

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
October 20, 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 Nederhood 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  
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

**ALSO PRESENT**

Dennis Erdman  
  
Dave Youngblood  
Mike Gaskins  
Kay Havens  
Mark Monin  
Jose Vergara  
Dennis Cafferty  
Sheri Seitz  
Doug Reinhart  
Peer Swan  
Keith Van Der Maaten  
Jim Atkinson  
Don Froelich  
Bill Moorhead  
Kelly Rowe  
John Kennedy  
Chuck Gibson  
Saundra Jacobs  
Justin McCusker  
Jim Leach

MWDOC/MET Director  
  
East Orange County Water District  
El Toro Water District  
El Toro Water District  
El Toro Water District  
El Toro Water District  
El Toro Water District  
El Toro Water District  
El Toro Water District  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Laguna Beach County Water District  
Mesa Water  
Moulton Niguel Water District  
Moulton Niguel Water District  
Orange County Water District  
Orange County Water District  
Santa Margarita Water District  
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Jerry Vilander  
 Bill Green  
 Rick Shintaku  
 Michael Perrea  
 Brooke Jones  
 Tom Lindsey  
 Wayne Miller  
 Jessica Arm  
 Lisa Ohlund  
 Dick Ackerman  
 Paul Jones  
 Kristy Khachigian

Serrano Water District  
 South Coast Water District  
 South Coast Water District  
 Trabuco Canyon Water District  
 Yorba Linda Water District  
 Yorba Linda Water District  
 Yorba Linda Water District  
 Metropolitan Water District of So. California  
 Ohlund Management & Technical Services  
 Ackerman Consulting  
 Dopudja & Wells Consulting  
 KK Consulting

**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.

Director Mark Monin (ETWD) commended staff on their efforts with the OC Water Summit.

**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 AWARD**

General Manager Hunter presented an award to Jeff Stalvey for fifteen 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 Seckel noted he communicated a minor typographical error in the MWDOC Water Facilities Corporation minutes to the Board Secretary; the Board accepted the revision.

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (7-0) the Board approved the balance of 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.

September 1, 2021 Workshop Board Meeting  
 September 15, 2021 MWDOC Water Facilities Corporation Meeting  
 September 15, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

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

Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: September 7, 2021  
 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: September 8, 2021  
 Executive Committee Meeting: September 16, 2021

**TREASURER'S REPORTS**

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of September 30, 2021  
 MWDOC Disbursement Registers (September/October)

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 August 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 August 31, 2021

**APPROVE COST SHARE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MWDOC AND ETWD FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE SOUTH EOC**

The Board authorized the General Manager to enter into a cost share agreement with El Toro Water District (ETWD) to pay the proportional share of consultant service costs for the replacement EOC as part of the ETWD Filter Plant Site Use Investigation and Design. The total

cost for consulting services for the ETWD Filter Plant Site Use Investigation and Design is estimated at \$651,147. MWDOC’s share is estimated at \$270,056 plus a 10% contingency for a total of \$297,062 based upon proportional services for design, cost estimating, and construction support for a replacement EOC to be located on the ETWD filter plant site.

**AUTHORIZE FY 2021-22 BUDGET REVISIONS**

The Board approved the budget revisions as presented.

**TEMPORARY ACOUSTIC LEAK DETECTION SURVEYS AND STAFF TRAINING**

The Board authorized the General Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with Utility Services Associates, LLC. to perform acoustic leak detection surveys temporarily and to provide leak detection training for MWDOC’s Water Loss Control staff at a total cost not to exceed \$94,200.

**CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) PROPOSED BYLAWS UPDATE**

The Board authorized President Tamaribuchi, or his designee, to cast the District’s ballot in favor of the CSDA Bylaws update.

**- END CONSENT CALENDAR -**

**ACTION CALENDAR**

**EOP UPDATE AND RESOLUTION**

Upon MOTION by Director Seckel, seconded by Director Thomas, and carried (7-0), the Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2116, adopting the revised WEROC Emergency Operations Plan, 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, OCTOBER 2021**

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

Mr. Hunter congratulated staff on a successful OC Water Summit. He also provided an overview of Governor Newsom's recent drought Proclamation and considerable discussion was held regarding the Proclamation's terms and potential State Water Project Table A allocations.

Responding to an inquiry by Director Nederhood, Governmental Affairs Manager Baez provided an overview of the regulatory changes to time and use of emergency generators.

SMWD Director Chuck Gibson mentioned the WIIN Act will expire on December 16, 2021; he encouraged MWDOC's legislative advocates to work getting the Act extended. President Tamaribuchi requested an update on the WIIN Act at an upcoming meeting.

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 Urban Water Institute Conference, a tour of the GWRS expansion, the Water Policy dinner, the MET IRP/Bay-Delta Committee meeting, the WACO and WACO Planning meetings, the MET Board meeting, the MET Legal & Claims Committee meeting, the Doheny Desalination Project meeting, the Yorba Linda Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, and the Delta Stewardship Council meeting.

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, the WACO and WACO Planning meetings, the Building Management Committee meeting, the MET Board retreat, the Water Policy dinner, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, the reception honoring MET GM Adel Hagekhalil (in Fullerton), the OC Water Summit, and the Urban Water Institute conference.

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 ACWA Water Quality Committee meeting, the MET IRP, Bay/Delta and Executive Committee meetings, the Water Policy dinner, the WACO meeting, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, the MET Committee meetings, the OCBC Infrastructure Committee meeting, and the OC Water Summit.

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), a meeting with the President of Mesa Water, the WACO and WACO Planning meetings, the MET IRP Committee meeting, a meeting with Senator

Dave Min, and seminars on (1) Water Agencies of Tomorrow; Adaptation, Revision and Changes; (2) Improving California's Water Market, (3) Groundwater and Urban Growth in the San Joaquin Valley. He also reported on attending the reception honoring MET GM Adel Hagekhalil, the OC Water Summit and speakers meeting, and the Water Policy dinner.

Director Thomas stated that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings, except the Planning & Operations Committee meeting, (Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), several ACWA/JPIA meetings, the meeting with the South County agencies, the Summit planning meeting(s), the OC Water Summit, and the IRWD Board 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 California WEF Planning Program & Development Committee meeting, the SMWD Water Quality & Treatment Committee meeting, the CA WEA Diversity, Equity and Inclusion interviews for a consultant, the SCWD Board meeting, the SMWD Board meeting, an interview with water treatment operators, and the OC Water Summit. She also reported on speaking at the Rocky Mountain Section of AWWA, the WEF Treatment Fundamentals Workbook for Operators event (as author), the WEF Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee meeting, and noted she spoke at the University of Pennsylvania's Water Center (Women of Water) in celebration of Climate Week.

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 Building Management Committee meeting, the meeting with South County agencies, three MWDOC/MET Director meetings, the MET Board retreat, the OCBC Governmental Affairs Committee meeting, the MET Caucus, a meeting with MWDOC's auditors, the OC Water Summit, the California Water Alliance reception for MET's GM Adel Hagekhalil, and the Water Policy dinner.

**a. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no requests for future agenda topics.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:25 a.m., Legal Counsel Byrne advised that the Board would adjourn to closed session to discuss the following:

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: One case

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened at 10:32 a.m., 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 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary