

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
October 18, 2023**

At 8:30 a.m., President Yoo Schneider 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 Seckel 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

STAFF

Harvey De La Torre, Interim 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
Hilary Chumpitazi, Director of Finance/IT

ALSO PRESENT

Linda Ackerman
Dennis Erdman (absent)
Fred Adjarian
Mike Gaskins
Kay Havens
Mark Monin
Dennis Cafferty
Vu Chu
Doug Reinhart
Paul Weghorst
Jim Atkinson
Sherry Wanninger
Mike Markus
John Kennedy
Alicia Dunkin
Saundra Jacobs
Chip Monaco
Frank Ury
Greg Pennington
Glen Acosta
Fernando Paludi
Mark Toy
Dick Ackerman
Lisa Ohlund
Charles Luas

MWDOC/MET Director
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El Toro Water District
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Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Mesa Water
Moulton Niguel Water District
Orange County Water District
Orange County Water District
Orange County Water District
Santa Margarita Water District
Santa Margarita Water District
Santa Margarita Water District
South Coast Water District
Trabuco Canyon Water District
Trabuco Canyon Water District
Yorba Linda Water District
Ackerman Consulting
Ohlund Management & Technical Services

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 to the Board 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.

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

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

MINUTES

The following minutes were approved.

- September 6, 2023 Workshop Board Meeting
- September 20, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

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

- Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: September 5, 2023
- Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: September 13, 2023
- Executive Committee Meeting: September 21, 2023

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of September 30, 2023
Disbursement Registers (September/October)

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 August 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 August 31, 2023

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION AND BENEFITS STUDY

The Board authorized the Interim General Manager to enter into a professional services contract with Ralph Andersen and Associates to conduct the Classification and Benefits Study, in the amount of \$42,800.

LETTER OF INTENT – WEROC EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

The Board approved the Letter of Intent with the Moulton Niguel Water District, subject to non-substantive changes approved by legal counsel and authorized the Interim General Manager to execute the Letter of Intent.

- END CONSENT CALENDAR -

(Director Thomas arrived at 8:35 a.m.)

INFORMATION CALENDAR

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, OCTOBER 2023

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

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 MET Committee and Board meetings, a Southern California Water discussion (via Zoom), and the ISDOC quarterly luncheon.

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, a meeting with Supervisor Do, the MET preparation meetings with the MWDOC MET Directors and staff, the MET ad hoc committee on water law, the MET service award event, the ISDOC planning meeting and ISDOC quarterly luncheon, a meeting with Shane Chapman (MET), the Discovery Cube 25th anniversary event, the Pure Water ad hoc committee, the MET Caucus, the Girl Scout presentation at the City of Seal Beach, the OC Water Summit and speakers dinner, and an ACWA Region 2 event regarding cannabis' effect on water.

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), MET's subcommittee meeting on the Long Term Financial Plan, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, the MET Board and Committee meetings, the OCBC Infrastructure Committee meeting, and the WACO and WACO planning meetings.

Director Seckel advised that he would be providing reports for two months as he missed the September Board meeting. He attended the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop Board meeting), the regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings the WACO and WACO planning meetings, the OC Water Summit planning meeting(s), the OC Water Summit and speakers dinner, a meeting with SCWD Director Frank Ury, a meeting with Mesa General Manager Paul Shoenberger, a meeting with Assemblywoman Diane Dixon, the OC inspection trip for the Grand Jury members, the Urban Water Institute conference, the SWRCB hearing (Conservation as a Way of Life), the CoastKeeper "Toast to the Coast" annual event, a meeting with Dick Ackerman, a meeting with Shane Chapman (MET), and a meeting on the South County Pipeline issues. He noted that he gave two presentations to the Leisure World (the Sunshine Club and the Democratic Club) on water issues.

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 Discovery Cube 25th anniversary event, the OC Summit planning meeting(s), the OC Water Summit and speakers dinner, a meeting with Supervisor Do, an IRWD Committee meeting, and the WACO meeting.

Director Thomas noted that he attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings, (the Planning & Operations, and Administration & Finance Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the OC Water Summit Planning meeting(s), the OC Water Summit and speakers dinner, the South County agency quarterly meeting at ETWD, and the ACWA/JPIA meeting.

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 Board meetings), meetings with the consultant from Colleague regarding the GM recruitment, the Breakthrough San Juan Capistrano Advisory Board meeting, a meeting with representatives from the Daegu Metropolitan City Water Department of South Korea, the WACO meeting, the OC Visionaries celebration, the SCWD Board meeting, and a meeting with staff.

a. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

Director Nederhood requested an update and overview of the General Manager's recruitment process at an upcoming meeting. President Yoo Schneider advised that Nina Habib (Colleague) would attend the October 19, 2023 Executive Committee meeting to answer any questions the Board has on the process and timeline.

President Yoo Schneider then advised that the Executive Committee would also discuss the purpose, audience and structure of the OC Water Summit at its October 19 meeting. ETWD Director Fred Adjarian provided comments on the recently held OC Water Summit.

Director Nederhood then referenced the "Conservation as a Way of Life" state standards, suggesting a presentation and discussion on addressing concerns with the standards at an upcoming meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Yoo Schneider adjourned the meeting at 8:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary