

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
December 20, 2023**

At 8:30 a.m., the Regular Meeting of the Municipal Water District of Orange County, in the Board Room at the District facilities located in Fountain Valley, as well as via the Zoom Webinar application, was called to order. Following a moment of silence, Director Nederhood led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

Legal Counsel Byrne announced that Director Yoo Schneider had requested to participate remotely via Zoom, pursuant to the emergency circumstances exemption in Government Code Section 54953. He advised that in order to do this, two actions would need to be taken, the first adding it to the agenda for consideration, and the second, voting on allowing her to participate remotely. The following two actions were taken:

Upon MOTION by Director Nederhood, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (5-0), the Board voted to add an item to the agenda to allow Director Yoo Schneider to participate remotely. Directors Nederhood, Dick, McVicker, Seckel and Crane voted in favor. Director Thomas was absent.

Upon MOTION by Director Nederhood, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (5-0), the Board voted to allow Director Yoo Schneider to participate in the meeting remotely, pursuant to the emergency circumstances exemption in Government Code Section 54932. Directors Nederhood, Dick, McVicker, Seckel and Crane voted in favor. Director Thomas was absent.

MWDOC DIRECTORS

Al Nederhood
Larry Dick
Bob McVicker
Karl Seckel
Randall Crane
Jeffery M. Thomas (absent)
Megan Yoo Schneider (via Zoom)

STAFF

Harvey De La Torre, General Manager
Joe Byrne, Legal Counsel
Maribeth Goldsby, District Secretary
Melissa Baum-Haley, Director of MET Issues/Policy
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management
Alex Heide, Sr. Water Resources Analyst
Cathy Harris, Director of HR/Administration
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency
Charles Busslinger, Dir. of Engineering/Dist. Eng.
Heather Baez, Director of Governmental Affairs
Sarina Sriboonlue, Principal Engineer
Hilary Chumpitazi, Director of Finance/IT
Katrina Wraight, Legal Counsel

ALSO PRESENT

Linda Ackerman
Dennis Erdman
Doug Davert
Mike Gaskins
Kay Havens
Mark Monin
Dennis Cafferty
Sherri Seitz

MWDOC/MET Director
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East Orange County Water District
El Toro Water District
El Toro Water District
El Toro Water District
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El Toro Water District

Vu Chu	El Toro Water District
Doug Reinhart	Irvine Ranch Water District
Peer Swan	Irvine Ranch Water District
Paul Weghorst	Irvine Ranch Water District
Jim Atkinson	Mesa Water
John Kennedy	Orange County Water District
Alicia Dunkin	Orange County Water District
Saundra Jacobs	Santa Margarita Water District
Greg Mills	Serrano Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Jennifer Lopez	South Coast Water District
Glen Acosta	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Fernando Paludi	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Tom Lindsey	Yorba Linda Water District
Dick Ackerman	Ackerman Consulting
Charles Luas	

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. President 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 less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

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.

Responding to a question by Director Seckel, General Manager De La Torre provided an overview of the administrative process associated with the SARCCUP Extraordinary Supply Agreement (Item No. 5 on the agenda).

Upon MOTION by Director Seckel, seconded by Director Crane, and carried (6-0) the Board approved the Consent Calendar items, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Nederhood, Dick, Seckel, McVicker, Crane, and Yoo Schneider

NOES : None
 ABSENT: Director Thomas
 ABSTAIN: None

MINUTES

The following minutes were approved.

November 1, 2023 Workshop Board Meeting
 November 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
 November 17, 2023 Special Board Meeting

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

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

Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: November 6, 2023
 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: November 8, 2023
 Executive Committee Meeting: November 16, 2023

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of November 30, 2023
 Disbursement Registers (November/December)

The following items were received and filed as presented.

Summary of Cash and Investment and Portfolio Master Summary Report (Cash and Investment Report) as of October 31, 2023

PARS Monthly Statement (OPEB Trust)

FINANCIAL REPORT

The following items were received and filed as presented.

- Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the Period Ending October 31, 2023
- FY 2022-2023 Audit Report

SANTA ANA RIVER CONSERVATION & CONJUNCTIVE USE PROGRAM (SARCCUP) EXTRAORDINARY SUPPLY AGREEMENT

The Board authorized the General Manager to execute the Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program (SARCCUP) Extraordinary Supply agreement, subject to any non-substantive changes or modifications. This agreement is between the Metropolitan Water District (Metropolitan), Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC), Orange County Water District (OCWD), and the three Metropolitan Cities of Anaheim, Fullerton, and Santa Ana.

EXTENSION OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY CONTRACT WITH NATIONAL RESOURCE RESULTS (NRR)

The Board extended the federal advocacy contract with Natural Resource Results (NRR) for 2024.

EXTENSION OF STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY CONTRACT WITH SYRUS DEVERS ADVOCACY (SDA)

The Board extended the state advocacy services contract with Syrus Devers, now at Syrus Devers Advocacy, for 2024.

- END CONSENT CALENDAR -

ACTION CALENDAR

President Yoo Schneider advised that the election of Board officers (President and Vice President) was before the Board for consideration.

Upon MOTION by Director Nederhood, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (6-0), the Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2143, electing Director Bob McVicker as President, and Director Jeffery Thomas as Vice President, each for one year terms. RESOLUTION NO. 2143 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: Directors Nederhood, Dick, McVicker, Seckel, Crane & Yoo Schneider
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Director Thomas
- ABSTAIN: None

President McVicker assumed the roll as Chair of the meeting.

Several Board members thanked Director Yoo Schneider for her efforts in serving as Board President.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY, TREASURER(S), AND LEGAL COUNSEL

President McVicker announced that the proposal to appoint the District’s Secretary, Treasurer(s), and Legal Counsel was before the Board for consideration.

Upon MOTION by Director Dick, seconded by Director Yoo Schneider, and carried (6-0), the Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2144 appointing Maribeth Goldsby as District Secretary, Hilary Chumpitazi as Treasurer, Harvey De La Torre as Deputy Treasurer, Lina Gunawan as Alternate Deputy Treasurer, and Best, Best & Krieger and Joe Byrne as Legal Counsel, by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: Directors Nederhood, Dick, McVicker, Seckel, Crane & Yoo Schneider
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Director Thomas
- ABSTAIN: None

INFORMATION CALENDAR**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, DECEMBER 2023**

General Manager Harvey De La Torre advised that the full General Manager's report was included in the Board packet. Mr. De La Torre thanked Director Yoo Schneider for her efforts as President of the Board.

It was noted that a full presentation on the AMP/Diemer shutdown would be provided to the Board in January.

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 WACO and WACO planning meetings, the ad hoc committee meeting regarding the Grand Jury report, the Special Board meeting, the ACWA conference, and the MET Committee and Board meetings. Director Nederhood also attended the CRWUA conference.

Director Dick stated 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 regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, the Special Board meeting, a meeting with Mohsen Mortada, a meeting with Assemblymember Laurie Davis (with staff), the WACO planning meeting, the Urban Water Institute conference, the Building Management Committee meeting, and the MET sub-committee meeting on Long-Term Planning and Business Modeling.

Director McVicker reported that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop meeting and Regular Board meetings), the Special Board meeting, the ad hoc committee meeting(s) regarding the GM Recruitment, a meeting with the GSWC general manager, the WACO and two WACO planning meetings, the ACWA conference, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, the OCBC Infrastructure Committee meeting, the MET student art recognition event, and the MET sub-committee on Long-Term Planning and Business Modeling.

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 regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, the WACO and WACO planning meetings, a UCI event, the ACWA conference, the MET caucus meeting, the MET Special Board meeting (at Gene Camp), the MET Engineering,

Operations & Technology inspection trip, the MWDOC Special Board meeting, the CRWUA conference, and the CAMP4W task force meetings.

Director Crane reported 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 MET task force meetings, the ACWA conference, a meeting with Assemblymember Laurie Davies (with staff), the IRWD Board meeting, and the WACO and WACO planning meetings.

Director Yoo Schneider advised that she attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the roundtable discussion with Senator Dave Min, a meeting with MWDOC staff, the SMWD Administration & Finance Committee meeting, the SMWD Board meeting, and the MET Board/Committee meetings. She advised that she spoke at an event at UCI, and she thanked the Board, staff, and agencies for their assistance and hard work during her presidency.

a. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

No items for future agenda topics were presented.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President McVicker adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary