

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
April 6, 2023

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, in the Board Room at the District facilities located in Fountain Valley, as well as including attendance via the Zoom Webinar application. Director Dick led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

MWDOC DIRECTORS

Al Nederhood
Larry Dick
Bob McVicker
Karl Seckel
Randall Crane
Jeffery M. Thomas
Megan Yoo Schneider

STAFF PRESENT

Harvey De La Torre, Interim General Manager
Maribeth Goldsby, District Secretary
Melissa Baum-Haley, Int. Dir. of MET Issues/Policy
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency
Heather Baez, Governmental Affairs Manager
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Alex Heide, Water Resources Analyst
Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Mgmt.

ALSO PRESENT

Linda Ackerman
Dennis Erdman
Frances Marquez
George Murdoch
Kathryn Freshley
Mark Monin
Ted Bui
Kim Constantine
Glen Grandis
Cindy Ngo Tran
Peer Swan
Paul Weghorst
Michael Van Dyke
Janet Keo Conklin
Jim Atkinson
Richard Fiore
Don Froelich
Bill Moorhead
Brian Probolsky
Diane Rifkin
Sherry Wanninger
Joone Lopez
Jose Solorio
Drew Atwater
Kelly Rowe
Alicia Dunkin
Chuck Gibson
Sandra Jacobs
Frank Ury
Chip Monaco

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City of Cypress
East Orange County Water District
El Toro Water District
El Toro Water District
City of Fountain Valley
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City of Fountain Valley
City of Garden Grove
Irvine Ranch Water District
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City of La Palma
Mesa Water
Moulton Niguel Water District
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Schelly Sustarsic	City of Seal Beach
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Rick Erkeneff	South Coast Water District
Stephen Dopudja	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Ed Mandich	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Fernando Paludi	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Dick Ackerman	Ackerman Consulting
Peter Whittingham	Whittingham Public Affairs Consultants
Lisa Ohlund	Ohlund Management & Technical Services
Kristy Khachigian	Kristy Khachigian Consulting
Emily Novak	San Diego County Water Authority

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

DISCUSSION WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM MWDOC'S MEMBER AGENCIES REGARDING KEY REGIONAL AND ORANGE COUNTY ISSUES, INCLUDING THE MWDOC'S PROPOSED BUDGET AND ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2023-24, WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS FOR 2023, AN OVERVIEW OF MET'S BOARD RETREAT, AND MWDOC/OCWD BOARD DISCUSSIONS (INCLUDING OCWD'S LAFCO MSR FOCUSED STUDY)

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 2023-24 Budget and Activities
- Water Supply Conditions for 2023
- Overview of MET's Board Retreat and Next Steps
- MWDOC/OCWD Board Discussions and OCWD's LAFCO Municipal Services Review (MSR) Focused Study

Interim General Manager De La Torre began the evening with a presentation and overview of MWDOC's FY 2023-24 proposed budget, including MET's adopted rates and charges. Mr. De La Torre also provided an overview of MWDOC's role and services, and District priorities for 2023-34, including MET representation. Discussion was held regarding MWDOC's Reserve Policy, and the process by which the Reserve Policy was recently amended (via workgroup discussions that included member agency participants as well as MWDOC's Ad Hoc Committee).

Mr. De La Torre then provided information and updates on the current Water Supply Conditions and outlook for water year 2023, noting Governor Newsom eased drought restrictions due to the wet year circumstances. His presentation also highlighted the Table "A" allocations (75%), Northern California snow water equivalent, the 2023 water supply demand balance (allowing more water to be stored), and Colorado River Basin conditions. A brief discussion ensued regarding the region's infrastructure and ability to handle the additional water.

Interim Director of MET Issues and Policy, Melissa Baum-Haley, then presented an overview of the recent MET Board retreat noting its goal was to identify targets and timelines for resource and financial planning. She advised that the retreat consisted of facilitated discussions emphasizing the goal of maximizing value and regional benefits, as well as identifying common and unique needs of the region's diverse member agencies. Discussion was held regarding Article 21 (or "surplus" SWP water due to the wet winter), as well as the importance of MWDOC and MET assisting MWDOC's member agencies at the legislative level on various areas of importance to the retail agencies.

Interim General Manager Harvey De La Torre concluded the evening with an update and overview of the recent discussions between the MWDOC and OCWD Boards, as well as OCWD's request to OC LAFCO for an MSR Focused Study. Director Nederhood reiterated his opposition to this effort.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Yoo Schneider adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary