

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

November 1, 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. 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 (absent)
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)
Heather Baez, Director of Governmental Affairs
Sarina Sriboonlue, Principal Engineer
Hilary Chumpitazi, Director of Finance/IT
Kevin Hostert, Sr. Water Resource Analyst
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency

*Also MWDOC-MET Directors

OTHER MWDOC-MET DIRECTORS

Linda Ackerman
Dennis Erdman

OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Hasencamp
Meena Westford
Laura Lamdin
Sara Tucker
Garrett Durst
Syrus Devers
Dick Ackerman
Ed Means (absent)
Paul Jones (absent)
Peter Whittingham
Doug Davert
Dave Youngblood
Fred Adjarian
Kathryn Freshley
Mike Gaskins
Kay Havens
Mark Monin
Dennis Cafferty
Sherri Seitz

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Syrus Devers Advocacy
Ackerman Consulting
Means Consulting
Dopudja & Wells Consulting
Whittingham Public Affairs Advisors
East Orange County Water District
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Vu Chu	El Toro Water District
Doug Reinhart	Irvine Ranch Water District
Paul Weghorst	Irvine Ranch Water District
Jim Atkinson	Mesa Water
Dick Fiore	Moulton Niguel Water District
Don Froelich	Moulton Niguel Water District
Sherry Wanninger	Moulton Niguel Water District
Laura Rocha	Moulton Niguel Water District
Kaden Young	Moulton Niguel Water District
Mike Markus	Orange County Water District
John Kennedy	Orange County Water District
Alicia Dunkin	Orange County Water District
Sandra Jacobs	Santa Margarita Water District
Frank Ury	Santa Margarita Water District
Jim Leach	Santa Margarita Water District
Greg Mills	Serrano Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Tom Lindsey	Yorba Linda Water District
Lisa Ohlund	Ohlund Management & Technical Services
Emily Novak	San Diego County Water Authority
Kristy Khachigian	KK Consulting
Charles Luas	
Joseph Vanderhurst	

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 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUANTIFICATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (QSA)**

In celebrating the 20th anniversary of the QSA, Mr. Bill Hasencamp, Ms. Meena Westford, and Ms. Laura Lamdin (all Metropolitan Water District of Southern California-MET staff) presented an update on the 2003 QSA, how MET reduced their reliance on the Colorado River by 800 TAF, storage in Lake Mead, and the continued adaptation of programs to augment Colorado River supplies. The presentations included a historical look on how changing conditions challenged the framework of the Colorado River (including overviews of the 1922 Colorado River Compact, 1928 Boulder Canyon Project Act, 1931 Seven Party Agreement, 1988 IID/MET water transfer, and QSA highlights), as well as information on reductions to system storage, reliance on the Colorado River, and how MET has worked to reduce imported demand. It was noted that even through changing conditions, California continues to abide by the 4.4 million acre-feet per year.

The audience and Board members engaged in a robust discussion, with specific emphasis on whether the cost of investments to compensate for the QSA has been calculated, Lake Mead storage (real v. paper water), total MET storage capacity, the importance of identifying demand targets, the need to continue investing in local resources, and the significant cost increases due to decreased water demands.

The Board received and filed the report as presented.

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

Mr. Garrett Durst and Sara Tucker of NRR reviewed NRR's written report in the packet, highlighting the appointment of a new speaker (Mike Johnson), the appropriations process, and Colorado River activities.

A brief discussion was held regarding Democratic opposition to the WIIN Act, as well as concerns with enlarging Lake Shasta.

The Board received and filed the report.

b. State Legislative Report

Mr. Syrus Devers, of SDA, reviewed his report, providing an end-of-year legislative recap. He referenced the legislative matrix, noting it would not be updated until February 2024 and he encouraged Board members to review the matrix and let him know if they had any concerns, questions or comments.

Following discussion, the Board received and filed the report.

c. Legal and Regulatory Report (Ackerman)

Mr. Dick Ackerman referenced his report, highlighting the fact that Arrowhead Water has filed a lawsuit in Fresno over water rights.

The Board received and filed the report.

d. County Legislative Report (Whittingham)

Mr. Whittingham referenced his report, highlighting the need to replace Supervisor Do on the OC LAFCO Commission.

The Board received and filed his report.

e. MWDOC Legislative Matrix

The Board received and filed the report.

f. Metropolitan Legislative Matrix

The Board received and filed the report.

QUESTIONS OR INPUT ON MET ISSUES FROM MEMBER AGENCIES/MET DIRECTOR REPORTS REGARDING MET COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Director Dick highlighted Brock Reservoir and provided an overview of how that water is held and delivered to the MET service area.

Director Seckel commented on the CAMP4W process, noting that Chairman Ortega appointed a Task Force to oversee the process (which should include communication, etc.). He also highlighted on the need for additional storage.

Director Ackerman reported on the Delta Stewardship subcommittee activities, as well as a MET's workshop on Affordability.

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 October 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 9:59 a.m.

Maribeth Goldsby
Board Secretary