

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

August 3, 2022

At 8:30 a.m., Vice President McVicker 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 Ackerman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

**MWDOC DIRECTORS**

Al Nederhood  
Larry Dick\*  
Karl W. Seckel  
Bob McVicker  
Sat Tamaribuchi\*  
Jeffery M. Thomas  
Megan Yoo Schneider (arr. at 9:00)

**STAFF**

Robert Hunter, General Manager (absent)  
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  
Charles Busslinger, Dir. of Engineering/Dist. Eng.  
Kevin Hostert, Water Resources Analyst  
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs  
Heather Baez, Governmental Affairs Manager  
Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management  
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency  
Beth Fahl, Sr. WUE Analyst  
Rachel Waite, Sr. WUE Analyst  
Rachel Davis, Water Loss Control Prog. Supervisor  
Chris Lingad, Associate Engineer

\*Also MWDOC MET Directors

**OTHER MWDOC MET DIRECTORS**

Linda Ackerman  
Dennis Erdman

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Bob Muir	Metropolitan Water District of So. Calif.
Brad Coffy	Metropolitan Water District of So. Calif.
Sara Tucker	NRR
Garrett Durst	NRR
Syrus Devers	Best, Best & Krieger
Dick Ackerman	Ackerman Consulting
Ed Means	Means Consulting
Paul Jones	Dopudja & Wells Consulting
Kathryn Freshley	El Toro Water District
Mike Gaskins	El Toro Water District
Kay Havens	El Toro Water District
Mark Monin	El Toro Water District
Jose Vergara	El Toro Water District
Dennis Cafferty	El Toro Water District

Doug Reinhart	Irvine Ranch Water District
Peer Swan	Irvine Ranch Water District
Paul Cook	Irvine Ranch Water District
Paul Weghorst	Irvine Ranch Water District
Christine Compton	Irvine Ranch Water District
Frank Prewoznik	Irvine Ranch Water District
Paul Shoenberger	Mesa Water
Tracy Manning	Mesa Water
Dick Fiore	Moulton Niguel Water District
Bill Moorhead	Moulton Niguel Water District
Sherry Wanninger	Moulton Niguel Water District
Jose Solorio	Moulton Niguel Water District
Laura Rocha	Moulton Niguel Water District
Kaden Young	Moulton Niguel Water District
Genevieve Ramirez	Moulton Niguel Water District
R. Goodall	Moulton Niguel Water District
Kelly Rowe	Orange County Water District
Mike Markus	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
Chip Monaco	Santa Margarita Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Bill Green	South Coast Water District
Fernando Paludi	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Tom Lindsey	Yorba Linda Water District
Lisa Ohlund	Ohlund Management & Technical Services
Angela Tomayko	San Diego County Water Authority
Kristy Khachigian	KK Consulting
Doug Obegi	NRDC
David Anderson	Department of Water Resources
S. Miller	

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Vice President McVicker inquired whether any members of the public wished to comment on agenda items.

No public comments were received.

**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**

Vice President McVicker inquired as to whether there were any items distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

No items were reported.

**PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS****PRESENTATION BY METROPOLITAN STAFF (BOB MUIR & BRAD COFFEY)  
REGARDING DROUGHT OUTREACH AND THE UPPER FEEDER EMERGENCY**

Mr. Bob Muir (Metropolitan Media Services and Communications) provided information regarding MET's outreach efforts with respect to Conservation in the Face of Drought and Climate Change. He provided an overview of MET's 2022 "How we Save Water" campaign, noting that MET staff has implemented (in-house) commercial and radio announcements, and has developed strategies which include multi-media (TV integrations, EV charging stations videos, and gas station monitor videos), and immersive (bill boards and publications, etc.) strategies, which are multi-lingual. Mr. Muir then outlined MET's messaging strategy, campaign parameters and elements, and MET's efforts to find ways to cut through media exhaustion on the drought (phone app games, etc.). His presentation concluded with an overview of localized messaging for the SWP dependent areas, various efforts/metrics used to determine the success of the program, partnerships (regional and community outreach and education), as well as an overview of lessons learned.

Following his presentation, discussion ensued with emphasis on new ideas for importing water to the region, the potential for running out of water (of which MET's position is that it will not run out of water to deliver), the importance of coordinating and collaborating with member agencies on messaging to expand outreach, and the accuracy of the metrics used to determine success,

Mr. Brad Coffey (Metropolitan Water Resource Management staff), then provided an update and overview of the Upper Feeder emergency shutdown and repair (along with the location of the repair), noting the shutdown was scheduled for two weeks and would begin the first week in September.

(President Yoo Schneider arrived at 9:00 a.m.)

Discussion ensued regarding the timing of the shutdown (historically high temperatures), the cause of the damage needing repair, available alternative groundwater sources (OCWD) and the need for groundwater agencies to reduce demand from the MET system, the need for a longer-term fix, and the need for messaging to ensure a smooth process. Discussion topics also included the local agency projects and groundwater management that have made Orange County very reliable.

Following discussion, the Board received and filed the report as presented.

**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, Senator Padilla's bill (S. 2693/the Salton Sea Improvements Act), the House Wildfire and Drought package, and the status of the WEROC earmark funding (noting that although funding is not included in the appropriations bills, there is still time to correct this).

The Board received and filed the report.

**b. State Legislative Report**

Mr. Syrus Devers of BBK, reviewed his report, highlighting SB 1157 (Hertzberg) regarding the Water Use Efficiency standards, the State budget and revenues, and the Delta Conveyance Project EIR.

Following discussion, the Board received and filed the report.

**c. Legal and Regulatory Report (Ackerman)**

Mr. Dick Ackerman referenced his report, highlighting the recent legal action regarding the Proposition 218 process, and "Old Groundwater" which was found in South Africa.

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 Ackerman provided an update on the Upper Feeder shutdown, Colorado River negotiations, the recently approved LRP project with Western Municipal Water District, MET rates, and the IRP implementation process.

Director Dick noted that he attended the MET Board meeting and Executive Committee (due to his recent vacation).

Director Erdman highlighted the MET Engineering & Operations Committee activities, noting that 92% of the capital projects are complete and that they continue to address the drought initiative for the State Water Project area. He also highlighted the Organization, Personnel & Technology Committee activities.

Director Tamaribuchi advised that the next Colorado River workshop would be held August 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. He also highlighted that the MET General Manager recently presented his budget summary and business planning model.

Following discussion, it was recommended that Mr. Bill Hasencamp be invited back to this meeting to address the Colorado River negotiations.

**ACTION ITEMS**

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

President Yoo Schneider advised that the proposal to continue remote meetings was before the Board for consideration.

Upon MOTION by Director Seckel, seconded by Director McVicker, and carried (6-1), 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 Dick, McVicker, Seckel, Tamaribuchi, Thomas and Yoo Schneider
- NOES: Director Nederhood
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**MWD ITEMS CRITICAL TO ORANGE COUNTY**

- a. MET Finance and Rate Issues
- b. MET Integrated Resources Plan Update
- c. MET Water Supply Conditions Update
- d. Water Quality Update
- e. Colorado River Issues
- f. 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 July MET Board Meeting
- b. MET 4-Month Outlook on Upcoming Issues
- c. 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 10:11 a.m.

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Maribeth Goldsby  
Board Secretary