

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
July 19, 2023**

At 8:30 a.m., Vice President McVicker called to order 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 including attendance via the Zoom Webinar application. Following a moment of silence, Director Nederhood 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 (via Zoom)

STAFF

Harvey De La Torre, Interim General Manager
Joe Byrne, Legal Counsel
Maribeth Goldsby, Board 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
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency
Charles Busslinger, Dir. of Engineering/Dist. Eng.

ALSO PRESENT

Linda Ackerman
Dennis Erdman
Dave Youngblood
Kathryn Freshley
Jose Vergara
Dennis Cafferty
Sherri Seitz
Vu Chu
Doug Reinhart
Keith Van Der Maaten
Jim Atkinson
Dick Fiore
Kelly Rowe
Chuck Gibson
Saundra Jacobs
Frank Ury
Dan Ferons
Jim Leach
Chip Monaco
Greg Mills
Jerry Vilander
Bill Green
Rick Shintaku
Jennifer Lopez
Greg Pennington
Fernando Paludi
Brett Barbre
Wayne Miller

MWDOC/MET Director
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East Orange County Water District
El Toro Water District
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Irvine Ranch Water District
Laguna Beach County Water District
Mesa Water
Moulton Niguel Water District
Orange County Water District
Santa Margarita Water District
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Serrano Water District
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South Coast Water District
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South Coast Water District
Trabuco Canyon Water District
Yorba Linda Water District
Yorba Linda Water District

Tom Lindsey
Peter Whittingham
Lisa Ohlund
Kristy Khachigian

Yorba Linda Water District
Whittingham Public Affairs Advisors
Ohlund Management & Technical Services
KK Consulting

TELECONFERENCE SITE

Vice President McVicker advised that President Yoo Schneider was participating via teleconference location (all agenda requirements pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act requirements were complied with). As a result, Vice President McVicker chaired the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice President McVicker 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. Vice President McVicker 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

Vice President McVicker 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 within 72 hours of the meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF WATER USE EFFICIENCY STAFF

Director of Water Use Efficiency (WUE), Joe Berg, acknowledged the following staff for their efforts with working with residents and businesses on a number of WUE rebate programs, in particular the Turf Program, noting that in a recent survey of both people who participated in the program and those that dropped out of participating, the majority of comments/responses were very positive and complementary of MWDOC staff.

WUE Staff: Rachel Waite, Tina Fann, Cristal Castro, Letty Aguilar, Melissa Hurtado, Claire Johnson, Alex Cavazos, Alondra Solis, Beth Fahl, and Sam Fetter

CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice President McVicker stated all matters under the Consent Calendar would be approved by one MOTION unless a Director wished to consider an item separately.

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Dick, and carried (7-0) the Board approved the of Consent Calendar items, by the following roll call vote:

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

MINUTES

The following minutes were approved.

June 7, 2023 Workshop Board Meeting
 June 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

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

Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: June 5, 2023
 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: June 14, 2023
 Executive Committee Meeting: June 22, 2023

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of June 30, 2023
 Disbursement Registers (June/July)

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 May 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 May 31,
 2023

**SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PRESSURE REGULATING VALVE REPLACEMENT
 PILOT PROGRAM**

The Board ratified the contract between MWDOC and Santa Margarita Plumbing & Air, Inc. (RSM Plumbing) for implementation of the Pressure Regulating Valve Replacement Pilot Program in the Santa Margarita Water District service area.

**SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (SDRMA) ELECTION –
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION 2023**

The Board authorized President Yoo Schneider, or her designee, to cast the District’s ballot for the SDRMA Board of Directors election.

- END CONSENT CALENDAR –

ACTION CALENDAR

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TREASURER

Upon MOTION by Director Dick, seconded by Director Crane, and carried (7-0), the Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2142 appointing Harvey De La Torre as Deputy Treasurer (replacing Robert Hunter), by the following roll call vote:

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

INFORMATION CALENDAR

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, JULY 2023

Interim General Manager Harvey De La Torre advised that the full General Manager’s report was included in the Board packet.

Mr. De La Torre highlighted that pursuant to the Reserve Policy revisions completed earlier in the year, a credit of approximately \$500,000 was issued via the member agency invoices for the new fiscal year.

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, and Special Board meetings), the MET Committees, the WACO and WACO Planning meetings, the ISDOC meeting, and the Water Policy dinner.

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 and Special Board meetings), the regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, Water Policy dinner, several meetings regarding the Solar Cup event (MET), a meeting with representatives from Serrano Water District, the WACO and WACO planning meetings, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, a meeting with Chapman University's Dean of Engineering regarding Solar Cup, and a meeting with Dick Ackerman regarding Solar Cup.

Director McVicker reported that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop meeting and Regular and Special Board meetings), the ISDOC luncheon and Executive Committee meeting, the WACO meeting, the MET Committee meetings, and a meeting with the Golden State Water Company General Manager.

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 and Special Board meetings), the regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, the WACO and WACO planning meetings, the MET Caucus meeting, a tour of MET's desert housing, the OC Water Summit planning meeting, the Water Policy dinner, a meeting/dinner with representatives from MNWD, and various meetings with members of the MET Board, including representatives from Long Beach and Los Angeles. He noted that he also met with MET Chair Adan Ortega and he was appointed Vice Chair of MET's Business Model Committee (an ad hoc committee).

Director Crane reported that he attended the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings, (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop meeting and Regular and Special Board meetings), meetings with various member agencies, including the YLWD, TCWD, SMWD, and MNWD.

Director Thomas noted that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings, (the Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular and Special Board meetings), the OC Water Summit planning meeting, the ISDOC luncheon, the Water Policy dinner, the WACO meeting, and the Ad Hoc Committee meeting (GM Recruitment).

Director Yoo Schneider advised that she attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular and Special Board meetings), the WEF Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Board/Committee meeting, a meeting with one of MWDOC's consultants, the SCWD Board meeting, and the CCEEB conference.

Director Nederhood commented on the number of new MET Board members and commended MWDOC's MET Directors for their engagement on MET issues.

Responding to an inquiry by YLWD Director Wayne Miller, Director Seckel provided an overview of MET's Business Model Committee.

a. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

No new topics were suggested.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice President McVicker adjourned the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary