

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

August 2, 2023

At 8:30 a.m., President Yoo Schneider called to order the Workshop Meeting of the Municipal Water District of Orange County in Conference Room 101 at the District facilities located in Fountain Valley, as well as including attendance via the Zoom Webinar application. Vice President 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
Maribeth Goldsby, District Secretary
Melissa Baum-Haley, Dir. of MET Issues/Policy
Alex Heide, Water Resources Analyst (absent)
Charles Busslinger, Dir. of Engineering/Dist. Eng.
Heather Baez, Director of Government Affairs
Hilary Chumpitazi, Director of Finance/IT
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency
Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management
Sarina Sriboonlue, Principal Engineer

*Also MWDOC-MET Directors

OTHER MWDOC-MET DIRECTORS

Linda Ackerman (absent)
Dennis Erdman (absent)

OTHERS PRESENT

Brandon Goshi
Noosha Razavian
Sara Tucker
Garrett Durst
Syrus Devers
Dick Ackerman
Ed Means (absent)
Paul Jones
Peter Whittingham (absent)
Dave Youngblood
Kathryn Freshley
Mike Gaskins
Kay Havens
Mark Monin
Vu Chu
Dennis Cafferty
Mike Dunbar
Ken Vecchiarelli

Metropolitan Water District of So. Calif.
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NRR
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Syrus Devers Advocacy
Ackerman Consulting
Means Consulting
Dopudja & Wells Consulting
Whittingham Public Affairs Advisors
East Orange County Water District
El Toro Water District
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El Toro Water District
Emerald Bay Service District
Golden State Water Company

Peer Swan	Irvine Ranch Water District
Paul Weghorst	Irvine Ranch Water District
Christine Compton	Irvine Ranch Water District
Keith Van Der Maaten	Laguna Beach County Water District
Jim Atkinson	Mesa Water
Paul Shoenberger	Mesa Water
Stacy Taylor	Mesa Water
Dick Fiore	Moulton Niguel Water District
Don Froelich	Moulton Niguel Water District
Laura Rocha	Moulton Niguel Water District
Mike Markus	Orange County Water District
Alicia Dunkin	Orange County Water District
Dan Ferons	Santa Margarita Water District
Jim Leach	Santa Margarita Water District
Chip Monaco	Santa Margarita Water District
Greg Mills	Serrano Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Bill Green	South Coast Water District
Fernando Paludi	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Brett Barbre	Yorba Linda Water District
Tom Lindsey	Yorba Linda Water District
Wayne Miller	Yorba Linda Water District
Lisa Ohlund	Ohlund Management & Technical Services
Emily Novak	San Diego County Water Authority
Kristy Khachigian	KK Consulting
Doug Obegi	NRDC
Richard Bell	

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 distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**PRESENTATION BY METROPOLITAN STAFF ON THE UTILIZATION OF THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT PLANNING TOOL IN CAMP4W**

Mr. Brandon Goshi (MET) outlined key planning questions which came up during the CAMP4W discussions, which included: (1) identifying the range of “Gaps” development in the Needs Assessment; (2) identifying options or portfolios to fill the “Gaps”; (2) analyzing the cost of the options/portfolios; and (4) analyzing the rate impacts under different business models.

Mr. Goshi also provided an overview of the IRP Needs Assessment process and findings (including the scenario planning process), as well as outlining assumptions and shortages identified within each of the four planning scenarios, and key planning questions (or next steps) in the CAMP4W process.

Considerable discussion ensued with specific emphasis on how high demand might affect the various scenarios; the need to develop a better plan for capturing surplus water; system capacity limitations; how future investments would get incorporated into the business model; the reasons MET might lean toward Scenario D (the worst-case scenario); climate change effects on supply; potential regulatory constraints with pumping; potential contaminants (e.g., PFAS); the impacts of the AVEK Program on storage; the importance of a reliable water supply (and the impacts of not being reliable); potential rate increases with fewer water purchases; the idea of planning for Scenario C (then adaptively managing for Scenario D); and MET’s financial condition and what the solution will cost.

The Board received and filed the report as presented.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES**a. Federal Legislative Report (NRR)**

Mr. Garrett Durst (NRR) reviewed NRR’s written report in the packet, highlighting the appropriations process, the STREAM Act, the Delta Conveyance Project, and S. 2514, the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act (which was introduced by the western Senators).

The Board received and filed the report.

b. State Legislative Report

Mr. Syrus Devers, of SDA, reviewed his report, noting nothing additional to report. Responding to an inquiry by Director Seckel, he advised that although he was no longer an employee of Best Best & Krieger (BBK), he was now working as an independent contractor through BBK, noting there would be no change in billing, etc.

Following discussion, the Board received and filed the report.

c. Legal and Regulatory Report (Ackerman)

Mr. Dick Ackerman referenced his report, highlighting a recent article in the *Los Angeles Times* (blaming water loss in the Colorado River on Climate Change).

The Board received and filed the report.

d. County Legislative Report (Whittingham)

Interim General Manager De La Torre referenced Mr. Whittingham's written report, and advised that although Mr. Whittingham was on vacation, staff was available to answer questions regarding his report.

e. MWDOC Legislative Matrix

The Board received and filed the report.

f. Metropolitan Legislative Matrix

The Board received and filed the report.

INFORMATION ITEMS

MWD ITEMS CRITICAL TO ORANGE COUNTY

- a. MET Finance and Rate Issues
- b. MET Water Supply Conditions Update
- c. Water Quality Update
- d. Colorado River Issues
- e. 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 reports regarding the July MET Board Meeting
- b. Review items of significance for the upcoming MET Board and Committee Agendas

The report was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Maribeth Goldsby
Board Secretary