

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

July 6, 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 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

STAFF

Robert Hunter, General Manager (absent)
Harvey De La Torre, Asst. Gen. Mgr.
Ryan Guiboa, 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

*Also MWDOC MET Directors

OTHER MWDOC MET DIRECTORS

Linda Ackerman
Dennis Erdman

OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Hasencamp
Sara Tucker
Garrett Durst
Syrus Devers
Dick Ackerman
Ed Means
Paul Jones
Doug Davert
Kathryn Freshley
Mike Gaskins
Kay Havens
Mark Monin
Jose Vergara
Dennis Cafferty
Mike Dunbar
Doug Reinhart
Peer Swan
Paul Cook
Paul Weghorst

Metropolitan Water District of So. Calif.
NRR
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Best, Best & Krieger
Ackerman Consulting
Means Consulting
Dopudja & Wells Consulting
East Orange County Water District
El Toro Water District
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Emerald Bay Service District
Irvine Ranch Water District
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Frank Prewoznik	Irvine Ranch Water District
Jim Atkinson	Mesa Water
Stacy Taylor	Mesa Water
Dick Fiore	Moulton Niguel Water District
Don Froelich	Moulton Niguel Water District
Bill Moorhead	Moulton Niguel Water District
Diane Rifkin	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
Kelly Rowe	Orange County Water District
Mike Markus	Orange County Water District
John Kennedy	Orange County Water District
Chuck Gibson	Santa Margarita Water District
Sandra Jacobs	Santa Margarita Water District
Dan Ferons	Santa Margarita Water District
Jim Leach	Santa Margarita Water District
Chip Monaco	Santa Margarita Water District
Kelly Radvansky	Santa Margarita Water District
Greg Mills	Serrano Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Rick Shintaku	South Coast Water District
Fernando Paludi	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Brooke Jones	Yorba Linda Water District
Wayne Miller	Yorba Linda Water District
Lisa Ohlund	Ohlund Management & Technical Services
Liz Mendelson-Goossens	San Diego County Water Authority
Charles Luas	

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Yoo Schneider 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

President Yoo Schneider 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 (BILL HASENCAMP) REGARDING COLORADO RIVER BASIN CONDITIONS**

Mr. Bill Hasencamp, MET Manager of Colorado River Resources, presented information relative to the Colorado River Basin conditions. His presentation included information regarding the Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan, water storage levels in Lake Mead (levels have dropped 25 feet since January), the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner's call for 2-4M acre-feet reduction in water deliveries system wide (Upper and Lower Basin), and Lake Mead elevation projections. He advised that there were three main reasons for the critically low levels, which were (1) three consecutive years of drought and low runoff levels, (2) the Colorado River's oversubscription and over usage among the states compared to the past 20 years of average precipitation and runoff; and (3) the recent federal government action to protect Glen Canyon Dam by withholding storage in Lake Powell. Mr. Hasencamp then noted that the Basin states have been meeting almost weekly to develop a plan to address the commissioner's request, focusing on two positions (a shared approach, and a priority system). He also stated that the Bureau of Reclamation is assisting agencies in developing a plan.

Following his presentation, discussion ensued with emphasis on agricultural v. urban use, following, possible ways for agricultural reduction in water, potential for partnerships on the river, the importance of including this scenario in the IRP, water quality impacts, and the importance of public outreach and messaging.

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 federal efforts to assist with the Colorado River issues, the WEROC earmark funding, and her efforts on tracking appropriations.

The Board received and filed the report.

b. State Legislative Report

Mr. Syrus Devers of BBK, reviewed his report, noting the legislature is currently on break and he would have more information next month.

Following discussion, the Board received and filed the report.

c. Legal and Regulatory Report (Ackerman)

Mr. Dick Ackerman referenced his report, highlighting the Pacheco Dam lawsuit, and the Prop 26 ruling on rate structures.

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 Carson Regional Recycled Water Project (Now known as the Pure Water Project of Southern California).

Director Tamaribuchi reported that the Department of Water Resources would be releasing the Delta Conveyance EIR in July which will be followed by a ninety-day comment period; he encouraged all agencies to submit comments.

Director Erdman advised that MET is carefully reviewing/evaluating Colorado River issues.

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.

Director Seckel made a MOTION, which was seconded by Director Thomas, 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.

Director Nederhood expressed his desire for the Board to return to meeting in person. Discussion ensued regarding when the campus would re-open, and whether to hold hybrid meetings (in person and remote).

Director Seckel recommended the Board approve the item presented and that a discussion on holding in-person meetings be held in August, with the target of holding in-person meetings in August or September. It was noted that MWDOC would confer and coordinate with OCWD on this issue. This item was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SOUTHERN NETWORK, SEAT B – ELECTION

Governmental Affairs Manager, Heather Baez, advised that CSDA is holding an election for Southern Network, Seat B, and is requesting that MWDOC provide its designee for voting. It was generally stated that the majority of Board members present were not familiar with the

candidates running and recommended President Yoo Schneider conduct research for the best candidate(s) prior to voting.

Upon MOTION by Director Tamaribuchi, seconded by Director Nederhood, and carried (6-0), the Board authorized President Yoo Schneider, or her designee, to cast the District's ballot, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Nederhood, McVicker, Seckel, Tamaribuchi, Thomas and Yoo Schneider
NOES: None
ABSENT: Director Dick
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 June MET Board Meeting
- b. MET 4-Month Outlook on Upcoming Issues
- c. Review items of significance for the upcoming MET Board and Committee Agendas

Director Seckel referenced the MET/SDCWA litigation and encouraged the MWDOC MET Directors to seek opportunities for settlement.

The report was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Maribeth Goldsby
Board Secretary