

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
January 19, 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)). 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

STAFF

Robert Hunter, General Manager
Harvey De La Torre, Assist. GM (absent)
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
Rachel Waite, Sr. WUE Analyst
Janine Schunk, WEROC Coordinator

ALSO PRESENT

Dennis Erdman
Linda Ackerman
Doug Davert
Dave Youngblood
Kathryn Freshley
Mike Gaskins
Kay Havens
Mark Monin
Dennis Cafferty
Peer Swan
Paul Weghorst
Keith Van Der Maaten
Jim Atkinson
Stacy Taylor
Don Froelich
Bill Moorhead
Sherry Wanninger
Drew Atwater

MWDOC/MET Director
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East Orange County Water District
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
Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Laguna Beach County Water District
Mesa Water
Mesa Water
Moulton Niguel Water District
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Kelly Rowe	Orange County Water District
Mike Markus	Orange County Water District
John Kennedy	Orange County Water District
Chuck Gibson	Santa Margarita Water District
Saundra Jacobs	Santa Margarita Water District
Justin McCusker	Santa Margarita Water District
Frank Ury	Santa Margarita Water District
Jim Leach	Santa Margarita Water District
Dan Ferons	Santa Margarita Water District
Chip Monoco	Santa Margarita Water District
Greg Mills	Serrano Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Rick Shintaku	South Coast Water District
Glen Acosta	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Fernando Paludi	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Brooke Jones	Yorba Linda Water District
Tom Lindsey	Yorba Linda Water District
Dick Ackerman	Ackerman Consulting
Deborah Diep	Center for Demographic Research
Ruby Zaman	Center for Demographic Research
Lisa Ohlund	Ohlund Management & Technical Services

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENT

President Yoo Schneider 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. Ms. Yoo Schneider 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 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 presentation materials for Item No. 7 (Public Hearing regarding Adjustment of MWDOC Division Boundaries Pursuant to Elections Code Following 2020 Census) were distributed to the Board and made available to the public.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

General Manager Hunter presented awards to Janine Schunk, Damon Micalizzi, and Rachel Waite, for each celebrating five years of service to the District.

CONSENT CALENDAR

President Yoo Schneider stated all matters under the Consent Calendar would be approved by one MOTION unless a Director wished to consider an item separately.

Director Seckel referenced the Conservation Framework Standards updates that were discussed in the Committee meetings (December 6 and 8), and suggested the Board discuss cost implications and how to move forward at an upcoming meeting. Director Tamaribuchi concurred, noting the need to work with the MWDOC member agencies to address economic impact.

Upon MOTION by Director Seckel, seconded by Director Thomas, and carried (7-0) the Board approved the Consent Calendar items, by the following roll call vote:

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

MINUTES

The following minutes were approved.

- December 1, 2021 Adjourned Workshop Board Meeting
- December 8, 2021 Special Board Meeting

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

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

- Combined Planning & Operations and Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: December 6, 2021
- Executive Committee Meeting: December 8, 2021

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

- MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of December 31, 2021
- MWDOC Disbursement Registers (December/January)

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 November 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 November 30, 2021

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

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.

AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH CUSTOMER METER ACCURACY TESTING COMPANIES

The Board authorized the General Manager to enter into five-year contracts with McCall's Meters, Inc. and Westerly Meter Service Company to provide meter accuracy testing services to retail water agencies throughout Orange County as part of MWDOC's Water Loss Control Shared Services Program.

- END CONSENT CALENDAR -

PUBLIC HEARING

HOLD PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ADJUSTMENT OF MWDOC DIVISION BOUNDARIES PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE FOLLOWING 2020 CENSUS

President Yoo Schneider opened the public hearing.

Ms. Deborah Diep of the Center for Demographic Research provided an overview of the redistricting process and adjustment of MWDOC's division boundaries pursuant to the Election Code. Her presentation included information regarding the redistricting criteria, census data (resulting in necessary movement of the boundaries), and three draft plans (maps) for redistricting consideration. She advised that the three draft plans incorporated the Board's comments from prior meetings/discussions.

Ms. Diep then provided a detailed overview/explanation of the three draft plans (Plans 6, 6A, and 7A), noting that the plans included the modifications requested by the Board.

President Yoo Schneider then solicited comments from the public.

SMWD Director Sandra Jacobs stated that although SMWD submitted a letter preferring one plan (Plan 7), she (as an individual) was supportive of any of the plans outlined.

TCWD Director Glen Acosta asked that TCWD be allowed the opportunity to fully evaluate the draft Plans prior to the Board taking action. It was noted that the final public hearing would be held February 16, 2022 at which time it is anticipated the Board will take action.

As no further public comments were received, President Yoo Schneider closed the public hearing and opened discussion among the MWDOC Board.

Considerable discussion among the Board ensued regarding the boundaries, existing representation, and Director preferences, with several Directors expressing support for Plans 6A and 7A.

Following this discussion, staff was directed to move forward with Plans 6A and 7A and present these plans at the February 16, 2022 Public Hearing for consideration and action.

ACTION CALENDAR

STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND SUBJECT MATTER ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2022; SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR 2022

Upon MOTION by Director McVicker, seconded by Director Dick, and carried (7-0), the Board (1) ratified the list of Standing Committees and Subject Matter Assignments for 2022 as presented by the President of the Board; and (2) ratified the Committee and Board meeting dates/times for 2022, by the following roll call vote:

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

ASSOCIATION AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS FOR 2022

Upon MOTION by Director McVicker, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (6-0), the Board (1) ratified the appointment of representatives and alternates to associations as presented by the President of the Board; and (2) adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2120 approving the appointment of Director Jeffery M. Thomas as member, and Charles Busslinger as alternate to the Santiago Aqueduct Commission (SAC), for submission to SAC, by the following roll call vote:

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

Responding to question by Stacy Taylor (Mesa Water), Mr. Hunter reviewed MWDOC’s involvement in Urban Water Institute noting that MWDOC is a member.

Responding to an inquiry by IRWD Director Swan, President Yoo Schneider advised that due to MWDOC not participating in the Strand Ranch Project water purchases, the subject matter

assignments would not be continued.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED AGENTS FOR FY20 GRANT TRANSFER AGREEMENTS FOR HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS AND EXECUTION OF TRANSFER AGREEMENT

Upon MOTION by Director Dick, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (7-0), the Board approved the execution of the 2020 Grant Transfer Agreement with the City of Anaheim as the Local Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Administrator, and adopted the RESOLUTION NO. 2021 providing authority to the WEROC Director of Emergency Management and the General Manager as designated Authorized Agents for FY 2020 Homeland Security Grants the ability to execute any subsequent agreements related to the Homeland Security Grants. Staff will come back to the Board for a purchase award in the event the award is greater than \$25,000. Said action was taken 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, JANUARY 2022

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

General Manager Hunter announced that the District would hold its next Water Policy Forum event on February 23, 2022.

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, many 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 Special Board meeting, the WACO and WACO Planning meetings, the Colorado River Water Users Association conference, and the ACWA Fall conference.

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 Special Board meeting, the WACO and WACO Planning meetings, two meetings with MET Legal Counsel Marcia Scully, the meeting hosted by MET General Manager Hagekhalil regarding "Listening," the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, the MET Caucus, a meeting regarding the SDCWA/MET litigation review, and the Building Management Committee meeting.

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 CAL EPA Workshop regarding alternative approaches to address water shortages on the Delta, the Cal Water Use Efficiency Partnership Plenary webinar, the WACO meeting, the MET Committee meetings, the OCBC Infrastructure Committee meeting, and the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting.

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), the WACO and WACO Planning meetings, a meeting with SCWD to plan for an upcoming tour of Doheny Desalination Project by MET General Manager Hagekhalil, the Special Board meeting, and the Mesa Water rates hearing.

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, two MWDOC/MET Director meetings, the MET Caucus, the WACO meeting(s), the Colorado River Water Users Association conference, the ACWA Climate Change meeting, the MWDOC Cyber training class, the Building Management Committee meeting, and a meeting with staff regarding the .65 evapotranspiration requirement (included in the Conservation Framework Standards).

Director Thomas stated that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (the Planning & Operations Committee, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the Special Board meeting, the ACWA conference, the Colorado River Water Users Association conference, and the WACO 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 Special Board meeting, the SMWD Administration & Finance and Water Quality & Treatment Committee meetings, the SCWD Board meeting, the LBCWD Committee and Board meetings, several Water Environment Federation (WEF) Diversity, Equity & Inclusion meetings, the UKC Water Forum (as a presenter), a meeting with staff regarding the .65 evapotranspiration requirement (included in the Conservation Framework Standards), the SOCWA meeting, a meeting with SCWD to plan for an upcoming tour of Doheny Desalination Project by MET General Manager Hagekhalil, the WEF Executive Committee meetings as President-Elect, and a meeting with members of the SCWD Board of Directors.

a. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

President Yoo Schneider noted requests by Directors Seckel and Tamaribuchi regarding the Conservation Framework Standards (.65 evapotranspiration requirement and economic impacts) to place the issue on an upcoming agenda (as mentioned earlier in the meeting); General Manager Hunter advised he would review the issues at the January 20 Executive Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Yoo Schneider adjourned the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary