

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
November 17, 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)). Following a moment of silence, Director Thomas 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 (absent)

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
Kevin Hostert, Water Resources Analyst
Charles Busslinger, Principal Engineer
Hilary Chumpitazi, Accounting Manager
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Heather Baez, Governmental Affairs Manager
Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency
Steven Hung, Financial Analyst

ALSO PRESENT

Dennis Erdman
Linda Ackerman
Dave Youngblood
Kathryn Freshley
Mike Gaskins
Kay Havens
Jose Vergara
Dennis Cafferty
Doug Reinhart
Peer Swan
Paul Weghorst
Christine Compton
Jim Atkinson
Stacy Taylor
Bill Moorhead
Sherry Wanninger
Cathy Green
Kelly Rowe
Mike Markus
John Kennedy

MWDOC/MET Director
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East Orange County Water District
El Toro Water District
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Irvine Ranch Water District
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Mesa Water
Mesa Water
Moulton Niguel Water District
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Orange County Water District
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Chuck Gibson	Santa Margarita Water District
Saundra Jacobs	Santa Margarita Water District
Justin McCusker	Santa Margarita Water District
Dan Ferons	Santa Margarita Water District
Jim Leach	Santa Margarita Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Fernando Paludi	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Brooke Jones	Yorba Linda Water District
Dick Ackerman	Ackerman Consulting
Lisa Ohlund	Ohlund Management & Technical Services
Bryan Ponce	

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.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

General Manager Hunter presented awards to Joe Berg for 30 years of service to the District and Cathy Harris for 35 years of service to the District.

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 Nederhood requested Item No. 7 (Authorization to Vote on Behalf of MWDOC in the ACWA Election of President, Vice President) be pulled from the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

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

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

MINUTES

The following minutes were approved.

October 6, 2021 Workshop Board Meeting
 October 20, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

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

Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: October 4, 2021
 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: October 13, 2021
 Executive Committee Meeting: October 21, 2021
 MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee Meeting: October 27, 2021

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of October 31, 2021
 MWDOC Disbursement Registers (October/November)

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 September 30, 2021

PARS Monthly Statement (OPEB Trust)

FINANCIAL REPORT

The following items were received and filed as presented.

Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the Period ending August 31, 2021

Quarterly Budget Report

FY 2020-21 Audit Report and Presentation Regarding Audit Report
AUTHORIZATION FOR STAFF TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE FOR THE UTILIZATION OF ALERTOC, EVERBRIDGE MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The Board authorized the MWDOC General Manager and/or the WEROC Director of Emergency Management to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Municipal Water District of Orange County and the County of Orange for the continued use of the County’s Countywide Mass Notification System, AlertOC.

2022 HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT CONTRIBUTIONS

The Board approved Option 1, authorizing the 2022 contributions to the HSA Accounts, per MWDOC policy and JPIA recommendation.

- END CONSENT CALENDAR -

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

AUTHORIZATION TO VOTE ON BEHALF OF MWDOC IN THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES’ (ACWA) ELECTION OF PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT

Director Nederhood suggested the Board cast the District’s ballot in favor of the ACWA Nominating Committee’s recommended slate of candidates (Pamela Tobin for President and Cathy Green for Vice President).

Upon MOTION by Director Nederhood, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (6-0), the Board authorized MWDOC Board President Sat Tamaribuchi, or alternate Director Jeffery Thomas, to cast the District’s ballot for the ACWA Nominating Committee’s slate of candidates (Pamela Tobin for President and Cathy Green for Vice President) at ACWA’s Fall Conference on December 1, 2021, by the following roll call vote:

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

ACTION CALENDAR

MWDOC LEGISLATIVE POLICY PRINCIPLES ANNUAL UPDATE

Upon MOTION by Director Seckel, seconded by Director Nederhood, and carried (6-0), the Board adopted the updated Legislative and Regulatory Policy Principles for 2022, as amended by the Planning & Operations Committee, by the following roll call vote:

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

ABSTAIN: None

SMWD Director Chuck Gibson commented on the importance of extending the WIIN Act and salinity control; it was noted the Executive Committee would discuss this issue.

INFORMATION CALENDAR

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, NOVEMBER 2021

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

General Manager Hunter noted that the upcoming FY 2022-2023 budget process was underway, and that the interviews for the facilitated process were half way complete.

Director Seckel requested an update on WEROC's AWEA contract be made in January.

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 Colorado River District annual conference (via Zoom), the reception honoring MET GM Adel Hagekhalil in Fullerton, the OC Water Summit, the WACO and WACO Planning meetings, the Yorba Linda State of the City meeting, the Southern California Water Coalition dinner, a meeting with Supervisor Wagner regarding WEROC, and the ISDOC quarterly luncheon.

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 Engineering & Operations virtual tour, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, the Urban Water Institute planning meeting, the MET Caucus, the WACO and WACO Planning meetings, a meeting with Congressman Correa, and two MWDOC MET Director meetings.

Director McVicker reported that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the MET

Bay/Delta Committee meeting, the ISDOC luncheon and ISDOC Executive Committee meetings, the WACO meeting, the MET Committees, and the OCBC Infrastructure Committee meeting.

Director Seckel advised that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the WACO and WACO Planning meetings, the OC Water Summit speakers dinner, the OC Water Summit, a facilitated interview with Paul Brown, and the PPIC webinar regarding Seizing the Drought Opportunities and Planning for Climate Resiliency.

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

Director Tamaribuchi reported on attending the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, the MET Engineering & Operations tour, four MWDOC/MET Director meetings, a meeting with Supervisor Wagner regarding WEROC, the facilitated interview with Paul Brown, the MET Caucus, the WACO meeting, the OCBC Infrastructure Committee and OCBC Government Affairs meetings, the IRWD Board meeting, and the PPIC webinar regarding climate change priorities.

a. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

There were no requests for future agenda topics.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Tamaribuchi adjourned the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary