark Monin  
Jose Vergara  
Dennis Cafferty  
Paul Weghorst  
Keith Van Der Maaten  
Jim Atkinson  
Bill Moorhead  
Sherry Wanninger  
Kelly Rowe  
Mike Markus  
John Kennedy  
Chuck Gibson  
Justin McCusker  
Betty Olson  
Dan Ferons  
Jim Leach  
Greg Mills  
Brad Reese

MWDOC/MET Director  
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El Toro Water District  
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El Toro Water District  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Laguna Beach County Water District  
Mesa Water  
Moulton Niguel Water District  
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Orange County Water District  
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Santa Margarita Water District  
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Serrano Water District  
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Rick Erkeneff  
Brooke Jones  
Lisa Ohlund  
Fred Jung

South Coast Water District  
Yorba Linda Water District  
Ohlund Management & Technical Services  
MET Director/City of Fullerton

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Tamaribuchi announced that 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.

No items were 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 Thomas requested Item No. 7 (Authorize Increase in Project Budget for the Administration Building Seismic Retrofit and Remodel Project) be pulled from the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director McVicker, and carried (6-0) the Board approved the balance of the following Consent Calendar items, by the following roll call vote:

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

**MINUTES**

The following minutes were approved.

- June 2, 2021 Workshop Board Meeting
- June 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

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

Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: June 14, 2021  
Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: June 9, 2021  
Executive Committee Meeting: June 17, 2021

**TREASURER'S REPORTS**

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of June 30, 2021  
MWDOC Disbursement Registers (June/July)

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 May 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 May 31, 2021

**WATER USE EFFICIENCY POTENTIAL AND OPPORTUNITIES STUDY**

The Board authorized the General Manager to enter into a contract with Flume, Inc. in the amount of \$100,800 to conduct the Water Use Efficiency Potential and Opportunities Study.

**APPROVE THE REVISED SARCCUP-MET AGREEMENT & APPROVE THE SARCCUP EXCESS SALES AND WATER PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

The Board authorized the General Manager to execute the following: (1) Revised Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program (SARCCUP) Metropolitan Agreement between Eastern Municipal Water District, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Western Municipal Water District, Orange County Water District and MWDOC; and (2) SARCCUP Excess Water Sales and Purchase Agreement between Eastern Municipal Water District, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Western Municipal Water District, Orange County Water District and MWDOC.

**- END CONSENT CALENDAR -**

**ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION**

**AUTHORIZE INCREASE IN PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING SEISMIC RETROFIT AND REMODEL PROJECT**

Responding to Director Thomas’ concerns, Director of Engineering Charles Busslinger outlined the reasons for an increase in the project budget and scope of work, noting that the entry doors were not included in the original scope/cost estimate and that due to changes in ADA laws over the last few years, the lobby doors are now not ADA compliant, requiring changes.

(Director Dick arrived at 8:37 a.m.)

Discussion ensued regarding the costs for the project and the timeline for completion.

Upon MOTION by Director Seckel, seconded by Director Thomas, and carried (7-0), the Board approved an increase in the project budget for the Administration Building Seismic Retrofit and Remodel Project to cover expenses for ADA compliance modifications to the entry door systems and additional work through the remainder of the project in the amount of \$227,711 with a break down as follows: (1) an authorized increase in the Project Contingency Budget in the amount of **\$199,711**; and (2) an authorized increase in the IDS Architectural, Space Planning, Interior Design and Construction Administration Services Contract in the amount of **\$28,000** to include additional Architectural, Interior Design and Engineering support services through to the conclusion of the project. For a revised total Project Budget amount of \$2,266,483. This item was adopted 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, JULY 2021**

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

Mr. Hunter highlighted that both the August 4, 2021 Workshop Board meeting and the September 30, 2021 Water Policy Dinner would feature the new MET General Manager Adel Hagekhalil as speaker.

Director Seckel commented on the upcoming facilitated discussions with the member agencies regarding MWDOC’s role, the status of the Economic Benefits Study (ready to commence), and SMWD’s Water Use Efficiency Modeling (requesting a presentation at an upcoming Committee meeting).

President Tamaribuchi highlighted the OC-70 testing and asked that the issue be resolved as soon as practical (waiting for the report from MET).

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 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, a meeting with Deven Upadhyay, the MET Executive Committee meeting, MWDOC/MET Directors pre-caucus prep meeting, the Lincoln Club meeting wherein he made a presentation, the Ad Hoc Building Management Committee meeting, the South OC Economic Coalition meeting, a meeting with Jeff Kightlinger, the ISDOC meeting, the MET caucus meeting, a MWDOC/MET Director meeting, and two MET meetings.

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 MET IRP and Bay-Delta committee meetings, the WACO meeting, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, the MET Board and Committee meetings, the OCBC Infrastructure Committee meeting, and the Water Policy dinner.

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 WACO and WACO Planning meetings, the OC Water Summit planning meeting, San Juan Basin Authority meeting, the Water Policy Dinner, the Ad Hoc Committee meeting regarding MET's/MWDOC's modeling processes, the SCWD Doheny workshop, the Mesa Water Board meeting, and the Huntington Beach Drought Update meeting (he was speaker).

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 SMWD Board meeting, the OC Water Summit planning meeting, and the WACO meeting.

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 LBCWD Board meeting, the SCWD Board meeting, the SMWD Board meeting, a meeting with staff, the California WEA meeting wherein she was elected President and now serves on its Executive Committee and is Chair of the Planning & Program Development Committee, a meeting with the CA WEA Member and External Relations Committee, the WACO meeting, a meeting with SMWD Director Ury, a meeting with Jonathan Gilbert of Congressman Levin's office, the SMWD Water Quality and Treatment Committee meeting, and a preparation meeting for the Asian American Architects and Engineers Association wherein she will be a presenter. She noted that she also attended a WEF

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training, as well as leading a WEF Leadership Training on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

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), the MET Board meeting, the WACO and WACO Planning meetings, the Brea City Council Urban Water Management Plan presentation, the SAWPA One Water/One Watershed Grant meeting, and the MET IRP workshop.

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 meeting with MET's new General Manager Adel Hagekhalil, two MWDOC/MET Director meetings, a meeting with staff regarding the Doheny Project, the Ad Hoc Building Management Committee meeting, the South OC Economic Coalition meeting, the MET Caucus, the SMWD Board meeting, the North County Climate Change Association meeting, the Water Policy dinner, a meeting with staff regarding hydrologic and climate change scenarios, and a meeting regarding funding for the WEROC South EOC.

**a. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

No requests were received.

**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

At 9:08 a.m., Legal Counsel Byrne announced that the Board would adjourn to closed session regarding the following items:

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Title: General Manager  
Government Code Section 54957

**CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

District Designated Representatives: Joseph Byrne, Legal Counsel  
Unrepresented Employee: General Manager  
Government Code Section 54957.6

**RECONVENE**

At 11:27 a.m., the Board reconvened into open session and Legal Counsel Byrne announced that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Tamaribuchi adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary