

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

October 6, 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 (due to the current state of emergency related to the spread of COVID-19 and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)). Director Seckel led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

MWDOC DIRECTORS

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

STAFF

Robert Hunter, General Manager
Harvey De La Torre, Asst. Gen. Mgr.
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
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency
Charles Busslinger, Principal Engineer
Heather Baez, Governmental Affairs Manager
Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Hilary Chumpitazi, Accounting Manager

*Also MWDOC MET Directors

OTHER MWDOC MET DIRECTORS

Linda Ackerman
Dennis Erdman

OTHERS PRESENT

Brad Coffey
Brandon Goshi
Demetri Polyzos
Sara Tucker
Garrett Durst
Syrus Devers
Dick Ackerman
Ed Means
Richard Bell
Dave Youngblood
Kathryn Freshley
Kay Havens
Mike Gaskins
Mark Monin
Jose Vergara
Dennis Cafferty
Doug Reinhart

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East Orange County Water District
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El Toro Water District
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Irvine Ranch Water District

Peer Swan	Irvine Ranch Water District
Paul Weghorst	Irvine Ranch Water District
Frank Prewoznik	Irvine Ranch Water District
Christine Compton	Irvine Ranch Water District
Jim Atkinson	Mesa Water
Stacy Taylor	Mesa Water
Don Froelich	Moulton Niguel Water District
Bill Moorhead	Moulton Niguel Water District
Sherry Wanninger	Moulton Niguel Water District
Laura Rocha	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
Alicia Dunkin	Orange County Water District
Chuck Gibson	Santa Margarita Water District
Sandra Jacobs	Santa Margarita Water District
Dan Ferons	Santa Margarita Water District
Jim Leach	Santa Margarita Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Jerry Vilander	Serrano Water District
Bill Green	South Coast Water District
Rick Shintaku	South Coast Water District
Brooke Jones	Yorba Linda Water District
Wayne Miller	Yorba Linda Water District
Megan Couch	San Diego County Water Authority
Lisa Ohlund	Ohlund Management & Technical Services
Kristy Khachigian	KK Consulting
Paul Jones	Dopudja & Wells Consulting

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Tamaribuchi inquired whether any members of the public wished to comment on agenda items.

No 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.

No items were distributed less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

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

Ms. Sara Tucker highlighted the Colorado River hearings and she provided an overview of current activities in Washington.

Mr. Garrett Durst reported on the following: infrastructure package, and the appropriations bills and appropriations process, and the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) (and PFAS inclusions).

Discussion ensued with emphasis on the Colorado River hearings, the Natural Resources Committee functions and purpose, the importance of extending the WIIN Act, and the NDAA cost benefit analysis.

The Board received and filed the report.

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

Mr. Syrus Devers of BBK, reviewed his report, noting that the legislature was still on break. He highlighted the drought conditions, including messaging and the need to convey that although there are drought conditions, Southern California is addressing those conditions by pursuing drought contingency measures.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding the drought conditions, the nexus between conservation and water use efficiency, the need for assistance on desalination efforts, the need to educate the legislative delegation on how the region will handle the drought conditions, outreach messaging, and the importance of the local agencies handling versus statewide mandates.

The Board received and filed the report.

PRESENTATION BY METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STAFF REGARDING INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLAN (IRP)

Mr. Demetri Polyzos, Mr. Brandon Goshi, and Mr. Brad Coffey (MET staff) presented information regarding the IRP portfolios and adaptive management implementation considerations.

Mr. Goshi advised that because the IRP process is coming to a conclusion (with a final draft expected by the end of the year), MET is now looking at its second phase (strategic planning/implementation phase).

The information they provided included an overview of the four scenarios, an in-depth look at interpreting the graphs (frequency and timing of shortages, shortage and surplus curves, and storage), refined gap analysis improvements, and a portfolio analysis. Key observations were outlined which included MET's water storage needs, efficiency/demands, system improvements, and implementation.

A discussion period ensued, with emphasis on the need to set targets (to help measure overall success), the modeling used to develop the data (historical hydrologic was used to sequence, but was modified using climate change experts), local and regional projects and how this information was incorporated into the scenarios, the differences between the four scenarios and how the agencies are affected by them, groundwater management and how it would fit into the IRP, the shortage analyses, assumptions on local supplies, baseloaded supply assumptions, demand management issues, drought and responses issues, and economic cost factors.

President Tamaribuchi encouraged the member agencies to provide any ideas on the implementation phase, noting that a future Workshop meeting would address this.

The Board received and filed the report as presented.

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

Directors Erdman and Dick each highlighted the recent MET Board retreat, and Director Dick commented that MET is short on sales.

The Board received and filed the reports.

INFORMATION ITEMS

MWD ITEMS CRITICAL TO ORANGE COUNTY

- a. MET Finance and Rate Issues
- b. MET General Manager Recruitment Process
- c. MET Review of Equal Employment Opportunity Policies and Practices
- d. MET Integrated Resources Plan Update
- e. MET Water Supply Conditions
- f. Colorado River Issues
- g. 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 September 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 10:36 a.m.

Maribeth Goldsby
Board Secretary