

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
September 21, 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 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
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
Kevin Hostert, Water Resources 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
Chris Lingad, Associate Engineer

ALSO PRESENT

Dennis Erdman
Linda Ackerman
Doug Davert
Dave Youngblood
Kathryn Freshley
Kay Havens
Mark Monin
Jose Vergara
Dennis Cafferty
Doug Reinhart
Peer Swan
Keith Van Der Maaten
Jim Atkinson
Stacy Taylor
Sherry Wanninger
Kelly Rowe
John Kennedy
Claire Johnson
Saundra Jacobs
Justin McCusker
Dan Ferons
Jim Leach

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
Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Laguna Beach County Water District
Mesa Water
Mesa Water
Moulton Niguel Water District
Orange County Water District
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Santa Margarita Water District
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Chip Monaco	Santa Margarita Water District
Greg Mills	Serrano Water District
Jennifer Lopez	South Coast Water District
Fernando Paludi	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Brooke Jones	Yorba Linda Water District
Tom Lindsey	Yorba Linda Water District
Wayne Miller	Yorba Linda Water District
Mark Toy	Yorba Linda Water District
Dick Ackerman	Ackerman Consulting
Lisa Ohlund	Ohlund Management & Technical Services
Kristy Khachigian	KK Consulting
Luke Basulto	NPCA
Charles Luas	
Melissa Hurtado	

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 SERVICE AWARDS

No service awards were provided.

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 commented on the disbursements register, highlighting a payment made to a consultant who is helping with the District's evaluation/review of the Reserve Policy. He commented that he looks forward to a report regarding the negotiations on this policy.

Upon MOTION by Director Seckel, seconded by Director Nederhood, 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.

August 3, 2022 Workshop Board Meeting (as revised)
 August 17, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

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

Planning & Operations Committee Meeting:	August 1, 2022
Administration & Finance Committee Meeting:	August 10, 2022
Executive Committee Meeting:	August 18, 2022

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of August 31, 2022
 MWDOC Disbursement Registers (August/September)

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 July 31, 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 July 31, 2022

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.

UPDATE TO FLUME RESIDENTIAL END USES OF WATER STUDY

The Board authorized the General Manager to execute a Change Order to the professional services agreement with Flume, Inc., in the amount of \$25,000, to update the Residential End Uses of Water Study and Dashboard to include two additional quarters (6 months) of data, which will provide for a full year of data in the Study and Dashboard.

2023 LIFE AND LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE POLICY RENEWALS

The Board approved the renewal and enhancements to the life and long-term insurance policies for policy years 2023 and 2024.

2023 HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT CONTRIBUTIONS

The Board established the District's annual Health Saving Account (HSA) contributions for 2023, per JPIA recommendation which are the same as the 2022 contributions.

- END CONSENT CALENDAR -

INFORMATION CALENDAR

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, SEPTEMBER 2022

a. Report from the Building Management Committee

Assistant General Manager Harvey De La Torre provided an overview of the Building Management Committee discussions regarding the campus closure, COVID-19 levels for Orange County, and the potential for re-opening the campus for in-person meetings.

Director Nederhood expressed his preference for hybrid meetings.

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

Discussion was held regarding the Upper Feeder shutdown, MET's water storage, and the potential for allocations in 2023 if the region experiences another dry year. Several attendees thanked MWDOC staff for their efforts and communication regarding the Upper Feeder shutdown.

Following discussion, 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 (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the MET Board and Committee meetings, the BIA conference, the WACO and WACO Planning meetings, and the Urban Water Institute conference.

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 Board meeting and Regular Board meetings), the Urban Water Institute conference, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, the ad hoc committee meetings regarding the facilitated discussions and reserves, the WACO meeting, the MET Committee meetings, the OCBC Infrastructure Committee meeting, a meeting with staff regarding the Legislative Policy Principles, the OC Water Summit speakers dinner, and the OC Water Summit.

Director Seckel advised that he attended 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, the OC Water Summit planning meetings, speakers dinner and OC Water Summit, several ad hoc committee meetings (Grand Jury report, facilitated discussions, and reserves), a Carlsbad Desalination facility seminar (reconfiguring the in-take), and the Special MET Board meeting.

Director Dick reported on attending all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Regular Board meeting) the regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, a meeting with OCWD Director Bilodeau, the MWDOC/MET Directors meeting (pre Executive Committee), the MET Caucus, the WACO and WACO Planning meetings, the Building Management Committee meeting, the OC Water Summit speakers dinner and OC Water Summit, and a meeting with staff regarding the Legislative Policy Principles.

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 Urban Water Institute conference, a meeting with Public Affairs staff, the MET Caucus, the WACO meeting, the Building Management Committee meeting, and meetings with staff regarding the Legislative Policy Principles and the Reliability Study.

Director Thomas stated that he attended the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (the Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the WACO meeting, the Urban Water Institute conference, several OC Water Summit planning meeting(s), and the OC Water Summit.

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 SCWD Board meeting, the Water Environment Federation (WEF) Diversity, Equity & Inclusion meeting, the LBCWD Commission meeting, and the SCWD Board and Committee meetings.

a. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

No requests for future agenda topics were received.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

At 9:05 a.m., Legal Counsel Byrne announced that the Board would adjourn to closed session to discuss the following items:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: General Manager
Government Code Section 54957

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

District Designated Representatives: Joseph Byrne, Legal Counsel
Unrepresented Employee: General Manager
Government Code Section 54957.6

RECONVENE/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened at 9:51 a.m., and Legal Counsel Byrne announced that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL MANAGER CONTRACT

President Yoo Schneider advised that the proposal to consider amendments to the General Manager’s contract was before the Board for consideration.

Following discussion, and upon MOTION by Director Seckel, which was seconded by Director Thomas, and carried (7-0), the Board authorized a one-year extension to the General Manager’s contract (through 2026), as well as a 5% performance increase to base salary. Said action was taken by the following roll call vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Yoo Schneider adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary