

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY (MWDOC)**

March 3, 2023

At 10:00 a.m., President Yoo Schneider called to order the Special Meeting of the Municipal Water District of Orange County in Conference Room 101 at the District facilities located in Fountain Valley, California. Director McVicker led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

**MWDOC DIRECTORS**

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

**STAFF**

Harvey De La Torre, Interim General Mgr.  
Joe Byrne, Legal Counsel (absent)  
Maribeth Goldsby, District Secretary  
Cathy Harris, Director of HR & Administration  
Charles Busslinger, Dir. of Engineering/Dist. Eng.  
Heather Baez, Governmental Affairs Manager  
Melissa Baum-Haley, Prin. Water Res. Analyst  
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency  
Hilary Chumpitazi, Accounting Manager  
Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management  
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Linda Ackerman  
Dennis Erdman  
Hyejin Lee  
Mike Markus  
John Kennedy  
Paul R. Brown

MWDOC/MET Director  
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City of Fountain Valley  
Orange County Water District  
Orange County Water District  
Consultant

**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.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSIONS ON MWDOC'S KEY ISSUES, DIRECTION,  
AND MISSION (FIRST SESSION OF MULTI-PART SERIES)**

President Yoo Schneider opened the meeting by outlining her vision for the strategic planning process, noting it would be facilitated by Paul Brown and would consist of discussions on what was going well with the District, what areas could be improved upon, and what areas could be let go of. She then had the Board members outline/state why they are passionate about MWDOC, an outline/overview of what experience and perspectives they bring to MWDOC, as well as any personal (unique) information they wished to share.

Interim General Manager Harvey De La Torre then provided information on MWDOC's history, formation, key milestones, and mission statement. This was followed by staff presentations and overviews of MWDOC's Departments and activities (Reliability Planning and Engineering,

MET representation and advocacy, Water Use Efficiency implementation and advocacy, WEROC, local, state and federal advocacy, education initiatives, and outreach).

Following the presentations, Mr. Paul Brown solicited questions/input from the Board and those present in the audience. President Yoo Schneider advised that Mr. Brown would review the questions/input received and present results and discussion points at the next session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

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Maribeth Goldsby  
District Secretary