MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY April 7, 2022

At 6:00 p.m. President Yoo Schneider called to order the Special Meeting of the Municipal Water District of Orange County Board of Directors, 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 Dick 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

ALSO PRESENT

Linda Ackerman Art Brown Kay Havens Mark Monin Dennis Cafferty Alvin Papa Karen McLaughlin **Debbie Baker** Jim Atkinson Fred Bockmiller Marice DePasquale Jim Fisler **Richard Fiore** Don Froelich **Bill Moorhead** Diane Rifkin Sherry Wanninger Jose Solorio Drew Atwater Kelly Rowe John Kennedv Chuck Gibson Saundra Jacobs Betty Olson Frank Ury Jim Leach Chip Monaco

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Hunter, General Manager (absent) Maribeth Goldsby, Board Secretary Harvey De La Torre, Assistant General Manager Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency Heather Baez, Government Affairs Manager Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs Alex Heide, Water Resources Analyst Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Mgmt. Hilary Chumpitazi, Accounting Manager Charles Busslinger, Dir. of Engineering/Dist. Engineer

MWDOC/MET Director Citv of Buena Park El Toro Water District El Toro Water District El Toro Water District City of Huntington Beach **Irvine Ranch Water District** City of La Palma Mesa Water Mesa Water Mesa Water Mesa Water Moulton Niguel Water District **Orange County Water District Orange County Water District** Santa Margarita Water District Brad Reese Jerry Vilander Doug Erdman Bill Green Glen Acosta Stephen Dopudja Rebecca Gomez Brooke Jones Wayne Miller Kristy Khachigian Serrano Water District Serrano Water District South Coast Water District South Coast Water District Trabuco Canyon Water District Trabuco Canyon Water District City of Tustin Yorba Linda Water District Yorba Linda Water District Kristy Khachigian Consulting

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

DISCUSSION WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM MWDOC'S MEMBER AGENCIES REGARDING KEY REGIONAL ISSUES AND KEY ORANGE COUNTY ISSUES, INCLUDING THE MWDOC (AND MET) BUDGET AND PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2022-23 (AND RESERVES), THE WEROC EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC), AND WATER USE EFFICIENCY ACTIVITIES (PROPOSED STANDARDS AND WATER LOSS/LEAK DETECTION)

President Yoo Schneider stated that the evening would consist of short presentations, each followed by open dialogue/questions between the Board and audience. The following topics were covered:

- MWDOC FY 2022-23 Budget and Activities (as well as MET Biennial Budget) (H. De La Torre)
- WEROC Emergency Operations Center (EOC) (V. Osborn)
- Water Use Efficiency Activities (J. Berg)

Assistant General Manager De La Torre began the evening with a presentation and overview of MWDOC's FY 2022-23 proposed budget, as well as an overview of MET's proposed Biennial Budget. Considerable discussion was held regarding MET's proposed 8% rate increases (both years), as well as MWDOC's Reserve Policy.

SMWD Director Gibson addressed the Board, and asked that the following requests be incorporated into the meeting record: (1) MWDOC's third draft budget eliminate the proposed meter charge of .75 per meter, eliminating any increase of revenue from the meter charge, and that the Board also eliminate the proposed increase in groundwater customer charge, noting these changes could be made by recognizing and using the current balance in the Tier 2 Fund of \$1,035,035; and (2) MWDOC management continue to review other fund balances and the reserve policy to determine appropriate designations and whether a credit may be issued to member agencies, or reserve level be changed.

Minutes

Director of Emergency Management Vicki Osborn, then provided an overview of the proposed WEROC Emergency Operations Center, costs, and earmarked appropriations funding through the legislature.

Director of Water Use Efficiency Joe Berg, concluded the evening with an update and overview of the State's proposed Water Use Efficiency Standards, as well as water loss/leak detection activities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Tamaribuchi adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary