

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

February 2, 2022

At 8:30 a.m., President Yoo Schneider 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

Al Nederhood
Larry Dick* (absent)
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, Dir. of Engineering/Dist. Eng.
Heather Baez, Governmental Affairs Manager
Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Rachel Waite, Sr. WUE Analyst

*Also MWDOC MET Directors

OTHER MWDOC MET DIRECTORS

Linda Ackerman
Dennis Erdman

OTHERS PRESENT

John Bednarski
Winston Chai
John Shamma
Sara Tucker
Syrus Devers
Dick Ackerman
Ed Means
Doug Davert
Dave Youngblood
Dennis Cafferty
Kathryn Freshley
Mike Gaskins
Kay Havens
Mark Monin
Mike Dunbar
Ken Vecchiarelli
Steve LaMar

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NRR
Best, Best & Krieger
Ackerman Consulting
Means Consulting
East Orange County Water District
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El Toro Water District
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Emerald Bay Service District
Golden State Water Company
Irvine Ranch Water District

Peer Swan	Irvine Ranch Water District
Paul Weghorst	Irvine Ranch Water District
Frank Prewoznik	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
Drew Atwater	Moulton Niguel Water District
Laura Rocha	Moulton Niguel Water District
Chuck Gibson	Santa Margarita Water District
Kelly Rowe	Orange County Water District
John Kennedy	Orange County Water District
Alicia Dunkin	Orange County Water District
Sandra Jacobs	Santa Margarita Water District
Betty Olson	Santa Margarita Water District
Dan Ferons	Santa Margarita Water District
Jim Leach	Santa Margarita Water District
Greg Mills	Serrano Water District
Bill Green	South Coast Water District
Rick Shintaku	South Coast Water District
Fernando Paludi	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Brooke Jones	Yorba Linda Water District
Tom Lindsey	Yorba Linda Water District
Wayne Miller	Yorba Linda Water District
Liz Mendelson-Goossens	San Diego County Water Authority
Lisa Ohlund	Ohlund Management & Technical Services
Kristy Khachigian	KK Consulting

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Ms. Stacy Taylor (Mesa Water) highlighted the California as a Way of Life water use efficiency standards, noting Mesa would like to collaborate with MWDOC on its efforts to address the standards.

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 Yoo Schneider inquired as to whether there were any items distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

General Manager Hunter advised that the presentation material for Item No. 5 (Report regarding Metropolitan's Seismic Efforts) was distributed to the Board and made available to the public.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE CONTINUATION OF REMOTE MEETINGS PURSUANT TO AB 361 AND MAKE REQUIRED FINDINGS

Upon MOTION by Director McVicker, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (6-0), the Board voted to continue virtual meetings pursuant to AB 361 for an additional 30 days based on the findings that (1) it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency for COVID-19, and (2) state and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing, by the following roll call vote:

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

ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA) REGION 10 CALL FOR CANDIDATES

President Yoo Schneider asked whether any MWDOC Directors had the desire to be nominated to fill the remainder of the 2022-23 term for the ACWA Region 10 Board of Directors and Director McVicker stated his desire to be nominated.

Following discussion, and upon MOTION by Director Seckel, seconded by Director Thomas, and carried (5-0), the Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2122 nominating Director Robert "Bob" McVicker to serve as candidate for the ACWA Region 10 Board of Directors, and authorized staff to submit the necessary paperwork. Said RESOLUTION was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

a. Federal Legislative Report (NRR)

Ms. Sara Tucker (NRR) provided an overview of her report included in the packet, highlighting the appropriations process (that the federal government continues to operate under a Continuing Resolution that expires on February 18, 2022), infrastructure activities, WRDA activities, the "Build Back Better Act" negotiations, and the WEROC earmark funding process and FEMA issues.

Discussion ensued regarding reservoir operations (upper and lower basins), and Colorado River funding (and salinity control).

The Board received and filed the report.

b. State Legislative Report

Mr. Syrus Devers of BBK, reviewed his report, highlighting ACWA's working group on the State's budget (and \$400 million identified for recycling and groundwater cleanup). He advised that the budget subcommittees will start meeting in the near future.

The Board received and filed the report.

c. Legal and Regulatory Report (Ackerman)

Mr. Dick Ackerman reviewed his report, highlighting the Kombucha filters now used to clean water.

The Board received and filed the report.

- d. MWDOC Legislative Matrix**
- e. Metropolitan Legislative Matrix**

The Board received and filed the reports.

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

Director Tamaribuchi expressed concern with the recent vote at MET on the Committee chair persons, as well as highlighting the upcoming biennial budget process and the IRP Implementation Plan activities.

Director Erdman reported on the biennial budget process, as well as a recent luncheon featuring MET General Manager Hagekhalil as speaker, and he highlighted IID's water use efficiency activities.

Director Ackerman had not yet joined the meeting, and Director Dick was absent.

Discussion was held regarding the MET Committee Chair process, the need for cohesion and collaboration at MET, MET's water procurement activities, and water rates and water sales.

The Board received and filed the reports as presented.

REPORT REGARDING METROPOLITAN'S SEISMIC EFFORTS

Mr. John Shamma (MET) presented an overview of MET's Infrastructure and Seismic Resilience efforts and status. His presentation included an in-depth view of MET's comprehensive reliability approach (including system reliability and resilience strategies and how these strategies were developed via planning, engineering, operations, agency partnerships, and reporting), as well as an overview of the earthquake faults and MET's operations systems.

(Director Ackerman arrived at 9:38 a.m.)

A discussion period followed the presentation, with emphasis on the Department of Water Resources (DWR) seismic efforts, Delta pumping issues, emergency water storage, and MET's ability to repair two pipelines simultaneously.

Following discussion, the Board received and filed the report.

INFORMATION ITEMS

WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS UPDATE

A brief discussion was held regarding the presentation materials included in the packet and a request to revise the storage exhibits to more accurately reflect how much of that storage is available to the State Water Project exclusive area. Assistant General Manager De La Torre then noted that the current Table A allocation is set at 15%.

The Board received and filed the report as presented.

MWD ITEMS CRITICAL TO ORANGE COUNTY

- a. MET Finance and Rate Issues
- b. MET Integrated Resources Plan Update
- c. MET Water Supply Conditions
- d. Colorado River Issues
- e. 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 January 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 10:08 a.m.

Maribeth Goldsby
Board Secretary