

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
June 16, 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 in memory of the recently deceased MET Director Don Galleano, Director McVicker 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
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, Governmental Affairs Manager
Chris Lingad, Associate Engineer
Tiffany Baca, Public Affairs Manager

ALSO PRESENT

Linda Ackerman
Dennis Erdman
Dick Ackerman
Dave Youngblood
Jose Vergara
Kathryn Freshley
Mike Gaskins
Kay Havens
Mark Monin
Dennis Cafferty
Doug Reinhart
Peer Swan
Paul Weghorst
Jim Atkinson
Don Froelich
Bill Moorehead
Sherry Wanninger
Kelly Rowe
Mike Markus
John Kennedy

MWDOC/MET Director
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Ackerman Consulting
East Orange County Water District
El Toro Water District
El Toro Water District
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El Toro Water District
El Toro Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
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Mesa Water
Moulton Niguel Water District
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Orange County Water District
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Saundra Jacobs	Santa Margarita Water District
Justin McCusker	Santa Margarita Water District
Betty Olson	Santa Margarita Water District
Frank Ury	Santa Margarita Water District
Jim Leach	Santa Margarita Water District
Greg Mills	Serrano Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Fernando Paludi	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Brooke Jones	Yorba Linda Water District
Tom Lindsey	Yorba Linda Water District
Lisa Ohlund	Ohlund Management & Technical Services
Kristy Khachigian	KK Consulting

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.

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.

Upon MOTION by Director Yoo Schneider, seconded by Director Thomas, 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.

May 5, 2021 Workshop Board Meeting
May 19, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

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

Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: May 3, 2021
Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: May 12, 2021
Executive Committee Meeting: May 20, 2021

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of May 31, 2021
MWDOC Disbursement Registers (May/June)

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 April 30, 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 April 30, 2021

AWARD CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF DEMOUNTABLE GLASS WALLS TO INTERIOR OFFICE SOLUTIONS (IOS)/DBA PEOPLESPEACE UNDER THE COUNTY OF ORANGE REGIONAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (RCA)

The Board awarded a contract for the purchase of demountable glass walls to Interior Office Solutions, DBA PeopleSpace; under the County of Orange Regional Cooperative Agreement (RCA), in the amount of \$111,686 not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$125,000; in accordance with the District's Administrative Code regarding Cooperative Agreements.

AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF OFFICE FURNITURE THROUGH INTERIOR OFFICE SOLUTIONS (IOS)/DBA PEOPLESPLACE UNDER THE COUNTY OF ORANGE REGIONAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (RCA)

The Board approved a total amount of \$216,996 as follows: (1) authorized the General Manager to purchase office furniture for Phase 3 of the office remodel through Interior Office Solutions DBA PeopleSpace, under the County of Orange Regional Cooperative Agreement, in the amount of \$142,658 not to exceed budgeted amount of \$170,096; and (2) authorized the expenditure of \$46,900 from FY 20/21 Budget to cover the Phase 2 Furniture and additional Capital Expenses that may be necessary, upon completion of the construction phases.

FACILITATED DISCUSSION WITH MEMBER AGENCIES PROJECT

The Board approved Option #1 and authorized the General Manager to enter into a contract with Paul Redvers Brown, Inc. for facilitation services and report production for the first two phases of the project. Not-to Exceed cost of \$51,910.00 on a time and materials basis.

- END CONSENT CALENDAR -

ACTION CALENDAR

EXTENSION OF CONSULTING CONTRACT WITH ACKERMAN CONSULTING

President Tamaribuchi advised that the proposal to extend the contract with Ackerman Consulting was before the Board for consideration. Director Nederhood thanked Mr. Ackerman for his assistance with various issues.

Upon MOTION by Director Yoo Schneider, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (7-0), the Board approved the contract extension for one year (FY 2021/22) with Ackerman Consulting for specialized services by the following roll call vote:

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

CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) ELECTION

Director Yoo Schneider advised that the Planning & Operations Committee recommended the Board authorize President Tamaribuchi to cast the District's ballot for Jo MacKenzie for CSDA Board of Directors, Southern Network, Seat A.

Upon MOTION by Director Yoo Schneider, seconded by Director Thomas, and carried (7-0), the Board authorized President Tamaribuchi, or his designee, to cast the District's ballot for Jo MacKenzie for CSDA Board of Directors, Southern Network, Seat A, by the following roll call vote:

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

**AUTHORIZE CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
LANDSCAPE PLANT IRRIGATION TRIALS**

Director Yoo Schneider advised that the Planning & Operations Committee recommended the Board approve this item.

Upon MOTION by Director Yoo Schneider, seconded by Director McVicker, and carried (7-0), the Board authorized an annual contribution of \$17,500 for four years for participation in the University of California Landscape Plant Irrigation Trials, which provide water agencies and consumers the information they need to choose proven water efficient plant species, 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, JUNE 2021

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

Mr. Hunter highlighted the Water Policy Dinner scheduled for July 14, 2021 (in person), honoring retired MET General Manager Jeff Kightlinger, and the August 4, 2021 Workshop Board meeting wherein the new MET General Manager Adel Hagekhalil would attend.

Director Seckel commented on the AQMD workshop on stationary Emergency Standby Engines (generators) and the proposed Rule 118.1 (moving in the right direction), the progress on OC-70 (positive), and the number of productive meetings and information exchanges the Water Use Efficiency Department participates in.

President Tamaribuchi thanked Heather Baez for her efforts in securing a number of meetings with legislative representatives.

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), the MET Board meeting, the ACWA Spring Conference, the MET Executive Committee meeting, the MET IRP Workshop, the WACO (featuring SDCWA General Manager) and WACO Planning meetings, and a meeting with Senator Newman.

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, MET caucus meeting, the OC Economic Coalition meeting, a redistricting webinar with our advocates, a meeting with the Nature Conservancy, a meeting with Congresswoman Porter, a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs committee regarding the AQMD, and the WACO and WACO Planning 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 Board and Committee meetings, the Fountain Valley City Council meeting, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, the ACWA Water Quality Committee meeting, the OCBC Infrastructure Committee meeting, and the WACO meeting.

Director Seckel advised that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings, except the Administration & Finance Committee (Planning & Operations, 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, the MET IRP Workshop re Climate Change, the SWRCB meeting, the MET Board meeting, and the Southern California Water Dialogue Committee meeting regarding the drought.

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 virtual ACWA conference, the WACO meeting, the OC Water Summit planning meeting, and a meeting with Congresswoman Katie Porter.

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, the MNWD Board meeting, the MET Board meeting, a meeting with Congressman Levin, a meeting with the Nature Conservancy, several Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee meetings with California WEA as well as the WEF, the California

WEA Past Presidents meeting, the WEF Leaders meeting, and the OC Water Summit planning 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, three MWDOC/MET Director meetings, a meeting with Nature Conservancy, a meeting with Congresswoman Porter, the South Orange County Economic Coalition meeting, the MET Caucus, and the WACO meeting.

a. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

Director Dick requested that a discussion regarding gaining funding support from the County for the new WEROC Emergency Operations Center be agendized for discussion (July Planning & Operations Committee).

President Tamaribuchi requested a full report on Water Use Efficiency efforts be agendized for the Planning & Operations Committee meeting in July.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Tamaribuchi adjourned the meeting at 8:51 a.m., in memory of the recently deceased MET Director Don Galleano.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary