

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
November 16, 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, General Manager Rob Hunter led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

MWDOC DIRECTORS

Al Nederhood
Larry Dick (absent)
Bob McVicker
Karl Seckel
Sat Tamaribuchi
Jeffery M. Thomas
Megan Yoo Schneider

STAFF

Robert Hunter, General Manager
Harvey De La Torre, Assistant GM
Joe Byrne, Legal Counsel
Maribeth Goldsby, Board Secretary
Melissa Baum-Haley, Prin. Water Resources Analyst
Heather Baez, Governmental Affairs Manager
Alex Heide, Water Resource Analyst
Charles Busslinger, Dir. of Engineering/Dist. Eng.
Hilary Chumpitazi, Accounting Manager
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management
Joe Berg, Director of WUE Programs
Cathy Harris, Director of HR and Administration
Dave Anderson, WEROC Specialist

ALSO PRESENT

Dennis Erdman
Linda Ackerman
Doug Davert
Dave Youngblood
Kathryn Freshley
Mike Gaskins
Kay Havens
Mark Monin
Jose Vergara
Dennis Cafferty
Doug Reinhart
Peer Swan
Paul Weghorst
Keith Van Der Maaten
Jim Atkinson
Don Froelich
Bill Moorhead
Sherry Wanninger
Kelly Rowe
John Kennedy
Alicia Dunkin
Justin McCusker
Brad Reese

MWDOC/MET Director
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East Orange County Water District
East Orange County Water District
El Toro Water District
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El Toro Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Laguna Beach County Water District
Mesa Water
Moulton Niguel Water District
Moulton Niguel Water District
Moulton Niguel Water District
Orange County Water District
Orange County Water District
Orange County Water District
Santa Margarita Water District
Serrano Water District

Jennifer Lopez
 Glen Acosta
 Tom Lindsey
 Wayne Miller
 Mark Toy
 Dick Ackerman
 Lynda Lo-Hill
 Lisa Ohlund
 Kristy Khachigian
 Charles Luas

South Coast Water District
 Trabuco Canyon Water District
 Yorba Linda Water District
 Yorba Linda Water District
 Yorba Linda Water District
 Ackerman Consulting
 Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
 Ohlund Management & Technical Services
 KK Consulting

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.

No items were distributed.

EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS

The following new employees were introduced to the Board: Trent Blue, Water Loss Control Intern, Claire Johnson, WUE Intern, Tina Fann, WUE Analyst, Cristal Castro, WUE Program Assistant, Melissa Hurtado, WUE Intern, Nate Shepard, Public Affairs Coordinator, and Dave Anderson, WEROC Specialist.

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 Nederhood noted that he would be voting no on Item No. 5 (Approve Continuation of Remote Meetings Pursuant to AB 361 and Make Required Findings).

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (6-0) the Board approved the majority of Consent Calendar items, were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (5-1), the Board approved Item No. 5 (Approve Continuation of Remote Meetings Pursuant to AB 361 and Make Required Findings) were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

MINUTES

The following minutes were approved.

October 5, 2022 Workshop Board Meeting
 October 19, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

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

Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: October 3, 2022
 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: October 12, 2022
 Executive Committee Meeting: October 20, 2022
 MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee: October 26, 2022

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of October 31, 2022
 MWDOC Disbursement Registers (October/November)

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 September 30, 2022

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 September 30, 2022

Quarterly Budget Review

FY 2021-22 Audit Report and Presentation regarding Audit Report

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, by vote of (5-1) as noted above.

- END CONSENT CALENDAR -

ACTION CALENDAR

MWDOC LEGISLATIVE POLICY PRINCIPLES ANNUAL UPDATE

Upon MOTION by Director McVicker, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (6-0), the Board reviewed and adopted the updated Legislative and Regulatory Policy Principles for 2023, by the following roll call vote:

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

It was requested the Policy Principles be sent to MET, the member agencies, and posted to the District’s website.

AWARD CONTRACT FOR WATER USE EFFICIENCY PROGRAM INSTALLATION VERIFICATION INSPECTION CONTRACTOR

Upon MOTION by Director McVicker, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (6-0), the Board authorized the General Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with Mission Resource Conservation District to perform Water Use Efficiency Programs Installation Verification Inspections over the next five years using a combination of grant awards, contributions from member agencies, and no more than \$50,000 per year from MWDOC’s Choice Water Use Efficiency Program, by the following roll call vote:

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

AUTHORIZATION TO VOTE ON BEHALF OF MWDOC ON ACWA’S PROPOSED AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS

Upon MOTION by Director McVicker, seconded by Director Thomas, and carried (6-0), the Board reviewed the proposed bylaw amendments; authorized MWDOC Board President Megan Yoo Schneider or Vice President Bob McVicker (as alternate), to cast the District’s ballot at ACWA’s Fall Conference on November 30, 2022; and authorized staff to submit the Voter Designation and Information Form to ACWA as required, by the following roll call vote:

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

INFORMATION CALENDAR

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, NOVEMBER 2022

General Manager Hunter wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, advised that the Water Policy Dinner would be held February 9, 2023 (featuring Adan Ortega as main speaker), and advised that the full General Manager’s report was included in the Board packet.

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.

Director Nederhood advised that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings except the Executive Committee meeting (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Executive, and MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the MET Board and Committee meetings, the WACO and WACO Planning meetings, the Southern California Water Coalition discussion regarding the Colorado River, a DWR “Drought to Flood” Zoom meeting, the Yorba Linda State of the City, the ISDOC meeting, and a meeting with MWDOC staff regarding water use efficiency.

Director McVicker reported that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop Board meeting and Regular Board meetings), the ISDOC quarterly and Executive Committee meetings, the Ad Hoc Committee meeting on Reserves, the OC Water Summit planning meeting, the WACO meeting, the MET Board and Committee meetings, the OCBC Infrastructure Committee meeting, and the State Water Resources Control Board meeting regarding water use efficiency.

Director Seckel advised that he attended the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the MET Board and Committee meetings, the WACO and WACO planning meetings, the OC Water Summit planning meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee meetings on Reserves and Member Agency Facilitated discussions, the Ad Hoc Committee with OCWD regarding the Grand Jury report, and a meeting with Directors Nederhood and Tamaribuchi regarding water supply reports. He noted that he participated in the DWR meeting regarding the California Water Plan Update 2023.

Director Tamaribuchi reported on attending the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, a meeting with Directors Seckel and Nederhood regarding the water supply reports, two MWDOC/MET Director meetings, the MET Caucus, the Ad Hoc Committee meeting regarding the Grand Jury report (with OCWD), the Southern California Water Committee dinner, the WACO meeting, and the OCBC Economic Summit.

Director Thomas stated that he attended the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings, except the Executive Committee meeting, (the Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Executive, and MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the OC Water Summit planning meeting, the WACO meeting, and Harassment Prevention training.

Director Yoo Schneider advised that she attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), UCI Graduate Leadership Council meeting the SCWD Board meeting, the SMWD Board meeting, the Going Native end of year gathering, the SMWD Water Quality & Treatment Committee meeting, and a meeting with a director from MNWD.

a. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

Director Seckel asked that an update on the 2023 water allocations, as well as the process for selecting a new MET Director be agendized in December.

Director Nederhood thanked Director Tamaribuchi for his service to both MET and MWDOC.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Yoo Schneider adjourned the meeting at 8:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary